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CLASSIC 1915 YACHT MARIETTE IN PALMA BAY



PALMA. The beautiful 42m two-masted schooner *Mariette* is currently in Palma Bay. She was custom built in 1915 by Herreshoff in the United States for Jacob Frederick Brown, a Boston textile manufacturer. Brown owned her

until 1927. Her last refit was by Pendennis in Falmouth, UK in 2017. *Mariette* can accommodate up to eight guests and eight crew on-board. She is not available for charter but is raced competitively by her French owner.

MAJORCAN YACHT IN MAJOR DRUGS BUST

● **The National Crime Agency (NCA)** in the UK and the **National Police in Palma** cooperated in an operation that ended with the seizure of a boat

carrying approximately **a thousand kilos of cocaine**. The operation is still open in the UK and in Majorca, and other arrests are possible. **See page 4**

MPs take control of the Commons

LONDON. Parliament yesterday voted to prevent Prime Minister Boris Johnson taking Britain out of the European Union without a deal, but he sought an election just weeks before Brexit to free its hands.

After wresting control of the parliamentary agenda from Johnson six weeks into his premiership, lawmakers voted 329-300 in the second, most important, reading of a bill that would force the government to request a three-month Brexit delay rather than leave without a divorce agreement.

Johnson cast the legislative move in the House of Commons as an attempt to surrender to the EU over Brexit and demanded an



October 15 snap election, a step that could free him of any constraints if he won a majority.

The second most powerful man in the Labour Party, John McDonnell, said the

no-deal blocking legislation had to get assent from Queen Elizabeth, putting the law onto the statute book, before the party would agree to an election. This could, in theory, hap-

pen next Monday. "We're ... not going to be tricked or conned by Johnson so we're looking at every way in which, having secured the legislation, he can't wriggle out of abiding by the law and implementing it," McDonnell said.

Parliament's bid to tie Johnson's hands leaves Brexit up in the air, with possible outcomes ranging from a turbulent no-deal EU exit to abandoning the whole endeavour - both outcomes that would be unacceptable to swathes of the United Kingdom's voters.

Jake Berry, who voted to Remain in 2016, called for an election, claiming it is the only way to solve the Brexit deadlock.

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PALMA PASSPORT CONTROL STRIKE IS CALLED OFF



PALMA. Passport control workers at Son Sant Joan Airport last night called off their indefinite strike which began at midnight on August 23.

A deal was reached between union bosses and the company (Acciona Facility Service) after the Balearic Minister for Tourism, Employment and Finance, Iago Negueruela, stepped in to break the deadlock over

workers' complaints about what has been described as "organisational chaos", non-compliance with health and safety regulations, lack of training and misleading contractual information.

Last night a pay rise dating back to September 1 was approved along with improved contracts and the creation of a new committee for immigration staff.