

Oh Buoy! Vasculitis Charity offers Luxury Yacht Charters at Auction

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The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation (<http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/>) will be auctioning a spectacular three-day charter on a luxury yacht at its Black & Red Ball (<http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/2016-ball>) on Friday 16 September at the Glasgow Radisson Blu hotel (<http://bit.ly/288MnrD>). The charter will be among numerous auction lots available at the milestone event which will see the charity reach it's £500,000 donation mark.

Luxury super yachts Lady Tatiana and Lady Alhena (<http://www.ladyalhena.com/>) have been entered into the auction by White Star Charter (<http://www.whitestarcharter.com/>) based in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Boasting five cabins with ensuite bathrooms, the yachts can easily accommodate 11 guests and the four crew members in complete comfort. The super yachts, currently moored at their home port in Palma, will be available to use between November 2016 and March 2017.*

The three-day charter will be part of a fund-raising auction at the Black & Red Ball hosted by the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation. For the first time the auction will be available to guests at the event and also to bidders online.

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation was created by Grant and Adrienne Currie following the death of their 15-year old daughter and only child Lauren in 2010. Lauren had suffered from Wegener's granulomatosis, a variant of the auto-immune disease vasculitis.

Lauren's condition was only diagnosed in the final hours of her life and her parents realised that, with earlier diagnosis, her life could have been saved.

Lauren's Father Grant Currie said, "This year's Black & Red Ball is an incredibly important milestone for the foundation as we would have been celebrating Lauren's 21st Birthday.

"We are extremely fortunate that businesses and individuals are donating so many wonderful prizes to the auction, their generosity will help us raise awareness of vasculitis on an international level within the medical community and the general public. There is a great need to encourage earlier diagnosis, it will reduce cases of severe organ damage and save lives."

Vasculitis is the inflammation of blood vessels. When blood vessels are inflamed they reduce blood flow to tissues and organs. Any blood vessel can become inflamed and can affect any part of the body. Due to this there are numerous types of vasculitis each with different symptoms. The cause of vasculitis is usually unknown but it can sometimes develop from a previous infection. It is an uncommon illness and can affect people of all ages.

Early diagnosis is important in effective medical care for vasculitis. The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation has awarded £62,000 of funding to the University of Aberdeen (<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/>) to support a PHD project on vasculitis.

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation is one of only two vasculitis-specific charities operating in the

UK. It is happy to collaborate with other relevant charities that support the fight against vasculitis, including those in the US.

Tickets for the ball are priced at £65 for a single ticket, £650 for a table of ten and £780 for a table of twelve. Included with the ticket or table booking is a drinks reception, three course meal, wine, entertainment from headline act Five (<https://www.facebook.com/5iveofficial/>), entry into a raffle and also the amazing auction.

The Black & Red Ball has been held annually in Glasgow since 2011 and has helped to contribute to the overall fundraising of £500,000 for the charity. The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation has produced a video explaining the condition, which can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W94a0KLa1vQ>.

Charity patron Dr Hilary Jones can be seen talking about the Foundation's work here: <http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/patrons.html>

Links

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation: <http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/>

Black & Red Ball: <http://www.thelaurencurrietwilightfoundation.org/2016-ball>

Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LCTFoundation>

Glasgow Radisson Blu Hotel: <http://bit.ly/288MnrD>

Lady Alhena: <http://www.ladyalhena.com/>

White Star Charter: <http://www.whitestarcharter.com/>

University of Aberdeen: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/>

Five Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/5iveofficial/>

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*Subject to availability

Images of previous fundraising events are available on request.

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What is the background to The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation?

Lauren was only 15 when she tragically and prematurely lost her battle with vasculitis five years ago on October 23 2010 at Crosshouse Hospital. Lauren died from Wegener's Granulomatosis – a form of vasculitis which had remained undiagnosed until the final hours of her life. Lauren's lungs had been fatally damaged by vasculitis, which resulted in internal bleeding and contributed to her death.

The charity was founded within a couple of days of Lauren's death by her parents, Grant and Adrienne. The charity was named in Lauren's memory as a tribute to their daughter's inspirational character and

features 'Twilight' in the title in recognition of the love she had for the Twilight books and the films. The charity was set up to help and support anyone affected by vasculitis, to raise awareness of the disease throughout the United Kingdom and to fund dedicated research that seeks to identify and improve treatments.

Lauren's charity was formerly registered in Scotland in December 2010 with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). Charity Registration Number SC041934.