



Circolo della Vela Sicilia



Yacht Club de Monaco

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- **Welcome on board of: 10<sup>th</sup> Palermo-Montecarlo 2014**
- **The classic of Mediterranean offshore races is 10 years old and is celebrating with many new features.**
- **The Start will be on 21 August and a new challenge is on: the "Palermo- Montecarlo X 2"**
- **The welcome after finishing and the prize giving ceremony at the Clubhouse of Yacht Club de Monaco.**

Ten years and not feel. The desire to grow with a passion for offshore sailing of the more than 300 boats and 3,000 sailors who took part and who accompanied us in the nine editions held so far since 2005. Welcome to the 10th Palermo-Montecarlo, anniversary edition: a celebration of the sea to live in so many and together, in the middle of next summer, with many new features.

**START ON 21 AUGUST**

The date of start from Palermo is moved forward with respect to the tradition: the 10th Palermo-Montecarlo take it off on **Thursday August 21**. A change designed to meet the needs of owners and crews engaged in the busy schedule of the great offshore sailing, and that aims to involve super yachts, in addition to the usual fleet of many cruiser-racer.

The Race Director Alfredo Ricci recalls in detail the course of the race: "The starting signal, weather permitting, will be given at 12.00 on August 21 in the Gulf of Mondello in front of the Circolo della Vela Sicilia. The yachts will sail towards the flying gate of Porto Cervo, confirmed for this 10th edition. Through the gate, competitors may decide to leave Corsica to port or starboard and head towards the finish in Monaco. "

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### **PALERMO-MONTECARLO X 2: A NEW CHALLENGE**

Another novelty of the tenth anniversary is the opening of the race at **X 2 crews**, born the “**Palermo-Montecarlo X 2**”, by the request of many owners to be able to measure in a new challenge. The organizing committee immediately seized the opportunity to create this trophy which further enhances the value of the event.

### **FINISH IN MONTECARLO**

The finishing line in front of Port Hercule in the Principality of Monaco, already very spectacular, is enriched with expectations and prestige: the scenario of the quayside that will moor yachts coming in, the collateral activities, the media, the sponsors and the evening of the award ceremony of the 10th Palermo-Montecarlo, will be that of the new Clubhouse of the Yacht Club de Monaco. A symbol-building, a cathedral of yachting, designed dall'archistar Sir Norman Foster, who will be inaugurated shortly before the race.

### **TROPHIES**

The **Trophy Angelo Randazzo**, perpetual challenge, in honor of the inventor of the race and President of the Circolo della Vela Sicilia (1992-2008), will be awarded to the yacht winner in corrected time in the largest category (ORC or IRC).

The Trophy **Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita'**, established in honor of the founder of the Circolo della Vela Sicilia, will be awarded to the first yacht crossing the finishing line in Montecarlo in elapsed time.

### **THE ROAD-MAP OF TENTH EDITION**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Palermo-Montecarlo starts today, with the launch of the new website of the regatta, [www.palermo-montecarlo.it](http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it) completely redesigned to meet the growing needs of owners, the media, industry insiders and fans and the many curious that follow the race live. As a more

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modern and crisp in which you can already find the **Pre-Notice of Race**, the new logo, the path, the long history, the testimonies and images (photos and video) of previous editions.

During the year, moreover, the regatta will be presented to the media on several occasions, and the world of sailing through promotions in major national and international regattas.

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