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Palma-based food and lifestyle brand mymuybueno recently opened the newest division of its brand; the mymuybueno Cookery School. As well as offering introductory cooking courses for yacht chefs, the school organises speciality courses with VIP guest chefs to a higher level of yacht chef and a variety of lifestyle courses open to those outside of the yachting industry.

For mymuybueno Founder and CEO Justine Murphy, the aim of the school is to ensure that every student walks away well-equipped and confident in everything they learn, so that they are able to replicate dishes again and again. The school's house chefs have various backgrounds of expertise and experience, some with restaurant backgrounds, and others as yacht chefs.

Utilising the group's knowledge and experience, the mymuybueno chef placement agency has helped shape all of the yacht-centric courses at school. "We have been able to recognise and develop certain areas that other establishments aren't offering and, therefore, fill in the gaps in

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the market," explains Murphy. "We have the freedom and the flexibility to offer things that people want us to, such as bringing in different chefs to teach in their area of expertise."

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The four-week Essentials Course, which includes Level 2 Food Hygiene certification, plays an important role and makes up the building blocks of the school. "Based on feedback from yacht chefs about what they feel works and what doesn't work, the Essentials Course is aimed at those starting out in sole chef positions on small yachts, making them independent, efficient and professional in the galley," continues Murphy. "It gives them the confidence to go and work on a yacht, knowing what the clients will expect."

The school then aims to stimulate and grow careers from there – offering courses designed for a higher level of chef. For example, the mymuybueno team found that there was significant demand for a one-week patisserie course. The school also hosts VIP guest chefs for more specialised courses, having recently welcomed Claire Hutchings to teach plating and presentation. Justin Gellatly is set to visit the school next to share his expertise in baking.

"We want to bring people to Palma that chefs would not normally be exposed to," explains Murphy. "We aim to offer a personal experience like no other by bringing guest chefs from around the world to Mallorca to teach in the field of their passion and expertise."

Furthermore, the cookery school creates synergy within the mymuybueno brand: if the school's students go on to apply for jobs within the group's recruitment division, the team are aware of how they work and whether they are talented. "It adds leverage to our placement division as we know whether we can recommend candidates or not," concludes Murphy.

The mymuybueno Cookery School is a unique offering to the yachting sector in Palma, proving

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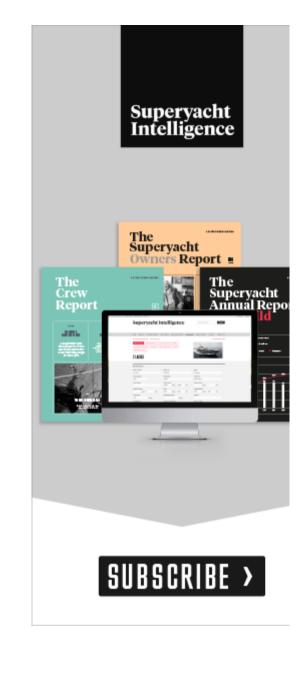














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