



Lucky (USA) wins in real time the XIII Palermo-Montecarlo

Montecarlo (MON), August 24 2017 – **Lucky** took immediately the lead of the fleet in Mondello Gulf, and at the end it won the **XIII Palermo-Montecarlo**. Lucky, powerful racing yacht, whose owner is **Bryon Ehrhart** from Chicago, will take home, to the **New York Yacht Club**, the prestigious **Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita Trophy** which is given to the first one who crosses the finishing line of this important Mediterranean offshore regatta.

Lucky's official finishing time was 06.49.03, which means in total of **66h 46min 03 sec** of sailing, being far from **Esimit Europa 2 record** of 47 hours, 46 minutes and 48 seconds established in 2015.

This is the second year in a row that a member of the New York Yacht Club wins the Palermo-Montecarlo Regatta.

"Other members of our club suggested us to take part in this regatta and they were right - Ehrhart said very happily at the finishing line -: the race is really beautiful yet tough, it is important not to lose concentration.

We had three stops during the race but in the end we managed to use our strategy. 24 miles from Montecarlo we stopped for the total lack of wind at 11.00 PM of last night and it was possible to go on only at the sunrise".

In this moment first boats are 60 miles from Montecarlo: **Malizia II by Pierre Casiraghi** (Boris Herrmann is the skipper and the helmsman) leads the leader group ahead of **Tonnerre de Glen** (72 miles) by Dominique Tian (FRA) and **Leaps&Bounds** (77 miles) by Jean Philippe Blanpain.

Unfortunately, they met the lack of wind and it is not possible to do hypothesis about the time of their arrival to the Principality.

Regatta is organized by **Circolo della Vela Sicilia** in cooperation with **Yacht Club de Monaco** and **Yacht Club Costa Smeralda**. Half of the fleet (the smallest yachts) is passing now the gate in Porto Cervo, even the boats running in **Palermo-Montecarlo x2** and the fleet of six **950 Class**: among them Maurizio Vettorato, sailing **Extreme Life Cinq Sens**, ahead of **Pegasus Città di Verona** by Pietro Boerio.

This **XIII Palermo-Montecarlo** has got a fleet coming from nine Countries: USA, Monaco, Germany, Poland, Great Britain, France, Russia, Hungary and Italy.

Palermo-Montecarlo contributes to give many international Trophies as Trofeo d'Altura del Mediterraneo 2017, Championnat et Trophees Inshore et Offshore Mediteraneen Equipages-IRC2017, Campionato Italiano Offshore 2017, Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge 2017.

Many partners and Institutions help the success of **Palermo-Montecarlo**, as **Comune di Palermo**, co-organizer of the Event. This edition has also the support of **Fondazione Terzo Pilastro Italia e Mediterraneo**. Emmanuele Francesco Maria Emanuele is the President.

The foundation wants to promote health, culture, scientific research, education, social inclusion doing trait d'union between cultures in front of Mediterranean.

One special note to **Tasca D'Almerita**, who, for eight generations, produces wines awarded all over the world. His family feels the passion for the sea: the special link with **Palermo-Montecarlo** underlines it.

New partners are: **Banca Mediolanum** and **Condorelli** with **RioloCar** and **Gesap**.

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