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-Palermo-Montecarlo 2015: towards another big edition of the race

-An “international” approach: the first members are from four different nations -The announced comeback of super-maxi Esimit Europa 2: on the radar “its” record

-Notice of competition and applications: start on 21 August 2015

-Confirmed the Palermo – Montecarlo race x2, two for crew

What is the secret of the race in the middle of Mediterranean summer? The organisers are working on that, and the 11th edition of the Palermo-Montecarlo race has already started: the Circolo della Vela Sicilia (the club that, with Luna Rossa, has set the challenge to the America's Cup) has received the first inscriptions: from France, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland. An International start that put this competition between the off-shore races most risen in recent years.

The spirit of the big sea adventure, along a route of 500 miles, technical and interesting, that cuts the Mediterranean in half, and joins two friends towns very involved in the event, it is what brings sailboats, sailors, champions and racers, navigators, and crews.

From the Gulf of Mondello to the mandatory gate in front of Porto Cervo, and then choose whether go through the Strait of Bonifacio, always breezy and pretty tough to cross, or sailing north leaving Corsica on the left, and after the Giraglia direct route for the Principality of Monaco.

The arrival at the Yacht Club de Monaco is another time loved by crews, because of the scenario and the assistance of the club that, from the last year, presents an elegant place entirely new, already considered the biggest yacht club of the world.

First members and the comeback of Esmit Europa 2

Seven month before the start of the race, already 4 sailboats representative of 4 nations! It is a good start. There are also: a Figaro that comes from the Société Nautique de Geneve, a yacht from the Club Nautico Siviglia, the Russian Gagarin, and the significant comeback of Prospettica, the Comet 41S that will run in couple, and for the fifth time. This last is a show of faith to the race that it is becoming catching.

However, the sailing attention to the Palermo-Montecarlo 2015 is shown especially by the announcement, arrived few days ago from the winner of the last 10 years in the big yachting: Esimit Europa 2 comes to Palermo to break its own record. The recent accolade assigned to the European team from the UN, for the value of communication between people and countries represented by this symbolic sailboat, makes its presence even more prestigious.



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Start on 21 August

The date of departure is confirmed from Mondello on 21 August. This date meets the needs of shipowners and crews engaged on a tight schedule with off-shore races, and this date seeks to involve super yachts in addition to the usual fleet of many cruiser-racers.

Palermo-Montecarlo x2: challenge as doubles

Another confirmation, launched on the occasion of tenth anniversary, is the opening of the race to crews in pairs: the Palermo-Montecarlo x2 indeed matches the will of a lot of ownerships.

Announcement, registration, photos, and video online on the race website

On the race website (www.palermo-montecarlo.it), addressed to ownerships, media, experts, and to the many fans and curious that follow the race live, it is already possible downloading the **Notice of Race** and find out the route, the first members and to know the long history, with images (photos and videos) and witness interviews of previous editions.

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