

Lantau Yacht Club Located in the northeast of Lantau Island, the Lantau Yacht Club is one of four premium membership clubs in Discovery Bay, home to Hong Kong's renowned international



residential community. The club's predecessor first started

features the

operations in 1989 and was closed for a major renovation in early 2019. The marina soft-opened in August 2020 with a new design, modern technology and supervacht berths to meet the needs of Hong Kong's growing leisure boating sector. The refurbished clubhouse opened in April earlier this year.

In late September, Fragrant Harbour was invited to review the club, beginning with the re-designed main clubhouse. It



Caffé Napoli where tropical cocktails, speciality wines, and Asian and Western cuisines are served. There is also an entertainment room, private dining room and BBQ area where members can host exclusive events. We were then taken to the redeveloped marina which now has 148 berths ranging in size from 10 to 100 metres in length. Currently there are some 20 occupants, the majority of which are luxury power boats. We were told there are berths for visiting yachts and the LYC is now offering staycations as a way of giving prospective members an idea of what the club has to offer.

The marina has been the venue for a Ferretti Yachts media event and also a Princess mini boat show. There is talk of another show early next year. As other marinas have limited space available for shows, LYC would be a sensible choice

The highlight of our visit was a walk through the green area towards the headland and re-furbished 'first'

clubhouse. This is where the management operates and is calm and quiet, with views over the entrance to the marina

and beyond.

From the old clubhouse, it was a tour of the service facility that has retained its 45-ton travel lift and forklift truck. We were told the LYC is looking for service providers to enhance the boatyard.

Also being explored is the possibility of a sea shuttle service so that members can be collected from for example, Central and brought directly to

their boats. Currently, LYC offers a pointto-point land transfer service and helipad and helicopter service with the club's appointed contractor.

As membership is by invitation only, inquiries regarding joining fees, berthing



and other special packages can be made to the club's marketing team.

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FIVE GOLD ANCHORS The Marina Industries Association (MIA) has awarded the Lantau Yacht Club (LYC) with 5 Gold Anchors, following an on-water and landside rebuild. The marina is located at Discovery Bay on Lantau Island.

Five Gold Anchors is among the highest accolades that the industry awards and is reserved for marinas which offer their customers high standards of service and facilities. The MIA's Suzanne Davies noted "Gold Anchor is a simple and credible way of communicating to potential customers the marina's commitment to quality facilities and services. Gold Anchor is to marinas what the Michelin Guide is to restaurants. There are over 200 Gold Anchor Marinas accredited in 27 countries around the world and the program is expanding in numbers and locations."

LYC's sheltered marina offers 148 berths ranging from 10m to 60m and is the first yacht club in Hong Kong capable of accommodating a superyacht of up to 100m in length. Inside the clubhouse, Caffè Napoli serves mainly modern Western cuisine with selected Asian delights; The Entertainment Room is tailored for private gatherings and the seaside lawn, spacious and picturesque, is perfect for hosting outdoor events.

On receiving the Five Gold Anchor award, Ivan Lee, vice president of Lantau Yacht Club, said, "We are delighted that Lantau Yacht Club is accredited as a Five Gold Anchor Marina on its first anniversary by the Marina Industries Association."

Andrew Chapman, MIA president further noted, "These awards are not given lightly as each rated marina is subject to a rigorous independent audit of services and facilities which assesses 86 separate criteria covering management processes, the condition and maintenance of the marina, environmental practices and the ancillary facilities and services."

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With 300,000 members, the Norwegian Tourist Association (NTA) promotes an active outdoor lifestyle. Located 26km south of Oslo, its Breivoll Farm is a mecca for local paddlers. And with its new floating launching and storage structure from SF Marina, it's now easy for kayakers, canoeists and paddleboarders to explore the scenic beauty and calm waters of the Bunne Fjord.

Designed by Aarhus, the floating structure dovetails with its natural surroundings and the Nordic aesthetic: pleasingly clean and simple with ample use of wood. It's accessed via a short bridge from the SF Marina floating dock array.

Measuring 13m W  $\times$  16m L, the structure is built on SF Marina floating concrete dock pontoons. Maintenance-free and virtually unsinkable, they are incredibly strong — as evidenced by their use as a foundation for a two-story, 33-room floating hotel in Sweden. The NTA paddling site is anchored to the seabed using chains and concrete anchors.

The front of the structure has a large preparation area ending in four fingers that create three launching bays. Each finger angles slightly upward, allowing paddlers to ease into their boat safely using both arms. Because of the inherent stability of SF Marina floating pontoons, the wood-decked surface is rock solid.

Inside the 78-square-metre building is storage for 40-50 boats, where the NTA offers kayaks and rowing shells. On the roof is a popular sun deck. A unique feature is that rental is completely self-service; booked online!

For more information contact SF Marina. www.sfmarina.com

