

FESTIVAL MARINA F.A.Q

Current as of July 8th 2007

1) When is the new Festival Marina due to open?

Festival Marina's soft-launch is scheduled for August 1st, 2007.

2) Where is it, and what makes Festival Marina stand out?

Centre piece of the vibrant *Dubai Festival City*, Festival Marina offers longer term berthing for 74 yachts from 15 to 35 metres, as well as short-term casual quay-side berthing for boats that wish to enjoy a few hours sampling the tremendous choice of waterfront restaurants and shopping. Positioned in the calm and history-rich waters of the upper reaches of Dubai Creek (approximately 5NM from the sea), boats can cruise and explore the fascinating sky-scape of the creek, whilst enjoying superb road connections to Dubai International Airport and Business Bay Bridge.

3) What benefits do I receive for being at an IGY managed marina?

Festival Marina boaters will enjoy being part of the IGY-managed family of marinas, with priority booking access to sister marinas, as well as the levels of service and excellence of facilities synonymous with the IGY standard.

4) What size boats can be berthed at Festival Marina?

There are 74 berths for yachts 15m – 35m, and 24 quayside berths for casual visitors, all supplied with potable water, power (32A to 125A), and wireless internet.

5) What type of mooring is available at Festival Marina?

Mediterranean-style, stern-to mooring with bow mooring piles make up the majority of berths; limited side-to berths are available for smaller boats (less than 15m), with quay-side mooring available for casual visiting boats.

6) What are the Marina tariffs?

The marina tariff sheet is available upon request at marina@dubaifestivalcity.com.

7) How can I apply for a berth at Festival Marina?

Please contact us (contacts listed at the foot of this page), or download an application form from: www.dubaifestivalcity.com/pdf/Festival_Marina.pdf.

8) What are the Marina operating times?

Festival Marina's berthing masters will be present 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Capitainerie (Marina Office) will operate 7 days a week, from 0900 through to 1800.

9) Will I be affected by the various bridges on Dubai Creek?

Al Maktoum and Garhoud Bridges are permanent bridges, with a maximum permissible boat height of 6.5m at highest astronomical tide (HAT). However, the new Floating Bridge (which becomes operational on July 15th 2007) will significantly affect commercial as well as recreational boating traffic using the upper reaches of the creek, including Festival Marina and Dubai Creek Yacht Club Marina.

10) How will the Floating Bridge affect my boating?

The Floating Bridge is approximately 0.5km upstream of the Al Maktoum bridge, and will be open to *boating traffic* at the following times (*latest advice from the Road Transport Authority; however these times may be subject to change*):

- Friday – Wednesday: 2200 through to 0600
- Thursday: 2200 through to 0900 Friday morning

However, Festival Marina boaters should note that lay-by berths on the downstream side of the floating bridge will be made available at the new *Al Seef Marina*, which is just upstream of the British Embassy on the Bur Dubai side of the Creek.

11) Is it true that Festival Marina owners will have access to Al Seef Marina?

Yes. As a measure to alleviate the restricted opening times of the Floating Bridge, a dedicated 40m long pontoon has been allocated to Festival Marina boaters to *pre-position* their boats either after 2200, or before 0600, for use on the same day only (subject to booking in advance).

12) Are there any charges for using the lay-by berth at Al Seef Marina?

No (*however the marina retains the right to implement charges in future*). As long as a boat owner returns his vessel to Festival Marina at the next immediate bridge opening, no charges are applicable.

13) Will Festival Marina provide any shuttle services from Festival Marina to Al Seef Marina?

Unfortunately, no. A road-shuttle is not envisioned, nor can a boat-shuttle gain access under the floating bridge during closure times.

14) As a boat owner, do I need a Coast Guard Permit for transiting Dubai Creek?

No. Coast Guard permits are only applicable when a boat departs Dubai Creek (i.e. passes the Coast Guard Base at the foot of Dubai Creek).

15) If I wish to exit to sea, how do I apply for a Coast Guard permit?

Please notify the marina office at least 2 hours in advance, and the office will process your permit on your behalf.

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