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Dream Yacht Charter Launches Dream Yacht Sabbatical, Premium Long-Term Yacht Charter Offer

Dream Yacht Charter, the world's leading yacht charter company, continues its strategy of diversifying its services in 2019 by introducing Dream Yacht Sabbatical. Launched at the Dusseldorf Boat Show, the program allows for the turnkey organization of long-term yacht charters, ranging from one month to one year, while offering exceptional voyages.

Following the successful launch of Dream Boat Club in 2018, which positioned the group in the boat day rental sector, Dream Yacht Charter is structuring its long-term offer to respond to a growing social phenomenon: the rising demand and desire for sabbaticals.

Long-term rental via Dream Yacht Sabbatical has many advantages compared to yacht ownership, such as not needing to raise capital or manage expenses, insurance and maintenance. Sabbatical charters mean you can focus on the trip rather than all the details and possible technical, financial and logistical problems involved in purchasing a yacht.

A secure "turnkey" solution

Dream Yacht Sabbatical also provides customers with a tailor-made package of support and assistance throughout their voyage. A dedicated team supports trip preparation and plans the various stages of navigation to stick close to the client's plans. The yacht is kitted out with equipment suitable for long journeys, meets offshore safety requirements and crew are trained to carry out maintenance. They also benefit from expert coaching throughout the trip and the support of DYC teams located in more than 50 bases worldwide.

The launch offers five destinations, fully customizable, including the Mediterranean, a transatlantic crossing, the Caribbean, the South Pacific zone and Asia.

In addition to the Dream Yacht Sabbatical fleet, there is a partnership with French manufacturer, Outremer, a specialist in catamarans dedicated to long cruises and known for their superior build and sea-keeping qualities.

"These long-term voyages now attract executives or entrepreneurs, who wish to pause their career and fulfil their dreams of a world tour or a long-distance boat trip, without necessarily make heavy investments. We know that more than one in two French people want to take a sabbatical. Once they

have departed shore, they become the only masters on board, which is why we offer solid support. When you are in blue water, it is important and reassuring to be able to count on someone to be on hand to help," comments **Loïc Bonnet, CEO of Dream Yacht Charter**.

Urs Rothacher, who leads Dream Yacht Sabbatical, began sailing when he was 10 and has raced dinghies, skiffs and multihulls ever since. When he was a teenager, he found books by Bobby Schenk, the German sailing writer, lecturer and blue water expert, while collecting local recycling. Reading the books inspired him to take a sailing sabbatical to Polynesia some 30 years later.

Urs says: " Between jobs, or before I started a new venture, I could always take a break and make a longer trip. I've made three sabbaticals so far and the last two were on our own boat. I could see the lack of supply on the market and this project is built to tailor the details to the individuals while ensuring the safety of the trip. I am excited to work with Loïc to meet a growing demand. Taking a sailing sabbatical is the perfect activity to do between jobs and it's also great for families. It helps you work together as a team."

About Dream Yacht Charter (DYC)

Founded in 2001 by Loïc Bonnet, Dream Yacht Charter is the world's leading yacht charter company. The company, created in Mauritius and headquartered in Brussels, offers a fleet of about 1,000 boats. Dream Yacht Charter is present in 34 countries and has 53 bases in the world. The group has enjoyed a continuous growth of 20% on average per year since its creation and welcomes each year on its boats more than 130,000 customers.

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