



## **PRESS RELEASE N. 2 – May 19, 2016**

- **2016 Palermo-Montecarlo: download the video-teaser about the summer regatta-adventure**
- **18 the enrolled competitors so far, the first Maxi is British, lots of Class 950, boom of x2**
- **The Palermo-Montecarlo will be decisive for 2016 Offshore Italian Championship**
- **Notice of race and online application on the web-site, with the story of the event**

At about three months to the 2016 Palermo-Montecarlo, now at its twelfth edition starting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> right in front of the Gulf of Mondello, a video-teaser remembers all the keys of success of one of the most important sailing events of Mediterranean summer.

The one-minute long video, is available on the web site [www.palermo-montecarlo.it](http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it), on the regatta's Facebook page, and it is also available for download at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-ghRMpAu4RhVTh3RzI4SHIBT00>

**ENROLLED TOWARDS A NEW RECORD** – The competitors enrolled in the 2016 Palermo-Montecarlo are 18 so far, last of which is also the first of the awaited Maxis (also for the inclusion of the regatta in the IMA's agenda, International Maxi Association), the British La Bete, a 28 meters Reichel-Pugh with the skipper Warren Fitzgerald, boat captain of the trimaran Hydroptere author of several sailing velocity records.

Many Class 950, new entry of this year Italian offshore sailing season, have already enrolled. Many applications are being awaited after the next stages of the offshore circuit, from the 151 Miles to the Rolex Giraglia: this year the Palermo-Montecarlo has, indeed, the highest score coefficient for the Italian Offshore Championship FIV. The best boats and the most efficient crews will compete along the 500 miles between Sicily and the Principality. The challenge will involve the crew in double: 5 have already enrolled for the x2 version of the Regatta.

On the web site a boom of requests for boarding from sailors available to take part in the regatta: as many as 43 contacts have been published (in the menu "Useful Info"), as testimony of the interest in the regatta.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR DOCKING IN PALERMO** – Confirmed the advantages for the contenders thanks to the synergies among the several appointments of offshore sailing in Palermo and surrounding. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, the Basso Tirreno Ionio and Cefalù National Championship will take place. Then, from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, is the turn of the 5 Lighthouses Regatta, from Palermo to Ustica and Egadi islands and back to Palermo again, in turn included in the Offshore Italian Championship. Finally, the Absolute Italian Championship will be held in Palermo, from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, at the end of which it will be possible to leave the boats to be ready at the start of the Palermo-Montecarlo.

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