



Press Release

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Channel 4 Factual Entertainment docks a commission for 'Multi Million Pound Mega-Yachts' (w/t)

Channel 4 has commissioned Bristol based production company, Icon Films to produce a 1x60' behind the scenes look at the super-exclusive world of the South of France's yachting community.

At least 60m in length, the mega-yachts docked along the affluent ports and harbours on the Mediterranean coast are pinnacles of wealth, luxury and opulence. This film will be meeting the super-wealthy owners, the crew, cutting-edge designers, builders and brokers of these incredible yachts.

The film will follow the big business of big boats across one summer season as they gear up for the The Monaco Yacht Show in September. Taking place in Monaco's Port Herculé, it is the centre of the yachting universe and moors some of the largest, most expensive and most glamorous mega-yachts in the Mediterranean.

Speaking on the commission, Channel 4 Commissioning Editor, Lucy Leveugle said:

"This insight into mega-yachts is remarkable access to the experiences of the global elite. It will follow the stories of people who all contribute to this very contemporary symbol of wealth."

TCB Media Rights will distribute the programme.

Multi Million Pound Mega-yachts (w/t) will air later this year on Channel 4

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Notes to Editors

Icon Films

Icon Films has a reputation for originality, excellence and entertainment across the breadth of factual genres including science, history, exploration and natural history, having produced over 300 hours of factual programming over 25 years for UK and international broadcasters.

Headquartered in Bristol, the UK's capital of natural history TV production, Icon Films creates award-winning programming for broadcasters including the BBC, Channel 4, Five, ITV, National Geographic, Discovery Networks, Arte and PBS. The company is listed in Realscreen's Global 100 top independent production companies as voted for by broadcasters, producers and distributors in the global non-fiction content industry.

River Monsters, Icon Films' hit series for Animal Planet US is the best performing series in the network's history. Now in its eighth series it is presented by angling explorer Jeremy Wade.

Other recent Icon Films productions include **Ben Franklin's Bones** (1 x 60 WNET), **Betty White's Smartest Animals In America** (2 x 30 GAC), **Africa's Fishing Leopards** (1 x 60 BBC, Nat Geo WILD US), **Spawn of Jaws 2 The Birth** (1 x 60 Discovery Channel), **Survive The Tribe** (6 x 60 National Geographic Channels), **Africa's Giant Killers** (1 x 60 BBC, Animal Planet), **Animals Through the Night – Sleepover at the Zoo** (1 x 90 BBC4), **Bigfoot Files** (3 x 60 Channel 4 / National Geographic US), **Hustling America** (3 x 60 Channel 5), and **Bones of the Buddha** (1 x 60 National Geographic / WNET / ARTE)

Icon Films' senior management team includes Creative Director Harry Marshall, Managing Director Laura Marshall, Director of Production Andie Clare, Commercial Director Lucy Middelboe and Executive Producer Stephen McQuillan and Finance Director Jonathan Jackson www.iconfilms.co.uk