

DenizBank-Marmara Cup Trophy Yacht Races Ended.**DenizBank unfurled sails!**

“DenizBank Marmara Cup” offshore race, organized by TORC (Turkish Offshore Racing Club) under the sponsorship of DenizBank, the leading institution which provides financial support for the development of Turkish maritime sector was held on June 7th and 8th 2008. The winners were awarded their prizes at the ceremony held in Fenerbahçe Faruk Ilgaz Facilities on Thursday, June 12th, 2008.

This year, a total of 30 yachts took part in the 33rd “DenizBank-Marmara Cup”, the most important offshore yacht race held in Marmara Sea. The winners of the closely contested yacht race that lasted 2 days and ended on Sunday were Engin Imre (PROVEZZA 5) in category IRC I; Levent KARABEYOĞLU (Fair Wind) in category IRC II; Sedat Devrim (Kybele) in category IRC III and Orhan Arda (Mor Finn) in category IRC IV.

Hakan Ateş, President of DenizBank Financial Services Group said: “Sea” after which we named our bank holds a very significant place in our lives. Sticking to our first founder mission, we have provided substantial financial support to Turkish maritime sector and we will continue our efforts to this end. As DenizBank, along with the idea of extending corporate and long-term support to sailing and nautical sports, we have assumed the corporate sponsorship of TORC, the most prestigious sailing institution in Turkey, for a period of five years as of 2008. The “DenizBank-Marmara Cup”, one of the most important contests to be held within the framework of this sponsorship, is also named after our Bank. Competition, surmounting the difficulties, team work and collective wisdom are the main concepts of sailing and they abide by our corporate values. Therefore, supporting sailing is a pleasure for our institution. I would like to congratulate cordially all the contesters. In addition, I would like to congratulate the DenizBank employees participating in this contest with the yacht “Calista” for their bold initiative.

In the conference, **TORC Commodore, Serdar Kısadere** said: “We have combined our powers with DenizBank on our common passion, “Deniz”. From now on, we will be able to take part in international events in sailing more frequently and courageously. DenizBank’s support in this field gives us energy and enthusiasm. We consider DenizBank’s cooperation with TORC as a general cooperation with the Turkish sailing. I would like to extend my thanks once again to the Executives of DenizBank for brining a brand new understanding to sponsorship with this brave step.

Through “DenizBank-Marmara Coup”, DenizBank has lent its name to one of the most important offshore yacht races. Within DenizBank’s TORC sponsorship framework, all the TORK Trophy races to be held between 2008 and 2012 will be named as “DenizBank-TORC Trophy Cup”. The main shareholder of DenizBank, Dexia Group also supports overseas sailing. Dexia had sponsored Farr 40 European Championship Races in 2007.

