

Corum take Gipsy Moth to Bangor in Northern Ireland

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The world famous Gipsy Moth IV is today due to depart after making its first ever visit to Ulster. The legendary yacht has been docked in Bangor Marina since Sunday. As well as being the first time it had docked in an Irish port, it was also the first trip the yacht made since completion of its successful global voyage in June giving young people unique sailing experiences.

It was on May 28, 1967, that yachtsman Francis Chichester brought the ocean-battered ketch into Plymouth Sound, Devon. He was welcomed by more than 200,000 people and an armada of small craft at the end of his record solo circumnavigation. The sailor, knighted for his achievement, stopped only in Sydney for repairs to his 53ft vessel. On May 28, 2007 the Gipsy Moth IV completed its second global circumnavigation.

On Sunday it was welcomed into Bangor Marina by Mayor of North Down Stephen Farry. He was accompanied by John Lunn, from Lunn's, Steve Ramsay from Corum Watches and David Green, former chief executive of the UK Sailing Academy and Global Project Manager for Gipsy Moth IV round the world voyage. The visit sponsored by Corum (Global Partners of the Gipsy Moth Project) was the culmination of a number of public appearances associated with the 2nd circumnavigation.

John Lunn said: "It was truly a momentous occasion - a wonderful sight seeing the Gipsy Moth IV dock in Ireland for the first time and knowing that we at Lunn's had helped make it all possible." Mr Lunn said the idea of bringing the yacht to Northern Ireland was sparked by a special Yachting Watch Event in June which showcased a collection of the Swiss made Corum watches, including the Gipsy Moth IV limited edition watch. "The Gipsy Moth IV is a beautiful yacht and has such a rich history," Mr Lunn added. " I hope she continues to inspire young people, nurture their spirit of

adventure and enrich their lives."

This concludes the round of PR Events scheduled after Gipsy Moth's return to the UK on the 28th May 2007. She will now return to her home port of Cowes where her owners, the UK Sailing Academy, will continue their work taking deserving young people to sea.

