



RAMBLER 88 RETURNS TO THE PALERMO-MONTECARLO: THE FAMOUS AMERICAN
GEORGE DAVID'S YACHT WILL BE AMONG THE PROTAGONISTS OF THE NEXT EDITION
OF THE RACE ORGANIZED BY THE CIRCOLO DELLA VELA SICILIA.

Palermo, March 26, 2018 - The famous American Super Maxi Rambler 88 owned by George David from the USA is the seventh yacht enrolled in the XIV edition of the Palermo-Montecarlo, the offshore regatta organized by the Circolo della Vela Sicilia with the support of the Yacht Club de Monaco, the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and local institutions, primarily the City of Palermo. The race will start from the Gulf of Mondello on Tuesday August 21st. Already protagonist of the race two years ago, ending with the victory in real time and the Tasca d'Almerita Trophy for having concluded the 500 miles of the race course in 58 hours, 14 minutes and 11 seconds (a little more than the 10 hours record set by Esimit Europa 2), Rambler 88, in regatta for the New York Yacht Club and recent winner at the end of February of the RORC Caribbean 600 Trophy, will be once again on the starting line of the Palermo-Montecarlo with his crew of stars that, besides the Italian navigator Silvio Arrivabene, can count on the talent and the great experience of New Zealanders Brad Butterworth and Simon Daubney (winners of four editions of the America's Cup, first with Team New Zealand then with Alinghi).

An announcement that was greeted with huge enthusiasm by the Circolo della Vela Sicilia's President, Agostino Randazzo, the palermitan association engaged not only in the organization of its flagship regatta, a milestone in the Italian Offshore Championship and the Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge, but also in the challenging and stimulating role of Challenger of Record in the next edition of the America's Cup alongside Patrizio Bertelli's Luna Rossa Team.

"The return of Rambler 88 to the Palermo-Montecarlo is fantastic news and the confirmation that two years ago, George David and his crew have lived a wonderful experience in our land and in our sea", said Randazzo after learning of the participation of the American Super Maxi from Silvio Arrivabene. "We are talking about one of the most important and winning yacht in the world, an innovative and fast hull that only having a look from the quayside gives you the creeps for how it looks powerful and at the cutting edge: I am very happy that George David has chosen again our regatta among the events of his season".

Launched at the beginning of 2015, designed by french-argentine Juan Kouyoumdjian, after more than two years on computers, test and construction work, Rambler 88 is a revolutionary monohull in many aspects, a full carbon concentrate that can also compete with larger boats, thanks to its aggressive and radical water lines, a giant sail plan (the mast is 41 meters high), a deep canting keel and daggerboards equipped with foils.

At the moment, besides the famous American yacht, other notorious boat have already confirmed their participation in the next Palermo-Montecarlo, starting from Carlo Puri Negri's Maxi Atalanta II, a 21-meter designed by Bruce Farr, object of a recent complete restyling by the Italian designer Umberto Felci, and Giacomo Gonzi's Comet 41s Prospettica, veteran of racing in the Tyrrhenian Sea that will be present also this year participating in reduced crew category (two people).

The start of the next Palermo-Montecarlo is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 (Saturday 18 the opening of the secretariat) and the fleet, after leaving the Gulf of Mondello behind, will have to sail more than 500 miles until the finish line set off the Principality of Monaco (passing through a "gate" in front of Porto Cervo). In addition to the class prizes, two challenge trophies are in stake: the Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita Trophy, assigned to the first hull on the finish line in real time, and the Angelo Randazzo Trophy, to the winner in compensated time of the most numerous group between the two provided in the Notice of Race (ORC International and IRC).

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