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- **Palermo – Montecarlo 2015: the number of members still improves to more than four months from the start**
- **The regatta included in the program for deep-sea sailing Ship-owner of Year**

The 2015 edition of the Palermo-Montecarlo, that is going to start on 21 August, promises once again one of the most important events of the sail summer, with important reasons to take part: from the spirit of the big sea adventure to the navigation technique, from the participation of important sailors and beautiful boats to the places involved, from the start in Mondello to the finishing line in the Principality of Monaco.

The flow of the first inscriptions has already started. It is a clear message since we have just under four months until the event.

In addition to the internationality characteristic (four nations already represented between the boats registered), the race brings beautiful and prepared boats, as well as important crews. Between the members, it stands out the boat of the Soci t  Nautique de Geneve (the club that won the America's Cup with the Alinghi's Team). It is Ville de Geneve Carrefour Addictions, an M34, the monotype that, in 2014, took part to the Tour de France   la Voile. It is a fast craft of 10,34, built by Archambault to the design of Joubert, Nivelt, and Mercier. It will be very interesting see it at work in one of the "long" most fascinating of the Italian calendar. From France instead comes Twinl, a very fast Sun Fast 3600, belonging to the skipper Franck Loubaresse.

Then the Yacht Club de Monaco, race co-organiser, is preparing itself to the best with a crew that includes the young sailors of the club, and other distinguished boats.

As always there is a huge buzz in the Sicilian fleet, and in that one of Palermo, in particular: pretty all sailing clubs are thinking of the participation to the great offshore sailing, with competitive boats and crews. In this competitions they stand out the Lega Navale Italiana of Palermo Centro, the Velaclub Palermo, and Soci t  Canottieri Palermo, while from Gela it comes the interest confirmation of the team Vela del Sud of the shipowner Massimo Barranco.



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Many shipowners, moreover, are waiting for the performance of the first steps of the Offshore Italian Championship, in order to put in the calendar the Palermo – Montecarlo: the regatta of the Circolo della Vela Sicilia, indeed, has the highest coefficient, so it gives “heavy” points in the race for the tricolour title. For this reason the boats of classification do not want miss to the appointment. A perfect example is that one of the Comet 41S Prospettica of Giacomo Gonzi, that aims to the Offshore Italian title in the double version.

SHIPOWNER OF THE YEAR ALSO INVOLVES THE PALERMO-MONTECARLO

L'UVAI - Unione della Vela d'Altura Italiana - the shipowner association, every year organises the prestigious trophy Shipowner of Year, based on a circuit of the most important yacht races. From this year the Palermo – Montecarlo 2015 has been included in the timetable of the events UVAI that contributes to establish the list of the Shipowner of Year.

Partner of the event is Lombardini Marine that has decided to support UVAI in the lengthy debate between shipowners. Like every year, the award will be held in Genoa to the Genoa International Boat Show.

The circuit for Shipowner of Year goes with the Offshore Italian Championship FIV. For the Palermo-Montecarlo, in its 11th edition, it is yet another formal recognition that demonstrates its continued growth, and the attention of sailors and deep-sea sailing institutions.

During next weeks some other news regarding the regatta, will be communicated: updates on participants and boats and important sailors who take part, as well as on Palermo-Montecarlo 2015 partners.

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

On the race website (www.palermo-montecarlo.it), addressed to shipowners, media, experts, and to many fans and curious who follow the race live, it is already possible downloading the **Race Notice**, and find out the route, the first members, to know the long history, images (photos and video) of previous editions: www.palermo-montecarlo.it. The Palermo-Montecarlo is a community, follow us on Facebook:

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