

## DenizBank & Turkish Off-Shore Racing Club 2008 Trophy Awards

DenizBank & Turkish Off-Shore Racing Club (TORC) Trophy Awards organized by TORC under the sponsorship of DenizBank, one of the leading institutions providing financial support to development of Turkish maritime sector were distributed during the ceremony held on 11 February 2009 in Fenerbahçe Faruk Ilgaz Facilities. President of DenizBank Financial Services Group, Hakan Ateş, and TORC Commodore, Serdar Kısadere participated in the night besides many friends of sea.

The races started on Saturday, 29 March 2008 with Fahir Çelikbaş Cup and ended on Saturday, 28 December 2008 with the Winter Cup-III. The winner in IRC. I class is Sedat Gülçağlayan with Oğuzhan Too, in IRC. II class Levent KARABEYOĞLU with Fair Wind, in IRC. III class Sedat DEVRİM with Kybele and in IRC. IV class Ejder Varol with İ-Marine Pamuk, in IRC. V class Nedi Zavarro with Karides.

Delivering a speech in award ceremony, Hakan Ateş, President of DFSG said: “We have the exclusive pride of supporting sailing, which is an important part of our corporate culture and matching perfectly our corporate values. Our harmonious cooperation with TORC, which deploys remarkable efforts to promote sailing sports in Turkey, started last year and will continue during the coming 4 years. This fruitful cooperation, which I see an example of unification towards the same target, goes beyond an ordinary sponsorship and I am sure this relation will be developed and reinforced in the future with brand new projects. We are particularly proud that “Marmara Cup”, the most important off-shore race in Marmara Sea is now called “DenizBank Marmara Cup”; and that we have given our name to one of the greatest trophies in Turkey under the organization of TORC”.

Making an address in the reward ceremony, Serdar Kısadere, TORC Commodore, said: “DenizBank, our corporate sponsor, financially supported our racing organization and DenizBank-TORC Trophy was accordingly named after this Bank. I would like to render my thanks to DenizBank for its support”.

Races organized during DenizBank-TORC Trophy were attended by 135 yachts (108 of which in IRC class, and the remaining 27 in support classes) and 1109 sportsmen. Excluding five races cancelled (two of which because of storm, three because of lack of wind), a total of 6 off-shore races namely DenizBank Marmara Cup, Navy Cup I. and II., Çakabey-927 race, Moda Sea Club Cup and Maritime Chamber of Commerce were held. The number of inshore races was 16, making the total number of races 22.