



AEGEAN 600

4-10 July 2021

A 600nm Race in the Aegean Sea

**A sailing race
that touches myth**





Hellenic Offshore Racing Club

The Hellenic Offshore Racing Club (H.O.R.C.) is pleased to announce the organization of the "AEGEAN 600", a non-stop race of 600 nm in the Aegean Sea, giving the opportunity to all participants to sail in the sea which is considered to be the cradle of the western civilization.

It's due to these deep roots of life on the sea that Greece has a rich maritime heritage in general and a robust sailboat racing culture in particular. As part of this, HORC has been organising races and regattas for nearly 60 years, including important offshore events such as the annual Aegean Rally (now in its 58th edition) and top-level international regattas such as the 1/2 ton, 1/4 ton, 3/4 ton World Championships in the 1980s, the 2006 TP52 MedCup Athens Trophy, the 2008 ORCI World Championship and many other international events in various categories of Offshore Racing.

AEGEAN 600 will be sailed from 4 to 10 July 2021. Xenios Zeus, the ancient Greek god of hospitality promises to provide to all crews exceptional hospitality and an exciting race.

We look forward to host you in Greece in July 2021 in the first edition of AEGEAN 600.

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Why AEGEAN 600?

AEGEAN 600 bears the name of the Aegean Sea. The sea that Homer praised. A sea where every mile can offer you different emotions. In this sea the participants of this event organized by Hellenic Offshore Racing Club, will sail on **4th July 2021**. An exciting race in the primordial sea with **600 miles of non-stop sailing**.

Olympic Marine

The marina that will host the boats is situated in Sounio, Athens, Greece and operates on international standards, having always in mind convenience and comfortable stay and at the same time highest awareness for the environment.

Facilities of participating boats in AEGEAN 600 include:

- 7 days free berthing before the Start of Aegean 600 and 2 days after the race
- Free storage
- Free parking

Olympic Marine facts:

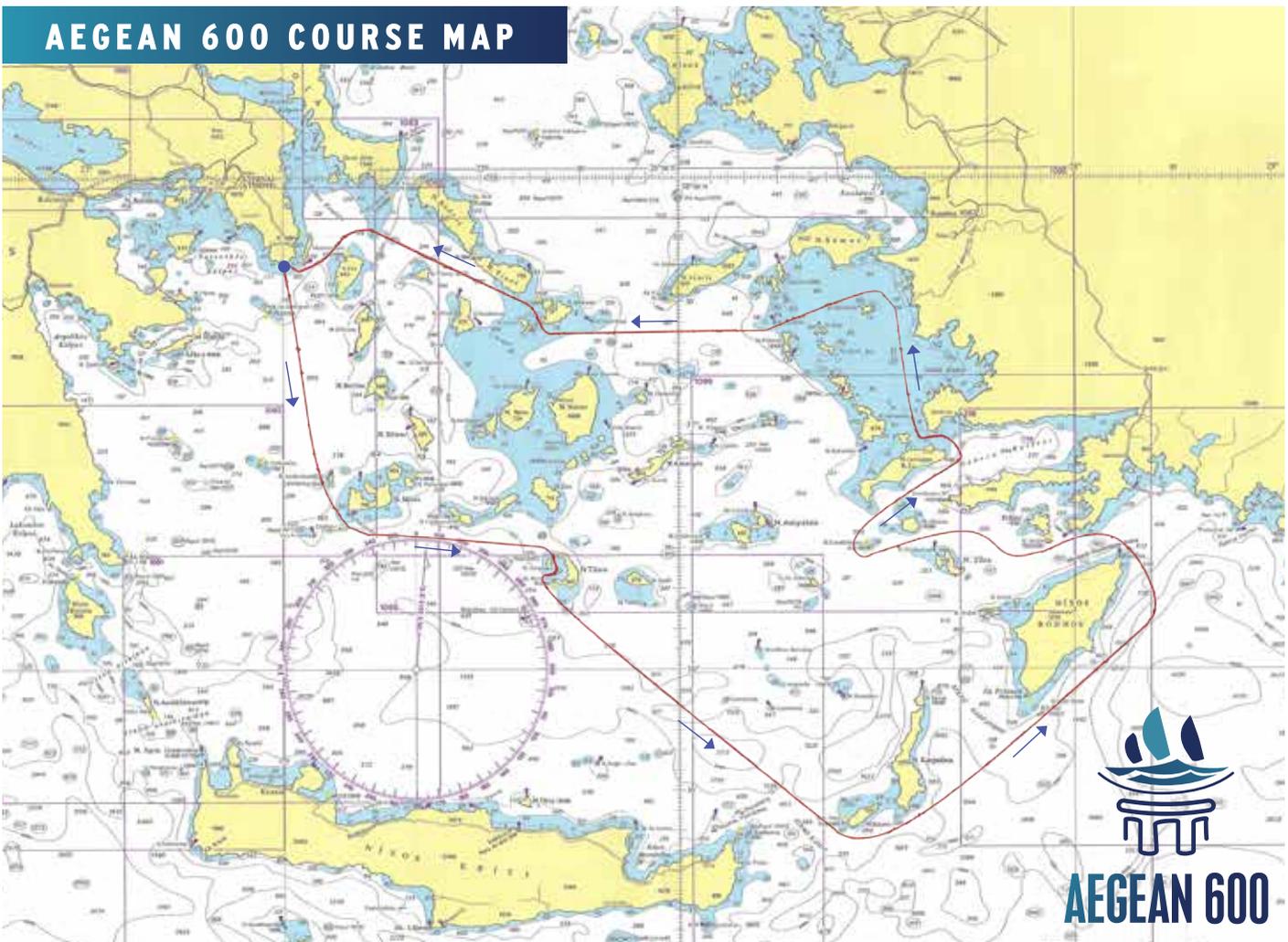
- 30 min drive from Athens International Airport
- 4nm from the start and finish line of the Aegean 600
- dry dock and full maintenance facilities (max beam 9m, travel lift of up to 200t)

