

THE MAXI RAMBLER 88 IS THE FIRST YACHT TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE OF THE XIV PALERMO-MONTECARLO: FOR THE SECOND TIME THE MAXI OWNED BY GEORGE DAVID TAKES THE LINE HONOURS OF THE REGATA ORGANIZED BY THE CIRCOLO DELLA VELA SICILIA. SECOND PLACE FOR THE 72' MAXI LUCKY.

Montecarlo, 23 August 2018 – The Maxi Rambler 88 is the first yacht to cross the finish line of the XIV edition of the Palermo-Montecarlo, the regatta organized by the Circolo della Vela Sicilia in collaboration with the Yacht Club de Monaco and the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, the support from the Municipality of Palermo, the Regional Council of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, and Fondazione Sicilia, and the sponsors Banca Mediolanum, Tasca d'Almerita, Condorelli, Riolocar and Gesap.

After having passed in first place the gate of Porto Cervo yesterday at 13:50 (followed by Lucky owned by Bryon Ehrhart, Ad Maiora owned by Bruno Cardile, Atalanta II owned by Carlo Puri Negri and Endless Game owned by Pietro Moschini), the american yacht owned by George David, former CEO of United Technologies Corporation who contributed to the construction of this modern 29-meter Maxi drawn by Argentine designer Juan K, arrived today in Montecarlo at 19:34 and 30 seconds, after 55 hours, 34 minutes and 34 seconds of navigation, not enough to beat the record of the race set in 2015 by Igor Simcic's Maxi Esimit Europa 2 in 47 hours, 46 minutes and 48 seconds.

For the second time, Rambler 88 takes the line honors of the Palermo-Montecarlo (the first time was two years ago), a victory that allows him to bring home the Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita Trophy, awarded to the first hull of the fleet to cross the finish line in real time (the second trophy up for grabs is the Angelo Randazzo Challenge Trophy will award the winner in compensated time of the IRC group once all the boats of the fleet will reach the finish line). In second place at the finish line at 20:03 and 58 seconds is the 72' Maxi Lucky owned by Bryon Ehrhart, while the rest of the fleet is still at sea, with Atalanta II, Endless Game and Ad Maiora now approaching the finish line (all updates in real time are published on the website www.palermo-montecarlo.it, thanks to the satellite system of YB Tracking).

It's worth to mention that the fleet of 54 boats who left on Tuesday at 12 am the Gulf of Mondello - departure which was followed on board the Gregoretti ship unit of the Italian Coast Guard, also by His Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco and the Mayor of Palermo Leoluca Orlando, together with the President of the Circolo Della Vela Sicilia Agostino Randazzo – lost the Maxi Pendragon who withdrawed due to the breakage of the mainsail, and Chenapan3 which dismasted and was forced to go towards Olbia.

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