

Yes, it's winter time! The snow has just reached our shores. However, on the contrary to what bystanders might think, there is no "truce" for yachts! On board, in order to be ready for the summer, we repaint, maintain, renovate, disassemble, replace, inspect, visit, go back and forth and start all over again... or sort out charity stuff in perspective to the next Yachts with Heart collections. On



Ecomer's side, there's no dead season either! The teams are working hard to prepare the 2018 meetings. The next Yachts with Heart events will take place at 11:00 am on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Cannes Port-Canto, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Port-Vauban. Antibes. In addition, we are pleased to announce a new partnership with CMA-CGM container transport company, which will allow us to transport

at a lower cost by cargo the donations collected for Dominica, the Caribbean... On the other side of the Atlantic, our partner YachtAid Global, an essential link in our international chain of solidarity, is coordinating our action again for the Caribbean. They take a careful and rigorous care of the redistribution of donations to the local populations... Remember however that to continue our actions and support our development, Ecomer, more than ever needs your support. Indeed, the raison d'être of the association goes far beyond the Yachts du Coeur, since it also defends maritime ecology via a comprehensive marine quality pledge that shall soon be in the spot light. A membership fee between € 15 and € 1,500 depending on the status and commitment is proposed. All details can be found on our secure sites (<https://www.eco-mer.com> and <https://www.store.eco-mer.com>). If you wish, you can also accompany us as volunteer in our actions. Our goal 2018? Doing even better than in 2017 when we collected a ton of non-perishable food for the Food Bank (about 2000 meals), 15 m3 of linen for the benefit of the Red Cross, 38 m3 of various donations sent to the Caribbean after the passage "Irma" ... This year again we are counting on you! Until then, further actions will be organized in March. But, hush, it's still too early to tell you about it. **Marion Fantin**

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