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Channel Islands law firm sets sail for new sponsorship

2010 will see a new sponsor for the prestigious annual inter island yacht race. Carey Olsen, the largest law firm in the Channel Islands, has signed up to sponsor *The Carey Olsen Inter Island Yacht Race* for three years.

Held annually in June, the race pits 100 yachts against each other with prizes awarded for the overall race as well as other categories including first bilge keel, first Melges 24, first family boat, first young skipper, and a team competition. The course alternates between the islands. This year, the race will take place on Saturday 26 June 2010, when the fleet will sail from St Peter Port to St Helier.

Guernsey Yacht Club Commodore, Gordon Wilson, for the organisers, said the event was an important part of the racing calendar and that the Carey Olsen brand and the inter island race blend together well:

“It is a unique event, the biggest and most prestigious race. Inter island races are always keenly fought. The competitive streak in our sailors is always brought out by the opportunity to race against boats from the other islands. The three year sponsorship deal with Carey Olsen has ensured that the race will continue to be the cornerstone of our racing calendar. We are looking forward to another great race and another great evening at the St Helier Yacht Club this year.”

Alex Ohlsson, managing partner of Carey Olsen in Jersey said: “Sponsoring the race is a perfect fit for our law firm given that we have a strong presence in both Jersey and Guernsey and are keen supporters of pan Channel Island events. We have been sponsoring the Guernsey to Alderney Yacht race for 10 years and we now look forward to providing the Channel Islands yachting community with another first class event.”

Last year’s race featured a combination of light winds and fog which made things difficult for the racers. Guernsey yacht ‘Alice II’ battled the Jersey Melges ‘The Dogs’ in

the race to cross the line first with the Jersey crew eventually coming out on top. Once handicaps were taken into account, another Jersey boat, 'Tom Bombadil', came through to win.

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Carey Olsen managing partner Alex Ohlsson and GYC Commodore Gordon Wilson.

Registration forms will be available from Guernsey Yacht Club, St Helier Yacht Club and Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club and from Carey Olsen offices in Jersey and Guernsey.

Prizes awarded:

- First (trophy), second, third, fourth and fifth overall
- First and second bilge keel
- First long keel

- First family crewed
- Young skipper
- First multihull
- First Melges 24
- First (trophy), second and third IRC class
- First, second and third non-IRC class
- First Beneteau class boat on CI handicap (trophy)
- First Swan class
- First quarter tonner

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