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A picture of MMPRC participants at KITF 2023 To Promote the Maldives in Kazakhstan



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### NBAM Management & Exco met with MMA Governor



NBAM Management and Executive Board Members met with the Maldives Monetary Authority – Governor Ali Hashim, in regard to discussing what kind of work be done to improve the liveaboard sector, also MMA confirmed that there are no directives from the regulator asking to stop loans or financial assistance to boat.

MMA is preparing an asset register so that it would be more efficient and easy to maintain the records for easy access, MMA also will assist NBAM in arranging meetings with the banks after their meetings initially about the subject. MMA has confirmed its full support in helping improve this industry with us.

### NBAM Held its 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Members Meeting



The 5th Executive Board Meeting of NBAM was held at Voyages Maldives Meeting Room. At the meeting, Secretary General briefed the Executive Board of NBAM on the current works that are being carried out by NBAM. The Executive Board Meeting is held monthly to discuss industry issues and update the board on the current works of NBAM. The meeting is chaired by President of NBAM Mr. Ismail Hameed. In this meeting discussions about finding captain's to liveaboards and also decided to announce starting of captain's training course to all of Maldives. Further more the executive board have decided to launch Lifejacket Awareness this year with a new slogan "Skipper You're Responsible" and same as last year, we will be targeting the schools of all around Maldives.



### NBAM met with The Eco Organization

The Eco Organization met with the Management & Exco was to discuss collaborations with NBAM for technological solutions they have developed for Climate Change through AI and Satellite Imagery, and partnering for an international conference they are organizing from 6-9 July.

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## ✓ REMINDERS ;

**28 MAY** Submission of Green Tax Return and Payment for April 2023

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**NEW MEMBERS OF 2023**



**NBAM NEW MEMBERS LIST 2023**

National Boating Association of Maldives started membership renewal for the year 2023, New Members have joined to our Association this past month.

- Blue K Safari Maldives
- Blushark Enterprises
- Carpediem Maldives
- CASA Retreat
- Damas Company
- DIMO Coastline
- Dune Maldives
- Floating Asia
- Happy Market Trading Company Pvt Ltd
- Island Institute of Tertiary Education
- JLS Yachts
- Liveboard Marine Management Pvt Ltd
- Maldicare
- Maldives Boat Club
- Maldives Island Realty
- Maldives Publications
- Marine Equipments
- Mariyam Rozlyn Saleem (Noah)
- Marselia Maldives
- Palm Tree Marine
- Paradise Safari Tours
- Quick Ezy Maldives
- Radiantheat Travel Pvt Ltd
- Sachika Maldives
- Sea Gear
- Seagull Group
- Silver Sands Boatyard
- Southern Cross
- Top Class Cruising Maldives Pvt Ltd
- Voyages Maldives
- Yacht Maldives

# 17 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OF

<p><b>1</b> Referrals to Potential Customers</p> <p><b>3</b> Free Listings for Member Boats on Liveboards of Maldives Magazine</p> <p><b>5</b> Free website listing for Service Providers and Marine Equipment Sellers</p> <p><b>7</b> Special Terms and Prices on Fuel Suppliers</p>	<p><b>2</b> Free Consultation about Industry</p> <p><b>4</b> Free website listing for Liveboards</p> <p><b>6</b> Special Member Packages on Insurance Premiums from Allied Insurance Company (Exclusive for NBAM)</p> <p><b>8</b> Special assistance on Regulations and Guidelines</p>	<p><b>9</b> Safety Training Opportunities for Crew</p> <p><b>11</b> Special Rates for Members to Participate in Maldives Marine Expo</p> <p><b>13</b> Members to Members Networking</p> <p><b>15</b> Partnership Programme Discounts</p>	<p><b>10</b> Invitation to NBAM Events and Gatherings</p> <p><b>12</b> Exclusive Benefit in nominating to Maldives National Boating Awards</p> <p><b>14</b> Logo on Brochures and address cards / promotions</p> <p><b>16</b> Special Discounts from Boating Privilege Partner Businesses</p>
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**17** Opportunity to communicate with government and authorities as a team and comment on Regulations

