



PRESS RELEASE March 21, 2014

- **Italian Offshore Sailing Championship: Presentation of the three Sicilian stops.**
- **10th Palermo-Montecarlo, 130 Miles and Cyclopes Route.**
- **Circolo della Vela Sicilia presents the news of the 10th Palermo-Montecarlo 2014**
- **Start August 21 , and birth of Palermo-Montecarlo for 2 (in pairs)**

A spring-like evening at the headquarter of Circolo della Vela Sicilia in Mondello was the setting for the presentation of the three Sicilian races included in the circuit of the Italian Offshore Sailing Championship in 2014: Palermo-Montecarlo in August (coefficient 2.5), reaching its tenth edition this year, the 130 Miles race in April (coefficient 1.5), and the Cyclopes Route in June (coefficient 1).

The President of Circolo della Vela Sicilia Agostino Randazzo said: *"The fact that there are three Sicilians events in the circuit that assigns the title of the Italian offshore sailing champion is a proof of good work done by our clubs and of the high level of sailing in Palermo and in Sicily."*

PALERMO-MONTECARLO, THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

"In the nine editions held so far since 2005, over 300 boats and 3,000 sailors participated in the race, with many big names in the world of sailing, confirming Palermo-Montecarlo as a true celebration of sea" – said president Randazzo – We consider celebrating the tenth anniversary edition a success for our club, which organizes the race together with the Yacht Club de Monaco and since last year also in cooperation with the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, but it's also a great opportunity and a showcase for the city of Palermo.

START ON AUGUST 21st

One of the news in the tenth edition is the new start date, postponed for a few day with respect to the tradition: the 10th Palermo-Montecarlo will start on Thursday, August 21st . This change was designed to meet the needs of owners and crews engaged in the busy schedule of the great offshore sailing , and aiming at involving large yachts, in addition to the usual cruiser-racer fleet.

BIRTH OF PALERMO-MONTECARLO FOR 2, IN PAIRS

Another innovation of this anniversary, which reflects a clear trend in offshore sailing recently, is the opening of the race to paired-up crews, Palermo-Montecarlo for 2, upon request of many sailors seeking opportunity to measure up against a new challenge.

There are many ship owners and sailors, professionals or amateurs, enthusiasts or specialized in navigation in two.

The organizing committee seized immediately the opportunity to create this technical pearl that further enriches the value of the event.

EVENT WITHIN THE EVENT: THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE YACHT CLUB DE MONACO

The dock that will accommodate the arriving yachts, the accompanying activities, the media, the sponsors and the award ceremony gala of the 10th Palermo-Montecarlo race, will be the long-awaited new headquarters of the Yacht Club de Monaco. A symbol construction, a real yachting temple, designed by the star architect Sir Norman Foster.

TROPHIES AND SPONSORS

Trofeo Angelo Randazzo, a perpetual challenge, in honor of the inventor of the race and the President of Circolo della Vela Sicilia from 1992 to 2008, will be awarded to the elapsed-time winner yacht in the category with the largest number of participants (ORC or IRC).

Trofeo Giuseppe Tasca d' Almerita, established in honor of the founder of Circolo della Vela Sicilia, will be awarded to the first-arriving yacht in real time at the finish line in Montecarlo.

Confirmed sponsors and key partners, while others are preparing to step on board are Luxottica with Oakley brand, Optissimo, Intesa Sanpaolo and Tasca D' Almerita.

THE NEW SITE, THE NOTICE OF RACE ONLINE, THE FIRST ENTRIES

New and improved website of the race is online starting today, www.palermo-montecarlo.it, redesigned to meet the growing needs of owners, the media, industry insiders and numerous fans and onlookers who follow the race live.

You can already find the Notice of Race online as well as the new logo, the route, the long history, the testimonies and media (photos and videos) from previous editions.

SAILY.IT IS THE OFFICIAL EVENT TV CHANNEL

The partnership with Saily.it TV channel has been confirmed and once again it will be the official channel of 10th Palermo-Montecarlo race, which will offer you reports and interviews from the dock and on the events before the race, live broadcast of the start in Mondello and the arrival in Montecarlo, images onboard. Taking part in the race will offer great visibility. In addition to the broadcasts on the official website and thanks to the coverage by Saily.it, reruns on Repubblica.it, you will also be able to follow Palermo-Montecarlo race through tracking online indicating the exact location of the boats in real time.

www.palermo-montecarlo.it

130 MILES - EOLIAN SAILING WEEK

One hundred and thirty miles, trial of the Italian 2014 Offshore Championship.

Centro Universitario Sportivo di Palermo is in charge of the organization. The race starts on April 25th and leads the fleet towards the Eolian Sailing Week, a crowded buoy festival the following week. The route will be slightly varied with respect to last year's and stretched up to Stromboli, so that those who should sail from dusk till dawn can witness something unique and unforgettable.

The strongest teams in Italy will be racing in order to score important points in the final chart.

Julies et Jim, Zenhea Takesha last year's winner, Paluck will encounter significant challenges on their way: Friulian Massimo De Campo's multiple-winner Dehler 44 Selene, and Beppe Fornich's Grand Soleil Sagola, the latter being the winner of the Middle Sea Race in 2013 in its category.

List of participants and information available on www.eoliansailingweek.it

THE NEWS OF THE CYCLOPES ROUTE

Another Italian Offshore trial, the **Cyclopes Route** is organized by **Circolo Velico Santa Venere from June 27th to 29th**, with the logistical support of the **VI Zona Federvela** and **CUS Palermo**.

No need to point out the beauty of Tropea and Vibo. The satellite tracking will make it possible to follow your opponents on a route that starts from **Vibo Marina**, passes between the **Aeolian islands** and ends in **Tropea**.

Passing by Stromboli was also favoured in this race.

The organization will take care of transferring the equipment left at the dock from one port to another.

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Once again the challenging opponent to beat in this race will be the First 34.7 boat **Julies et Jim** skippered by Jimmy Brucato, who will be counting on **North Sails** crews coordinated by **Giuseppe "Paletta" Leonardi**.

This ship will however have to watch out for the experience and the knowledge of these two ships: Rosa Ferrone's Comet 45 **Damanhur** and Francesco Focarelli's First 31 **Baronesa**, a boat which was specially designed for offshore racing.