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OCEAN MARINE YACHT CENTER ANNOUNCES VICE PRESIDENT

Thomas “Charlie” Petosa Joins Ocean Marine Yacht Center as Vice President of Sales and Marketing

13 May 2011, Portsmouth, Virginia, USA: Ocean Marine Yacht Center, a global leader in superyacht refit and repair as well as a full-service marine center, announces today that Thomas “Charlie” Petosa has been appointed Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Ocean Marine Yacht Center has extraordinary capabilities and capacity, and has been long known by owners, captains and industry experts as one of the great American superyacht yards. Recent updates to the facility coupled with the addition of top industry talent are now further positioning the center as a premiere global large yacht facility.

Bringing a wealth of experience to his new post, Charlie Petosa has spent his professional career as an executive in the marine industry; his past several years have been solely focused on the superyacht segment. Most recently, he developed Professional Captain’s Services—the Megayacht Division of West Marine—into one of the top yacht chandlers in the world. Previously, he worked as Chief Operating Officer of Northrop and Johnson Yachts-Ships.

“Welcoming Charlie to the Ocean Marine Yacht Center family as VP of our Sales and Marketing divisions is a critical tactical step in our branding strategy,” says Jim Bento, President and CEO. “Charlie shares our life passion for the unique business we are in, and has the vision and experience necessary to lead our team forward in positioning our extraordinary capabilities and increasing the visibility of our brand.”

"It is a privilege to be able to work with Jim Bento and all of Ocean Marine Yacht Center’s executive management, a talented team whose collaboration results in excellence in everything they do," Petosa comments. "I look forward to leading strategic sales efforts and implementing creative and effective marketing programs that increase awareness amongst global large yacht owners and captains, as well as the industry, to ensure that the virtually limitless capabilities of Ocean Marine Yacht Center are more widely recognized.”

For more information on Ocean Marine Yacht Center, and to schedule a VIP tour of the facility, contact Charlie at +1.954.218.2404 or email charlie.petosa@oceanmarinellc.com. Keep up with our latest news by following Ocean Marine Yacht Center on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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1. *Charlie Petosa, Ocean Marine Yacht Center, VP Sales and Marketing*

2. *Charlie Petosa, Ocean Marine Yacht Center, in Monaco*
3. *Ocean Marine Yacht Center, In the Paint and Repair Shed*
4. *Ocean Marine Yacht Center, Multiple Superyachts, Multiple Services*

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ABOUT OCEAN MARINE YACHT CENTER

The most newly updated full-service superyacht refit and repair facility in the United States, Ocean Marine Yacht Center of Portsmouth, Virginia is conveniently located on the Mid-Atlantic Coast. Its state-of-the-art facilities are expressly designed to provide superlative superyacht service. This high-tech complex features a NAVSEA-certified 1250-ton Rolls-Royce Syncrolift® with ground-level rail system; operates on a 20-acre (8.9 hectares) campus; and features—among equally critical capabilities—a high-tech 38,000 ft² (3530.31 m²) repair and paint building. This unique structure can simultaneously house two superyachts undercover while ample outdoor assets provide additional space for another several superyachts. In addition, the Ocean Marine Yacht Center provides myriad services for all boaters, close proximity and easy access to the ICW and the Norfolk International Airport. Please visit www.oceanmarinellc.com, and be sure to watch the *Life Passion* video on our home page.