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## MATI Launches Books Covering the History of Tourism in Maldives

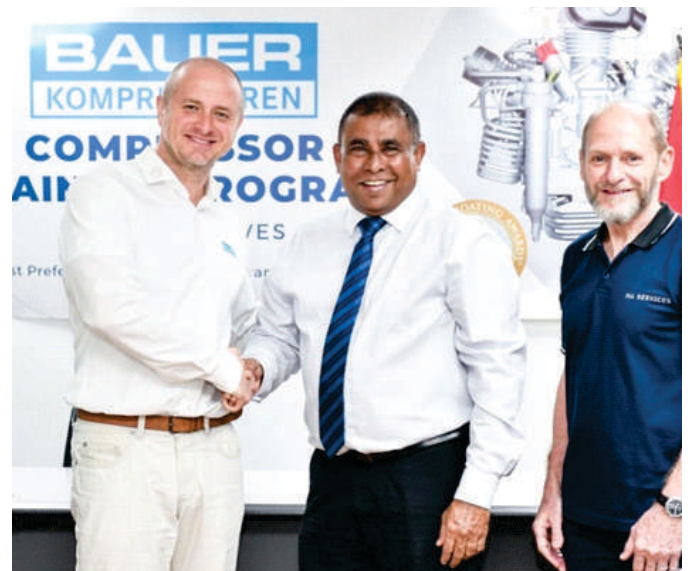


The books "50 years of Tourism in Maldives - the Pioneers, People and Policies that Shaped Maldives Tourism" authored by Dr. Simad Saeed and "Maldivian Resort Architecture - 50 years of island resorts" authored by Mr. Mauroof Jameel were launched by MATI during their 33rd AGM held on February 19, 2023 at Kurumba Maldives.

The books offer an insightful look into the architectural evolution of the Maldivian resort as well as the evolution of the tourism industry of Maldives from inception up to its 50th Anniversary in 2022. Ultimately, the books tell the story of how a nation with no banks, no airport, no telephones and warnings from the United Nations that Maldives did not yet have the required infrastructure to support tourism, launched tourism in 1972 and transformed itself from a primitive sea-faring nation to one of the world's leading tourism destinations within a mere 5 decades.

The authors: Mr. Mauroof Jameel, is an architect, independent researcher and an illustrator specializing in architectural heritage of the Maldives who had previously authored and released the book "Coral Stone Mosques of Maldives: The Vanishing Legacy of the Indian Ocean" and Dr. Simad Saeed, is the Managing Director of CDE Consulting and an avid researcher of Tourism in Maldives, that specializes in Strategy, Sustainability and Social Innovation.

## Minister of Tourism Dr. Abdulla Mausoom Attends BAUER Training Program Organized by MA Services



MA Services, a leading provider of diving equipment and services in Maldives has conducted a BAUER Training Program to ensure the safety of tourists and divers. The Minister of Tourism, Dr. Abdulla Mausoom, attended the program to show his support for the initiative.

During his visit to the training program, Minister Mausoom expressed his appreciation for the efforts taken by MA Services to maintain Maldives as a safe destination for tourism and diving. He emphasized the importance of such training programs to enhance the skills of the diving community in Maldives and to promote safe diving practices. The BAUER Training Program commenced today (April 24, 2023), and Mr. Vitali Franz, an expert from the BAUER Academy in Munich, conducted the Operator and Compressor Technology Courses. This program aims to provide comprehensive training to diving professionals to ensure that they are equipped with the latest skills and knowledge to ensure safety.

MA Services has been at the forefront of providing safe and reliable diving services in Maldives, and the BAUER Training Program is yet another step in their commitment to ensuring the safety of the diving community and tourists alike.

