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### **Christophe Harbour Welcomes First Yachts for Previews of Mega-Yacht Harbour and Marina**

**ST. KITTS, December 18, 2008** - A choppy economy did not prevent a collection of luxury yachts from navigating Caribbean waters to attend the festive "Crew Rendezvous" event in St. Kitts last week. They came by sea to preview plans for the new mega-yacht harbour and marina at the developing Christophe Harbour luxury resort in St. Kitts.

Yacht owners, crews, government officials, members of the St. Kitts-Nevis business community, other special guests, and top management from Christophe Harbour's development company converged on the Whitehouse Bay and Turtle Beach areas of St. Kitts on Thursday, December 11. Six yachts from around the globe dropped anchor in the sparkling blue waters of the bay at the southeastern end of St. Kitts. Yacht owners and crews disembarked for "Rendezvous" activities that highlighted the details of the yacht harbour and marina, which will be cornerstones of the 2,500-acre ultra-luxe resort being developed on the island's southeastern peninsula.

The crews and owners joined other special guests for a private party and open-air music concert at The Beach House restaurant at Turtle Beach. The Beach House is Christophe Harbour's stylish new open-air restaurant. Guests were treated to an exclusive music concert from Bankie Banx, an internationally known recording artist based in the Caribbean. The St. Kitts based band, Lightz Out, also provide musical entertainment during the evening.

The attending yachts included the 146' Perini Navi *Andromeda la Dea* and sistership, *Antara*; 165' Exploration Yacht, *Big Aron*; 72' Alden Design Performance Sloop, *Fearless*; 110' Alloy Yachts Cruising Sloop *Paraiso*; and the 130' Hatteras Motoryacht, *Sacajawea*.

Christophe Harbour's marina and mega-yacht harbour will be key components of the resort, expected to launch in 2011. The development will also include luxury residential real estate, hotels, restaurants, shopping, marina village, and a championship 18-hole golf course designed by Tom Fazio. Christophe Harbour Development Company (CHDC) is the master developer of the resort, under the guidance of veteran developer Kiawah Development Partners (KDP). KDP is known for its communities at Kiawah Island, SC and Doonbeg Golf Club in Ireland.

The marina, which will consist of approximately 300 acres of water surface, will accommodate yachts up to 300 feet, and will be unique in the region for its state-of-the-art facilities and exemplary level of concierge and hospitality services. The property offers an ideal natural setting for a marina, with the advantages of a protected entrance, safe inner harbour, and protected berths. The St. Kitts-Nevis government is working closely with the developers to encourage home porting of mega yachts. A variety of standard applicable duties and other government charges will be waived; and yacht personnel will also be exempt from work permit requirements.

Christophe Harbour has introduced yacht berths for sale at an initial Founders price of \$10,000 per foot. A total of 12 berths are currently offered, from 197 feet to 240 feet. The marina will feature a total of nearly 300 berths.

“There has been strong interest in the berths that are for sale,” says Randy Shelton, Director of Sales and Special Projects for KDP. “We anticipate that we will have deposits on six of the large berths by the end of the month; and there also has been interest in the remaining six berths.”

For more information on the Christophe Harbour, the mega-yacht harbour and marina, visit [www.christopheharbour.com](http://www.christopheharbour.com) or contact Sis Reda, Public Relations Director, [sis\\_reda@christopheharbour.com](mailto:sis_reda@christopheharbour.com), telephone 843.768.6529. For specific questions about marina berth sales, contact Randy Shelton, [randy\\_shelton@kiawahisland.com](mailto:randy_shelton@kiawahisland.com), telephone 843.727.5986.

### **Christophe Harbour – An Incomparable Resort for St. Kitts**

*Launching in 2011, Christophe Harbour will be a luxury resort that will propel St. Kitts to the forefront of high-end tourism in the Caribbean. Christophe Harbour Company, a venture led by Kiawah Development Partners (KDP), is the manager of the master development company for Christophe Harbour. Christophe Harbour Company, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, and several prominent real estate, golf design, architecture, environmental, and engineering companies have joined forces to create an incomparable master-planned resort. Christophe Harbour, located on the more than 2,500-acre southeastern peninsula of St. Kitts, is planned to include a mega-yacht harbour as well as an impressive collection of restaurants, shops, boutiques, five-star hotels, oceanfront and hillside homesites, villas, and a must-play Tom Fazio championship golf course. For more information on Christophe Harbour, please visit [www.christopheharbour.com](http://www.christopheharbour.com).*

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