

**MARINA DREDGING COMMENCES IN PREPARATION FOR
ABU DHABI YACHT SHOW
12TH – 14TH March 2009**

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Following the announcement of the Abu Dhabi Yacht Show 2009, plans have been approved for a marina that will be home to the show's on-water exhibits. Dredging has commenced in preparation for the creation of the megayacht pontoon area, which will be completed swiftly in line with so many other projects in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and unveiled prior to the show's opening in March 2009.

The show's complex will include land-based booths within the luxurious Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), overlooking the stunning yachts on display in the pontoon area. Scheduled for construction from July, plans have been accepted for a bridge to link the two main areas of the show for quick and easy access.

The bridge and marina will be constructed by Halcrow, the master developer for the entire ADNEC project. Both will be completed by 10th February 2009 prior to the Middle East's premier defence exhibition and conference, IDEX.

The launch of the Abu Dhabi Yacht Show 2009 reflects the emerging megayacht market within the Gulf's modern maritime community and will provide a lavish yet professional environment for exhibitors to gain access to high net worth individuals, who are acknowledged as being in the market for yachts upwards of \$15million.

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