## SriLankan Aviation College Introduces Prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Programs through Partnership



SriLankan Aviation College, the training arm of SriLankan Airlines, has etched a landmark partnership with the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to bring highly coveted aviation programs to Sri Lanka and the region. This affiliation will greatly improve the accessibility to highly sought-after qualifications in aviation at a fraction of the cost as the programs can be completed entirely in Sri Lanka.

SriLankan Aviation College will offer the Master of Business Administration in Aviation and Graduate Certificate in Aviation programs as well as allow students the access to several other in-demand programs by Embry-Riddle. The programs will be delivered by Embry-Riddle lecturers in a flexible hybrid format combining in-person and online lessons. SriLankan Aviation College further anticipates introducing more Embry-Riddle programs on request, in the future.

## MMPRC Takes Part in KITF 2023 To Promote the Maldives in Kazakhstan



Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) has participated in KITF (Kazakhstan International Tourism Fair) 2023, held from April 19-21, 2023 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. A total of 24 co-exhibitors with 45 participants participated in the fair alongside MMPRC to strengthen the Maldives' brand presence in Kazakhstan and establish the Sunny Side of Life as a top-of-the-mind destination for all potential holidaymakers.

KITF, one of the leading B2B fairs in the CIS region, has been held since 2001. The exhibition serves as a wide-ranging professional platform for the tourism industry of the whole Central Asian Region and is considered to be the pinnacle event of the sector in Kazakhstan. Corporate travel decision makers, investors, tour operators for VIP clients, and other travel trade professionals will take part in the fair.

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Maldives Association of Travel Agents & Tour Operators



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### Etihad Airways Marks Significant Milestone in Middle East's First Boeing 787 Dreamliner Multi-Crew Pilot License Programme



Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has achieved a significant milestone as the first of its cadet pilots successfully completed 'Base Training' on an actual Boeing 787 Dreamliner as part of its Multi-Crew Pilot License (MPL) programme.

'Base Training' flights are used to train cadet pilots on take-off and landings under the supervision of a qualified instructor. After this step, the cadet pilots will further progress their training on the most efficient and advanced wide-body aircraft in the market, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. Launched in October 2020, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner MPL programme was developed in collaboration with IATA and the GCAA and has been designed to meet the growing demand for highly skilled pilots in the industry.

To achieve the highest proficiency standards, the programme trains cadets to become fully qualified Boeing 787 Dreamliner pilots through an accelerated and highly advanced curriculum that capitalises on leading industry learning techniques and technology.

### Arabian Adventures Expands Destination Portfolio with Maldives



Arabian Adventures, the UAE's leading destination management company (DMC) and part of the Emirates Group, announced the expansion of its destination portfolio to include the Maldives. Arabian Adventures' partners will now be able to book trips for customers to travel directly to the Maldives, or inclusive of a stop-over in Dubai, with a one-stop solution. The DMC's portfolio will include a broad range of world-class private island resorts, including extensive family-friendly options.

Travel between the diverse landscapes of the UAE and paradise island resorts of the Maldives is increasingly popular, with a convenient four-hour flight time. Arabian Adventures' expansion will meet the growing demand from trade customers, particularly luxury consortia partners in the USA and Europe, seeking tailor-made solutions for clients.



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## Maldives Marine Industry Forum 2023 gathers for high-level discussions on marine industry

**Maldives Marine Industry Forum Unites Decision Makers and Stakeholders to Shape the Future of the Industry** The Maldives Marine Industry Forum (MMIF) is an exclusively held event aimed at gathering high-level decision-makers, stakeholders, and business owners in the marine industry.

Being an invite-only event, it ensures the participation of key individuals who can contribute to shaping the industry and addressing its challenges through constructive dialogue. The forum aims to expand the scope of discussions for the future development of the industry and find innovative solutions to pertinent issues.

