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Sunreef's Power 67

■ The first of the new 67ft motor catamarans from Sunreef Yachts will be launched in Autumn 2006 from their Gdansk, Poland shipyard. Manufactured using the resin-infusion method, the 67ft Sunreef Power will be available in three versions: charter, semi-owner, and owner. She boasts a giant flybridge of over 500sqft, a spacious 320sqft external cockpit, and will be powered by twin 800hp engines, giving a 25-knot maximum speed. Exterior styling is by the luxury yacht designer Denn Clifford in collaboration with the Sunreef engineers and designers. Sunreef plans to offer subsequent models of this size motor yacht, as well as others in a greater size range.

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Introducing the 68ft Oyster 655

■ Oyster Marine announces the 655 as the latest addition to their fleet. Designed by Rob Humphreys and the Oyster Team, the 655 follows the 72 as the second model in this high-performance live-aboard sailing yacht range. Accommodations for eight are in four spacious en suite cabins. With her signature long waterline of 58ft, generous 2830sqft of sail, and Kevlar/carbon hull, the 655 is a smooth, stable ride with a low center of gravity keel, and will appeal to performance-focused owners looking to step it up a notch. The 655 will premier at the 2007 London Boat Show.

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STATE-OF-THE-ART MARINA AT CAP CANA

The luxury development at Cap Cana harbor, Dominican Republic, is

announcing the opening of several of its Phase One facilities this year. Digs for the first stage of the Marina are now 100 percent complete. The main breakwater, which allows sea-going vessels in and out, is 75 percent complete, while the rest of the breakwaters are 25 percent complete. Phase One in total – which accounts for roughly one-fifth of the entire project, is expected to be completed in seven to ten years. One of three Jack Nicklaus-designed golf courses and clubhouse is scheduled to open at the end of this spring, and the first of five 5-star hotels will open by the end of the year. Eventually the marina will comprise a total of 3000 beach and marine-front villas and condos, offering over 500 slips, many of which will accommodate 100ft+ yachts. All club and recreational facilities will operate under the ownership umbrella of Cap Cana. As a non-equity club, Cap Cana will offer various private club options and membership categories.

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DOCKLANDS CRUISING TO SUCCESS

The new five-berth superyacht marina at Victoria Harbour in Melbourne, Australia will introduce the southeast-Australian city as a choice destination for superyacht enthusiasts. Providing generous facilities to accommodate

superyachts is a key part of the Docklands Waterways' aim to create the most significant boating and maritime area in Victoria. The announcement of the marina follows the recent \$3.5 million refurbishment of nearby Central Pier, which was completed in time for the Volvo Ocean Race stopover and Commonwealth Games in early 2006. Funded by VicUrban at a cost of \$645,000, the marina itself consists of a lineal section of floating pontoon approximately 164 feet in length.

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RIVERGATE OPENING UNDERWAY

The first marina facilities of the \$150 million Rivergate project in Brisbane, Australia opened this January. Rivergate is the country's first and only fully-integrated superyacht marina and shipyard destination, located six nautical miles from Moreton Bay and ten minutes from Brisbane airport. Australian refit and repair providers have fast been gaining a reputation for quality, cost-effective work, and with the launch of Rivergate, cosmopolitan Brisbane will be enjoyed by yacht owners as the gateway to the spectacular cruising grounds of the South Pacific and its 20,000 islands. The completion of the hardstand and refit complex is expected soon, at which point Rivergate will be fully open for business. The facility will consist of deep water marina berths for 40–394ft yachts, a hardstand and strata-tiled refit complex, service berths for yachts up to 230 feet, high speed refueling and pump-out facilities, Queensland's largest dry boat storage, dry marina berth for larger boats, and yacht sales showrooms.

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