



MONACO GLOBE SERIES IN PALERMO: THE MONACO YACHT CLUB ANNOUNCED THAT THE CIRCOLO DELLA VELA SICILIA, AMONG THE SIGNATORIES OF THE CHARTA SMERALDA TO PROTECT THE OCEANS, WILL MANAGE ONE OF THE KEY PASSAGES OF THE IMOCA 60 RACE.

Palermo, 2 March 2018 - The Circolo della Vela Sicilia and Palermo confirmed to stay at the top of international sailing, after the announcement that the Sicilian capital will be one of the key passages on the race course of the Monaco Globe Series. The regatta has been officially presented on Tuesday in Monte Carlo, at the Yacht Club de Monaco, the event is opened to the IMOCA 60 class, the super technological ocean racers used for the Vendée Globe Challenge, the solo race around the world without stopover and assistance that will be held in November 2020. Scheduled between June 1 and 8, the Monaco Globe Series race course represents 1300 miles of sailing, starting and ending in Montecarlo, with passages in Sardinia (Bonifacio Strait), Sicily (Palermo) and Balearic Islands, a regatta open to double crews that should attract at least ten IMOCA 60, a show that has never seen before in the Mediterranean.

Challenger of Record of the 36th America's Cup alongside Luna Rossa Team, the Circolo della Vela Sicilia chaired by Agostino Randazzo will manage the organization of the passage of the IMOCA 60 in the Gulf of Mondello, scheduled between 3 and 4 June, thanks to the solid relationship of friendship and close collaboration established with the club from Monaco around the Palermo-Montecarlo, the famous offshore regatta created by the CVS, which starts on Tuesday August 21 this year with the first yachts already registered.

"I am very happy that the Yacht Club de Monaco has decided to make the Monaco Globe Series passing by Palermo, because it is one of the most important events of the international racing season. Thanks to the club and his General Secretary, Bernard D'Alessandri, with whom we have ever more solid relationships born and grown with the common organization of the Palermo-Montecarlo, thanks to have chosen our magnificent city for this event and the Circolo della Vela Sicilia for the management of this important passage of the regatta", declared Agostino Randazzo at the end of the presentation in Monaco. "It will be really spectacular to be able to see the IMOCA 60 in action in the Gulf of Mondello, starting from Malizia of our friend Pierre Casiraghi, already main protagonist in the Palermo-Montecarlo, also because these boats usually sail in ocean, so it's difficult to admire this fleet live in Italian waters".

Waiting for the racing season to come alive, yesterday the President Agostino Randazzo was among the signatories of the Charta Smeralda, on the occasion of the presentation of the One Ocean Foundation and the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda 2018 sports calendar which took place in Milan, at the Franco Parenti Theater. The Circolo della Vela Sicilia has immediately joined enthusiastically the Charta Smeralda project, among the signatories there are also Patrizio Bertelli, the Luna Rossa Team with the skipper Max Sirena and the Challenger of Record 36 with the CEO Laurent Esquier. The Charta is a code of ethics to share principles and actions in order to protect the seas. It is an official document that, once identified the main problems affecting the oceans, lists 20 basic principles (8 are addressed to organizations and companies, 12 to individual citizens) encouraging signatories to make concrete commitments to reduce pollution of the seas and put in place all the best possible practices to protect them. "It is a concrete step to save our seas, to which we adhere with pleasure, convinced that each of us, in his small way, must do necessarily something to change the course taken over the years", said Randazzo. "The sea is the thermometer of our society, we can not pretend that it is not suffering, we must commit ourselves, everyone, to change things and this first step of the friends from the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, goes right towards this direction".

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