



L'Ottavo Peccato wins the XIII Palermo-Montecarlo in corrected time and Trofeo Angelo Randazzo

Montecarlo (MON), August 26 2017 – The curtain falls on **Palermo-Montecarlo** international offshore regatta of nearly 500 miles which continues to be theatre of exciting fights in the sea, a charming race coming from a route that Phoenicians did in the past.

The event is organized by **Circolo della Vela Sicilia** in cooperation with **Yacht Club de Monaco** and **Yacht Club Costa Smeralda**.

The fight between **Lucky** (Reichel-Pugh 63 of owner Bryon Ehrhart from Chicago, representing the prestigious **New York Yacht Club**) and **Malizia II** IMCOA 60' with last generation foils by **Pierre Casiraghi** (skipper **Boris Herrmann**) finished with the supremacy of the first one who won **Trofeo Giuseppe Tasca D'Almerita** reaching the finishing line in Montecarlo with the advantage of 24 hours on the second.

Trofeo Angelo Randazzo, given to the winner in corrected time in the category with more competitor boats (this year ORC) goes to **L'Ottavo Peccato**, M37 (Maurizio Cossutti project) of **Francesco De Nicolò**, young owner coming from Bari with tactician **Daniele De Tullio**.

"It was our first Palermo-Montecarlo and even if we wanted to achieve a good result, to win was a surprise for us – De Nicolò said – . The race was very difficult and there were a few situations in which we stayed completely without wind, but the group continued to go on fighting metre after metre until the arrival."

"XIII Palermo-Montecarlo was a superb race, but not without difficulty alternating rough conditions with light airs. Half the entrants were international, proof of how the event has developed and its reputation grown – **Agostino Randazzo, President of Circolo della Vela Sicilia** said – . Congratulations to the winners: Lucky, always ahead, who completed 500 miles with advantage; L'Ottavo Peccato team prepared themselves with professionalism. Half of the fleet was international: this shows that regatta is improving and attracts prestigious boats: also this year, after Rambler last year, the winner is a boat representing **New York Yacht Club**. I hope the IMOCA 60' will return next year to take up the challenge again "

The **Palermo-Montecarlo** wants to continue growing to be acknowledged as one of the leading high-sea sailing regattas in the world. It is currently part of the **Offshore Championship of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV)** and contributes in the awarding of the title with the highest coefficient. Furthermore, it has been confirmed in the IMA calendar (**International Maxi Association**) and it takes part in the **IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge 2017**, the offshore race for maxi-yachts, which includes also the Rolex Middle Sea Race, the Giraglia Rolex Cup, and the 151 Miglia Regatta.

In addition, it contributes to give other international Trophies as **Trofeo d'Altura del Mediterraneo 2017** and **Championnat et Trophees Inshore et Offshore Mediteraneen Equipages-IRC 2017**.

The success of the **Palermo-Montecarlo** rests on the contributions of different partners and institutions, starting from the City of Palermo which is the co-organiser of the event.

This edition has also received the crucial support of the **Fondazione Terzo Pilastro-Italia e Mediterraneo** and its President Professor Emmanuele Francesco Maria Emanuele. The *Fondazione* has always been active in promoting healthcare, culture, scientific research, education, training and social





inclusion and its mission is to be a bridge between the cultures of the countries overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

An acknowledgment goes to **Tasca d'Almerita** which has been producing internationally prize-winning wines for eight generations and whose family has always been truly passionate for the sea as testified by their support to the **Palermo-Montecarlo** from its first edition.

New partners are **Banca Mediolanum** and **Condorelli**, together with **Riocar** and **Gesap**.

WINNERS OF THE 13TH PALERMO-MONTECARLO

Real time winner: Trofeo Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita

1st in real time: Lucky / Byron Ehrhart in 66 hours 46 minutes 3 seconds

Winner in corrected time: Trofeo Angelo Randazzo

1st in corrected time: L'Ottavo Peccato / Francesco de Nicolò

ORC DIVISION

1° L'Ottavo Peccato / Francesco De Nicolò

2° Cheyenne / Tommaso Oriani

3° Quattrogatti / Andrea Casini

IRC DIVISION

1° Lucky / Bryon Ehrhart

2° L'Ottavo Peccato / Francesco De Nicolò

3° Jivaro / Yves Grosjean

CIRCOLO DELLA VELA SICILIA

It is one of the oldest sailing clubs in the Mediterranean and was established in 1933. Over its long history, it has hosted numerous prestigious national and international regattas. Since the end of June it is also the **Challenger of Record of XXXVI America's Cup** and will be represented by the **Team Luna Rossa Challenge** (the challenge had been already launched in 2013).

YACHT CLUB DE MONACO

It was established in 1953 by Prince Rainier and since 1984 it has been chaired by HSH Prince Albert II. The Yacht Club de Monaco groups together the most prestigious yacht clubs in the world and holds a special place on the global yachting scene. The new headquarters, designed by the famous architect Sir Norman Foster, were inaugurated on 20 June 2014.

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