

= Ocean Village Marina , Gibraltar =

The Ocean Village Marina is one of three marinas in the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar , at the southern end of the Iberian Peninsula . Formerly Sheppard 's Marina , it is located in the Bay of Gibraltar , between the North Mole of Gibraltar Harbour and the runway of Gibraltar International Airport . Both Ocean Village Marina and the adjacent Marina Bay have been incorporated into the Ocean Village Project , a luxury resort .

Ocean Village Marina and the adjacent Marina Bay together have 330 berths , with a draft (or draught) of 4 @. @ 5 metres (15 ft) . The marina can accommodate vessels up to 90 metres (300 ft) to 100 metres (330 ft) in length . There are three residential towers with blue glass balconies overlooking the marina : Grand Ocean Plaza , Imperial Plaza , and Majestic Plaza . On 4 June 2012 , Ocean Village Marina hosted 161 vessels which formed the Gibraltar Diamond Jubilee Flotilla , celebrating sixty years of the Queen 's reign .

= = Location = =

Gibraltar has three marinas : Marina Bay , Ocean Village Marina , and Queensway Quay Marina . Ocean Village Marina is located on Gibraltar 's Westside , outside the northern end of Gibraltar Harbour , in the Bay of Gibraltar , next to the airport runway . It is adjacent to Marina Bay which is just to its north . The marina forms part of the Ocean Village Project or Ocean Village Marina Complex , often referred to as just Ocean Village . Ocean Village Marina is the former Sheppard 's Marina or Sheppard 's Yard . Both Marina Bay and Ocean Village Marina have been incorporated into Ocean Village , between the North Mole and the airport runway . The strategic location of the marina offers protection from moisture @-@ laden Levanter winds .

= = History = =

Ocean Village Marina was formerly Sheppard 's Marina , owned by H. Sheppard & Co . By 2004 , the marina had been sold to Ocean Village Investments Ltd and demolition had commenced . The marina retained its original name , at least informally , for several years after the sale . The sale of Sheppard 's Marina was not without controversy , as some residents of the marina were eventually evicted from their berths by the new owners . After Ocean Village Investments acquired the adjacent Marina Bay in 2006 , both marinas were incorporated into Ocean Village , a resort with residential , retail , and leisure facilities .

On 4 June 2012 , the Ocean Village Marina hosted 161 vessels which formed the Gibraltar Diamond Jubilee Flotilla , celebrating sixty years of the Queen 's reign . The flotilla took place one day after a similar event in London up the Thames . The festivities started officially with greetings from Gregory Butcher , founder of Ocean Village , and Ros Astengo , event organiser of Ocean Village . The Gibraltar Port Authority addressed those assembled on the topic of safety , and made recommendations regarding precautions which ranged from sunscreen to the distance between vessels . The flotilla departed from the marina at midday , sailing from the western side of the runway , passing Europa Point , and returning after reaching the eastern side of the runway . Boats up to 70 metres (230 ft) participated in the flotilla . Small boats led the flotilla , followed by power boats over 9 metres (30 ft) , and , finally , sailing vessels . The General Elliot , a Gibraltar Port Authority vessel , was at the head of the flotilla , and was supported by other official vessels .

= = Facilities = =

Ocean Village Marina and the adjacent Marina Bay together have 330 berths , with a draft of 4 @. @ 5 metres (15 ft) . The marina can accommodate vessels up to 90 metres (300 ft) to 100 metres (330 ft) in length . The marina now offers premier berths , the majority of which are between 18 metres (59 ft) and 25 metres (82 ft) , although the largest can accommodate vessels up to 80 metres (260 ft) in length . The Yacht Reporting Berth for Gibraltar closed in 2005 and customs

clearance of vessels is now performed by the individual marinas . Each berth at Ocean Village Marina offers utilities which include metered water and electricity , as well as access to satellite television , telephone , fax , and Wi @-@ Fi . Other amenities include laundry and concierge services . Gasoline and diesel are available at the quayside .

In addition to the marina , the Ocean Village resort features three residential towers , with blue glass balconies , that also have commercial space : Grand Ocean Plaza , Imperial Plaza , and Majestic Plaza . Construction of a new World Trade Center in Ocean Village was scheduled to begin in 2012 . The development has a variety of restaurants , bars , and retail outlets , as well as executive office space . Leisure Island , on reclaimed land , has a business centre and casino , among other facilities .

Sheppard 's of Gibraltar , the former owner of the marina which was established in 1961 , still has a presence there . The business provides support services for yacht owners from both their chandlery and shipyard departments . Their chandlery shop on the ground floor of Marina Court at Ocean Village has a variety of products for yacht equipment and maintenance . Their shipyard on Coaling Island near Queensway Quay Marina performs repair services such as engine rebuilds , rigging , welding , and painting . Sheppard 's attends to yachts at all three of Gibraltar 's marinas , and also has a 40 @-@ ton lift when haul @-@ outs are needed . Their haul @-@ out work includes hull cleaning , replacement of anodes or transducers , and slurry blasting , among other services . Haul @-@ outs are performed at both Coaling Island and the North Mole .