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**MARINAS EMPOWERING
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Preliminary Programme

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Mina Rashid Marina Events Hall
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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DAY 1

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration & networking breakfast**

09:00 - 09:20 **Welcome remarks**

09:20 - 09:35 **KEYNOTE SPEECH: The UAE - Our maritime heritage**

Session 1: Vision of a marina

09:40 - 09:55 **In the young generation's eyes**

09:55 - 10:10 **A boaters marina**

10:10 - 10:25 **The Superyacht segment: The Captains' view**
- Captain Thomas Pedersen

10:25 - 10:40 **The non-boating segment perspective: An overall experience.**

10:40 - 11:10 **Interactive debate**

11:10 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

Session 2: Marina developments as a business opportunity

11:35 - 11:50 **The real estate point of view**

11:50 - 12:05 **Investors expectations**

12:05 - 12:20 **Marina operation and business**

12:20 - 12:35 **The Government vision**

12:35 - 13:05 **Interactive debate**

13:05 - 14:35 **Lunch**

Session 3: Marinas empowering lifestyle and tourism

14:40 - 15:25 **The established successful lifestyle marinas: French Riviera, Caribbean, Australia**
Australia - *Darren Vaux*

15:25 - 15:40 **Sustainable marine tourism** - *Daniel Schaffer*

15:40 - 15:55 **Driving lifestyle and tourism through yacht clubs and watersports** - *Andrew Pindar*

15:55 - 16:25 **Interactive debate**

16:25 - 16:30 **Closing remarks**

DAY 2

A day at sea - full day tour by yacht to different marinas across UAE.



Mina Rashid Marina



Bvlgari Yacht Club



Palm Jumeirah Marinas



Dubai Harbour



Dubai Marina Yacht Club

08:00 - 15:00 **UAE Marinas site visit**

On board discussion: State of the industry around the globe

09:15 - 09:25 **North America** - Gary Groenewold

09:25 - 09:35 **South America** - Klaus Cacau Peters

09:35 - 09:45 **Europe** - Jean-Michel Gagne

09:45 - 09:55 **Oceania** - Darren Vaux

09:55 - 10:05 **Asia** - YP Loke

10:05 - 10:15 **Middle East** - Paul Lane

On board discussion: "Boating is freedom"- Is it really?

10:30 - 10:45 **Regulations - how domestic regulations can impact transit yachts and what can marinas do to help overcoming legislative issues** - Oscar Siches

10:45 - 11:00 **ICOMIA's reports on taxes and regulation from marinas over the world**

11:00 - 11:15 **Marinas and water sports integration - from legal issues to sharing water surface**

DAY 3

IT Tech Talks & breakfast

08:00 - 09:00 **Talk 1 - Changing the world one wave at a time**

09:00 - 09:05 **Welcome remarks**

09:05 - 09:15 **Summary of day 1**

09:15 - 09:30 **KEYNOTE SPEECH - TBC**

Session 4: Greener and sustainable marinas

09:35 - 09:50 **Building resiliency in marinas - *Christophe Saune***

09:50 - 10:05 **Smart cities: how can marina designers benefit from the knowledge we have gained?**

10:05 - 10:20 **Environmental sustainability of nautical tourism and infrastructures**

10:20 - 11:00 **Circular economy**

11:00 - 11:30 **Interactive debate**

11:30 - 11:50 **Coffee break**

Session 5: Marinas technical challenges and opportunities

11:55 - 12:10 **Use of new technologies**

12:10 - 12:25 **Electric systems and solar energy**

12:25 - 12:40 **IT and marinas**

12:40 - 12:55 **Life marina plan - antisedimentation system
- *Giovanni Preda***

12:55 - 13:25 **Interactive debate**

13:25 - 14:55 **Lunch**

Session 6: Operational trends

15:00 - 15:15 **Sweat, tears and the sea - applying human factors on the bridge - *Dr. Nicklas Dahlstrom***

15:15 - 15:30 **Floating villages**

15:30 - 15:45 **Bigger and bigger yachts**

15:45 - 16:00 **Relationship between marinas and fishing communities
- *Esteban Biondi***

16:00 - 16:15 **The Impact of climate change on marinas and marina operations - *Vasco de Cet***

16:15 - 16:45 **Interactive debate**

16:45 - 17:00 **CLOSING KEYNOTE: Sailing towards the future**

17:00 - 17:30 **Closing remarks**



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