INVITATION to the 17th ALUMNI BUSINESS CUP

Dear Friends,

After unforgettable cruising around the Kornati island and the discovery of Sibenik and Skradin, we will return to a more traditional and competitive format.

Right in the middle of the French Riviera, on the Mediterranean coast and between the wild expanse of the Camargue and the charms of Provence, we have once again found the near perfect combination of true one-design sailing and abundant onshore resources.

3th to 7th June, 2009
Port Camargue – Provence & Languedoc - France
Access: Montpellier Airport (20mins drive) - direct access
• from London (Easyjet leaving Wednesday 13:00 and returning Sunday 17:30 – Ryanair has a flight early on Thursday)
• from Frankfurt (Ryanair leaving Wednesday 19:00 and returning Sunday 23:45)
• from Amsterdam (Transavia)
• from Madrid (Iberia)
Avignon Airport (100km) has some useful Flybe flights from the UK
Marseille Airport (150km) is linked to all major European destinations
By car – on main motorway – easy access from Spain and from Italy
By train – 3h30 from Paris

Check-in: The hand-over of the boats will take place all day Wednesday 3rd June. Practice sailing will be possible. The welcome cocktail dinner will take place on Wednesday night. Accommodation will be available from Wednesday night to Saturday night (more details to come shortly).

Check-out: The regatta will end on Saturday evening with the prize-giving cocktail, leaving the Sunday free for tourism or relaxing around the swimming pool or on the beach.

Boats: Hot 30ft racing machines, namely Grand-Surprise. Crews are expected to be composed of 6 or 7 people, however the deck space can accommodate 8 good friends. The fleet (unlike in some previous events) is truly one-design and in excellent condition (built in 2008).

Costs: On the basis of a 6-person crew, the cost per boat is: 4200 euro (i.e. €700 per person). The additional cost for a 7th crew member or per accompanying partner will be €400 (brining the cost down to €660 per person for an 7-people crew and to €625 for 8 people.

Costs include:
• boat for 4 days + race organisation and harbour fees,
• Accommodation from Wednesday to Sunday morning,
• Lunch packs for the crews during the races,
• Dinners and/or cocktail parties each night.
• **Insurance:** Each skipper must hold a sailing licence including a 3rd-party liability insurance. If needed, such Sailing licence can be obtained from the local yacht club with one week’s notice. (€30).

  **A guarantee deposit of €3,500** — will be requested from the skipper on the first day of arrival before the boat can be handed over. Deposits can be either cheques drawn on EEC banks or Visa/master cards with a copy of owner’s ID. A liability reduction scheme (→ €300) is available for a cost of €100.

**Booking:** The fleet is composed of 12 boats and they will be allocated on a first paid first served basis. We expect that the fleet will be fully booked by mid March.

  The booking process is unchanged from previous years.

  • Transfer the €2,000 (two thousand euros) initial deposit to the ABCA account (details below).
  • Confirm your booking by registering on the website ([www.alumnibusinesscup.org](http://www.alumnibusinesscup.org)) alternatively you may liaise directly with Philippe, and Marc (see below for e-mail addresses).
  • Bank transfers only are accepted (no cheques). Your transfers should be made payable to:

  **Name:** ABCA  
  **IBAN:** FR76 30003 03010 00037265697 66  
  **SWIFT:** SOGEFRPP

  - All bank charges must be charged to your account.  
  - Please, indicate clearly which team is the payment made for.

**Ideas:** Clever ideas and personal views are most welcome to help us making this 17th ABCup regatta another plain success.

For further information regularly check [www.alumnibusinesscup.org](http://www.alumnibusinesscup.org) (updated mid January) and do not hesitate to contact either of us:

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Best regards,

Marc, Philippe