



Circolo della Vela Sicilia



Yacht Club de Monaco

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- **10th Palermo – Montecarlo Anniversary: Lots of competitors and excellent names**
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At Circolo della Vela Sicilia competitors' registrations to the 10th edition of Palermo - Montecarlo offshore sailing Regatta 2014 continue.

Lately the fleet has exceeded 30 registered members, with the entry of **Blackbull**, J111 **Piero Platone** skipper (former navigator of Mini 650) that marks the return to Palermo – Montecarlo of the great sailor **Pietro D'Alì**, or **Mago Blu**, with Palermo Lega Navale Italiana flag, and Sandro Buzzi's Junoplano.

It is a relished return to Palermo - Montecarlo for this special boat, unusual shaped, present to lots of offshore sailing events and for its ship-owner and skipper: indeed, after the participation in the Regatta, many crews decide to take part in next competitions because of the quality of the organization which makes everyone feel part of this great event.

There is also **Riccardo Rosati's Rubens 37**, Trani LNI.

A worth watching Regatta is **Massimo Barranco's X-41 Extra 1**: this boat, running for **Vela del Sud** and **Club Nautico Gela**, participates with the defender role, after its 2013 victory overall in corrected time.

For the 10th anniversary of Palermo-Montecarlo Regatta, experts already estimates Extra 1 as one of the favourites among the competitors thanks to **Massimo Barranco** passion and, last but not least, the quality of its crews.

And it's not over: to the Mondello Regatta Sergio Fattaruolo, one of the most known Italian's navigator could be there with its Class 40 **Extreme Sail Academy** which is having a navigation season with too many miles giving onboard a crews of students of the Academy.

Circolo della Vela and **Yacht Club de Monaco** are sure that other registration requests will arrive just before competition, as usual. Especially one crew, coordinated by Alberto Miani, is coming from Montecarlo; Guido's father, 2013 winner in real time and recent winner of Melges 20 at Riva del Garda with a "secret" boat.

Key dates:

Palermo - Montecarlo 2014 10th anniversary starts on 21 August. The traditional warm up regatta is on the 19th.

The awards ceremony is on the 26th August at **Yacht Club de Monaco**.

In addition to the attention to the 10th anniversary edition, particular attention will be paid to the new Yacht Club de Monaco location where the Palermo – Montecarlo Ceremony takes place.

Trophies:

Up for grabs **Angelo Randazzo Trophy**, perpetual challenge, in honour of the Regatta's creator and President of Circolo della Vela from 1992 to 2008.

It will be for the winner in compensatory time in the most copious category (ORC or IRC);

Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita Trophy, in honour of Circolo della Vela's creator.

It will be for the first in real time in Montecarlo finishing line.

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Historical sponsors are confirmed: Luxottica with the brand **Oakley**, **Optissimo**, **Intesa Sanpaolo** and **Tasca d'Almerita** in addition to the new partner **Intermatica**, leader of the satellite communications. It will provide Geomat system and its web tracking Solution, to follow boats in real time during the regatta on the web site www.geomat.it.

Intermatica will provide to one of the boats taking part in the competition, according to the organizing club, a next generation satellite system to send pictures from board (videos and photos) and to enrich media products to follow regatta, even on the official website, www.palermo-montecarlo.it, where you can find Regatta announcement, its course and its application form.

One section is dedicated to the long history of the ten years Regatta, with its past editions' pictures (photos and videos).

The Media Partner Saily.it, leading portal and unique Italian sailing webtv, will take care of the production video-tv.

More news coming.

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