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## Ocean Cruising Club Appoints Local Yachtsman as Port Officer for Gibraltar

**Gibraltar, UK, 1 November 2018** – The Ocean Cruising Club (OCC) announces the appointment of John Alcantara as the club's Port Officer in Gibraltar. This is an honorary, non-remunerative position which Mr. Alcantara has agreed to take on. The role of the Port Officer is to be a contact for members arriving in Gibraltar with assistance on entry and clearing procedures, providing local knowledge and generally aiding members during their visit to Gibraltar.

John became a full member of the OCC in 2016. He has decades of sailing experience and holds an RYA Yachtmaster Offshore qualification with Commercial Endorsement. John, together with his wife Lynda and brother Andrew, owns and operates the Boatshed Gibraltar yacht brokerage franchise for Gibraltar and the adjacent coast.

Gibraltar is a very special place to do yachting business. Its benign taxation regime, location at the entrance to the Mediterranean and status as a British Port of Registry means that potential buyers and sellers can safely transact in a British jurisdiction with maximum security. There is no VAT in Gibraltar so purchasing can be less expensive than elsewhere. Gibraltar is also a strategic location as a stopover for OCC members heading into the Mediterranean or out across the Atlantic. John's role here will be clearly beneficial to the membership.

# About the Ocean Cruising Club



## ***The Worldwide Community for Adventure Cruising Since 1954***

The OCC is the “home port” for those who have sailed long distances across big oceans. With 48 nationalities represented among almost 2900 members, and Port Officers around the world, we have a more diverse membership and a more international reach than any other blue water sailing organisation.

The Ocean Cruising Club exists to encourage long-distance sailing in small boats. A Full Member of the OCC must have completed a qualifying voyage of a non-stop port-to-port ocean passage, where the distance between the two ports is not less than 1,000 nautical miles, in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.36 m) LOA; associate members are committed to achieving that goal. This standard distinguishes the OCC from all other sailing clubs.

Our membership as a whole has more experience offshore than any other sailing organisation – in the number of circumnavigators, in the range of extraordinary voyages members have completed, and in the number of solo sailors and female sailors among our ranks. This is what sets us apart from other organisations, even as it draws us together as a group.

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