MMIF will take place on May 27 at Hotel Jen in Malé. The event will feature five panels covering diverse topics related to the marine industry. These panels will provide a platform for in-depth discussions and exchange of ideas among the attendees. Additionally, there will be two keynote speeches delivered by distinguished speakers who will provide valuable insights and perspectives.

MMIF'23 is sponsored by the State Trading Organization (STO) as the Platinum sponsor, Hassan Marine Engineering Solutions as the Silver Sponsor, M7 Print as the Print Partner respectively. Several media partners are involved in the event, including Oneonline, Minoos, The Frontpage, The Islandchief, and FloatingAsia. These partners will contribute to the coverage and promotion of the forum, ensuring its reach and impact are maximized. Overall, the Maldives Marine Industry Forum serves as a platform for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving within the marine industry in the Maldives. By bringing together key stakeholders, the forum aims to foster dialogue, address challenges, and drive the future growth and sustainability of the industry.



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**MALDIVES MARINE  
INDUSTRY FORUM 2023**

**27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023  
HOTEL JEN MALÉ, MALDIVES**

# PANEL DISCUSSIONS

*\*TENTATIVE PANEL ARRANGEMENT, FINAL SPEAKERS WILL BE DISCLOSED PRIOR TO EVENT*

### 1 PANEL TOPIC: MARINE LOGISTICS & REGULATIONS



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**Abdul Rasheed Ibrahim**  
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**Shahid Ali**  
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### 2 PANEL TOPIC: BOATING TOURISM & SAFETY



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Minister of Tourism



**Ahmed Afrah**  
Executive Director  
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**Ahmed Shabiq**  
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**Amir Mansoor**  
Chairman  
Carpe Diem Maldives



**Capt. Mohamed Zaid**  
Head of Center of  
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### 3 PANEL TOPIC: BOAT BUILDING & CONNECTIVITY



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**Ismail Shareef**  
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**Costas Eliopoulos**  
Production Manager  
Gulf Craft Maldives



**Ashval Rasheed**  
Chief Naval Architect &  
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**Ahmed Ibrahim**  
Treasurer  
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### 4 PANEL TOPIC: FUEL & BUNKERING



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**Mohamed Gasam**  
Managing Director  
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### 5 PANEL TOPIC: SEAFOOD - SUPPLY DEMAND & CHALLENGES



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## THAILAND DIVING EXPO 2023

18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023



Thailand Dive Expo (TDEX) is a big annual expo which created to support the growth of scuba diving industry since 2004. It is the only show in Thailand that responds to the needs of specific target market where adventurous and underwater excitement destinations are emphasized and offered.

"The Real Business Hub for Diving Industry" is not an exaggeration. As the show record of success, TDEX had shown an increasing figure in number of visitors and participating companies. At TDEX 2022 the numbers of visitor has increasing more than 15% visitors and more than 200 booths from local and international companies, which can be a significantly growth of scuba diving industry. Moreover, in conjunction with "Thailand Golf Expo" and "Outdoor Fest" to cover all activities related to sport tourism and activity.

More information on the events' official website, [www.thailanddiveexpo.com](http://www.thailanddiveexpo.com)

## MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL DIVE EXHIBITION 2023

26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023



The Malaysia International Dive Expo (MIDE) is an annual event aimed at growing and strengthening the Malaysian dive community and businesses.

Welcoming an average of 12,000 visitors yearly, out of which 90% is made up of dive business and professionals, MIDE has over the years evolved into an essential business platform for the dive industry.

Established in 2006, today MIDE is a recognized worldwide. Not only does the expo bring many international brands to Malaysia, it also helps exhibitors achieve impressive returns on investment through by sales leads, interest garnered and spend from the 200,000+ visitors over the last 15 years. The expo continues to grow yearly while contributing to the expansion and revenue of the scuba-diving industry.

More information on the events' official website, [www.mide.com.my](http://www.mide.com.my)





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