

YARD NEWS: Music to Thine Ears

It'll be music to the ears of some captains and owners to hear that investors have bought the old bankrupt site of Cantiere Navale di Pesaro and are turning it into a large-yacht refit yard.

Work has begun in Pesaro, Italy, to turn the new Cantiere Rossini yard into a fully operational outfit capable of dealing with massive refits or mini repairs. By the end of next year, this will be a shipyard with a 15,000-square-meter hard-standing area with a 560-ton travel lift.

By the following year, there will be two paint sheds and 16 luxurious crew apartments overlooking the harbor along with a bar, gym, lounge, and roof terrace.

"At the moment, we are just starting on the reconstruction of the site, but we've already started working on yachts in the water, and completed repairs on a fiftymeter yacht," says shipyard director Alfonso Postorino. "Over the last few years we have seen the presence of yachts cruising in the Adriatic increasing every year; they like going to Croatia, for example, but there are no large yacht repair yards on this coast. ISA and CRN are shipbuilders based in Ancona, which is a good thing for us because it means all the tradesmen and contractors are already available in the area. We strongly believe the crew apartments will be much appreciated by the crew and Pesaro and the le Marche region are very beautiful." www.cantiererossini.com — CLAIRE GRIFFITHS



MARINA NEWS: Fill 'er Up

Yachts traveling down island now have a new, state-of-the-art fuel stop at The Marina at Christophe Harbour. Able to serve yachts to 85 meters, the fuel is tax and duty exempt and with a 48,000-gallon capacity, the marina

offers Sol-supplied ultra-low sulphur diesel for in-slip fueling up to 125 gallons per minute. The farm is built to USA environmental and construction standards and features hydrant connection and nozzle dispensing options, automatic in-tank water intrusion detection system, a unique online dual-filtration system at the pump manifold for diesel vessel deliveries, and a state-of-the-art leak detection system with remote monitoring capabilities. www.christopheharbour.com

YARD NEWS: Across Islands

IMM Yachting will start the Caribbean season with a new base at IGY's Isle de Sol Marina, St. Maarten. The facility adds to IMM Yachting's bases on Guadeloupe and Martinique, where they are able to haul out vessels of 130+ meters. The facility in St. Maarten can provide yachts with in-water refit and maintenance service, including thermoplastic covering, hydraulics, decking, and interior repairs. www.imm-yachting.com



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