

# Nautical tourism consolidates its growth with a recovery in the ports



Puerto Banús welcomes more large yachts this summer. :: JOSELE-LANZA

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**MARBELLA.** The Marinas de Andalucía port association estimates that the harbours of Malaga Province will end 2014 with an average occupation of 65 per cent, which is a five per cent increase on 2013.

The President of the association,

José Carlos Martín, revealed how since 2007 there had been a continual decline in the number of vessels occupying the ports. However, the past two years have seen a gradual growth in the figures.

This summer, Puerto Banús has seen a significant increase in the

mooring of large yachts that belong to wealthy tourists.

Tourist pleasure boats have been updated and improved. This in turn has boosted the general tourism industry, as when visitors remain within the port area they spend more than others.

Professionals in the service and commercial sectors are also noticing an increase in the volume of business generated by nautical tourism.

Latest figures reveal the average length of stay of boats in the marinas is 11.3 days, while the average daily spending of visitors is 65.31 euros (6.30 euros more than last year). The bulk of this budget is divided between mooring costs, repairs and boat maintenance, 14 per cent is spent on restoration and 10 per cent on purchases.

## NEW ROAD LINKS FOR INDUSTRIAL ESTATES IN MIJAS

The well-known Camino de Coín in Las Lagunas (A7053) has always been a concern when it comes to the volume of traffic on the road. Public service headquarters that are located on the route together with its links to main industrial areas, namely La Vega and Los Perales, has stimulated the creation of two new road links to relieve congestion. The new route can only be accessed via the Camino de Coín and exited by the new connection, avoiding heavy goods traffic that continue to use the current road. The works have been carried out by Fuengitrans, and received a municipal investment of around 100,000 euros.



:: M.C. JAIME

## HERE AND THERE



Antonio Rodríguez Baena at the competition. :: SUR

## El Pimpi's ham man wins first prize

### MALAGA

:: **SUR.** The 'jamónero' (jamón cutter) of popular Malaga bar El Pimpi has come first in the second national competition of ham carvers, held at the weekend in Punta Umbria in Huelva.

Antonio Rodríguez Baena is from Seville originally but learned his trade in Malaga and has been working in El Pimpi for four years. He slices up three or four legs of ham every day.

Baena was named the best ham

carver in a competition where he was judged for the quality and straightness of his slices, their thickness and his speed in cutting the ham among other challenges.

Antonio also won the prize for creativity, having made a fan from slices of ham.

The competition was attended by numerous members of the public who were able to try a plate of ham for five euros.

The councillor in charge of tourism, Antonia Hernández Galloso, said of the contest, "this event has brought together the worlds of gastronomy, art and tourism with great success".

## PSOE complain about disruptive roadworks

### MARBELLA

:: **A.M.** The PSOE of Marbella has made an official complaint to the council about the "traffic chaos" caused by roadworks in Calle Notario Luis Oliver, situated in the city centre.

According to the opposition party, these should not have been started until October, after the summer season ends, and with municipal elections next year they have a solely vote-winning purpose.

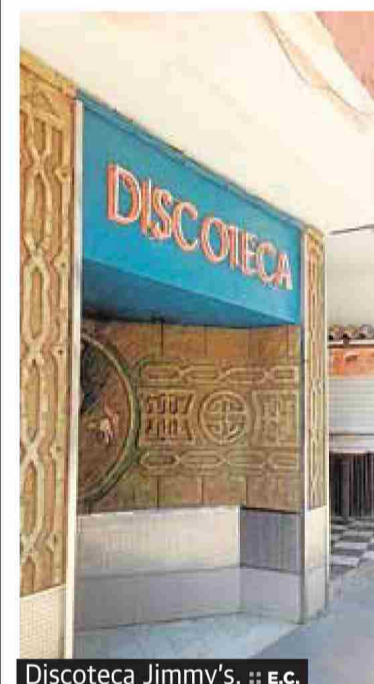
## Alhaurín swops street lights for LED system

### ALHAURÍN DE LA TORRE

:: **I.G.** Alhaurín council has approved a measure to invest 2.5 million euros in improvement works, key of which is the replacement of all municipal lighting with a more economic LED system.

This is expected to save 300,000 euros from the annual electricity bill and will cost 975,000 euros to implement.

A further 502,000 euros will go to lighting the rural districts of La Alquería and Torrealquería.



Discoteca Jimmy's. :: E.C.

## Jimmy's disco is shut for second time this year

### NERJA

:: **E.C.** Nerja's largest nightclub, Discoteca Jimmy's, in Calle Antonio Millón, has been temporarily closed for the second time this year due to excessive noise levels.

Following a round of new complaints by neighbours, the club's noise level was tested by specialists and found to be at 71 decibels or 21 more than permitted.

Police arrived at dawn last Sunday to close the club, at a time when it was completely full, with a thousand people inside.

Due to the fact that the club's owners were fined 12,500 euros for the same offence in April, this time the fine will be higher and could reach the maximum figure chargeable of 300,000 euros.

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