



Press Release

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The first offshore yacht race of the season held at DenizBank Marmara Cup

In the sponsorship of DenizBank, one of the pioneering institutions that financially supports the development of Turkish seamanship, the “DenizBank Marmara Cup” yacht race organized by the Turkish Offshore Racing Club (TORC) was held between 12-13 June 2010. Participant boats were in an intense competition in the race track between Istanbul Ataköy Marina and Asmalıada, close to Marmara Island.

The most prestigious yacht trophy of Turkey, DenizBank-TORC Trophy began with Fahir Çelikbaş Cup I race held on March 27, 2010, and within the scope of the trophy, 5 races have been organized until the Marmara Cup. A total of 30 yachts participated in the “**DenizBank Marmara Cup**”, which is the first offshore race of the season, and which has been held for the 35th time this year. The winners of the most important offshore race in Marmara Sea were Hasip Gencer/L.Özonur and team in IRC I class, GOBLİN-Aydın Yurdum and team in IRC II class, and PASSION ONE-Ergin Kargalioğlu and team in IRC III class.

“Fair play triumphed”

Commenting on the DenizBank Marmara Cup, the CEO of DenizBank Financial Services Group **Hakan Ateş** said, “The spirit of yacht sport possesses struggle, fight against difficulties, team work and joint mind. All these concepts overlap with DenizBank corporate values. I sincerely congratulate all sailors who attended this race”. TORC Commodore Serdar Kısadere said, “The race that was completed in a track of 113 nautical miles in 4 different categories, was realized in a rather non windy weather. The yachts that reached Marmara Island with the wind that blew with the strength of 3-5 nautical miles from west/southwest on Saturday, had more difficulties on their way back. The north-east wind at five o'clock helped the 6 boats that were still aboard in the evening, and they finished the race with a nice wind accompanying them”.

One of the most important offshore races has been named after DenizBank with the “DenizBank Marmara Cup”. Within the framework of DenizBank’s TORC sponsorship, all races in the TORC trophy are named as “DenizBank – TORC Trophy Yacht Races”.