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- **Palermo-Montecarlo 2016: news and confirmations for the Regatta's**
- **The synergies among the many appointments with offshore sailing in Palermo and surroundings**
- **Notice of race and online application on the new web-site**

Who has at least once experienced the Palermo-Montecarlo Regatta, keeps the memory of an all-inclusive event: sea adventures, naturalistic sceneries, fair competition, organization and hospitality. For those who have never taken part in such an event, the 2016 Palermo-Montecarlo edition will be your great opportunity. We tell you why.

XII Palermo-Montecarlo Regatta by Circolo della Vela Sicilia, great classic of the offshore sailing competitions, will start again this year on August 21st, to end up with the award ceremony in as stunning a setting as the Yacht Club de Monaco. The agenda includes several appointments with offshore sailing in Palermo and its surroundings, which will culminate in the ORC Italian Championship from the 26th to the 30th of July. But first, from 1st to 3rd of July, the 5 Lighthouses Regatta will take place, from Palermo to Ustica and Egadi islands and back to Palermo again, which is included in the Italian Offshore Championship (of which the Palermo-Montecarlo is the main part, with the most significant coefficient). Even before, the Basso Tirreno Ionio and Cefalù National Championship will take place from the 2nd to the 5th of June.

Special conditions will be reserved to the competitors taking part in more competitions: it will be possible to leave the boat, to be ready at the start of the Palermo-Montecarlo.

2016 Palermo-Montecarlo XII Edition is also part of the International Maxi Association agenda, therefore it is very likely to see competing more than one of the Maxis, so that Esimit Europa 2's record of 47 hours, 46 minutes e 48 seconds could be in discussion.

Class 950, that is developing more and more, is a new-entry in the circuit.

Palermo-Montecarlo x 2, for crew in double, has been confirmed, as well.

Again this year, the presence of a "media crew member" on board is encouraged, in order to provide live images during the navigation.

On these basis, the Organization is expecting another edition with record of participants and enthusiasm. Alvarosky, of the owner Francesco Siculiana, president of the UVAI, the association of offshore yachts owners, has been the first enrolled competitor in this 2016 Palermo-Montecarlo.

The Notice of Race and the application form are already available on the Regatta web site: www.palermo-montecarlo.it