- Restaurant, sanitaires, parking
- 24/7 surveillance and docking assistance
- Availability for seasonal and year round berthing

Marina is rewarded with the "Blue Flag" since 2000 and ISO 9001: 2015.



AEGEAN 600 COURSE MAP



This new offshore racing event presents a significant sailing challenge as well as a unique opportunity to sail non-stop in one of the most **windy, versatile and beautiful sailing venues of the world**. This will be a demanding route where boats will sail **200nm downwind, 200 upwind zig-zagging** through the Dodecanese and a last, rewarding **reaching leg to the finish line** off Cape Sounion. Technical highlights of the race include among others sailing through the Santorini Caldera, 70nm in the Sea of Karpathos and Rhodes, passing through Kos strait as well as the five nautical mile Delos-Mykonos channel, where tough upwind work is expected.

Registration and festivities for the Aegean 600 begin a week in advance on 27 June, with the opening of free berthing and a race village at **Olympic Marine**, a full-service marina facility in Lavrio that is only a 30-minute drive from the international airport in Athens. During this **pre-race period tours of famous sites** such as the **Acropolis Museum**, the **Parthenon** and the **Temple of Poseidon** are available as well as parties and receptions affiliated with the event.

This is a race **designed by sailors for sailors**, and those who will take part in it will have the opportunity to compete on a famous and very interesting course starting on 4 July from Homer's sanctuary, in front of the columns of Poseidon's temple at **Cape Sounion**. With the wishes of this mythical god of the sea the fleet will encounter a wide variety of sailing conditions, starting first with their sail for **Milos**, the home of the Venus de Milo and the prize of the Louvre de Paris. Surrounded by Cycladic white, they will then reach the scenic Caldera of **Santorini**, where the white of the houses blends with the volcanic rock creating unique contrasts and images.

Sailing on to the southernmost island of the Aegean Sea, **Kassos**, the fleet will leave **Karpathos** – the isle of Athena's birth and the residence of Prometheus – to port before turning north towards the Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights in **Rhodes**. The course then continues north to the scenic island of **Kos**, home to the father of medicine Hip-

pocrates, and **Kalymnos**, the island of sponge divers, while on the way they will see many beautiful small islands, each with its own history.

The fleet will next sail to the colourful islands of **Pharmakonisi** and **Agathonisi**, and will continue to **Patmos**, the island of St John and the Cave of the Apocalypse. Then sailors will cross the Icarian Sea, where legend says Icarus fell from the sky, and head to cosmopolitan **Mykonos** and **Delos**, the birthplace of Apollo and holy sanctuary for the ancient Greeks. The last islands of the route will be **Gyaros** and **Kea**, and in the final leg the fleet will see the Temple of Poseidon which marks the end of this race and their sailing adventure.

The **Aegean 600 Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall IRC winner, the **Poseidon Trophy** will be awarded to the Overall ORC winner and the **Aegean Blue Trophy** will be awarded to the first monohull to finish the race and set the course time record for this first edition of the race. The **Greek Tourism Trophy** will be awarded to the first foreign boat to finish the race. The **Cape Sounio Trophy** will be awarded to the first Greek entry to finish the race with the majority of crew being Greek. The **Thisseas Story Trophy** will be awarded to the Double Handed class winner. The **Aegean Sun Trophy** will be awarded to the first ORC Greek winner. The **Aegean Magic Trophy** will be awarded to the Multihull winner. The **X-Yachts Cup Trophy** will be awarded only to boats built by X-Yachts. Prizes will be awarded to the Classes winners as stated in the NoR. Online tracking will allow those not participating to monitor the progress of the fleet as they make this inaugural journey through the Aegean's clear blue seas on a tour of ancient Greece.

The event is under the auspices of numerous institutional support bodies while the sporting program is enriched by numerous activities and events. Official charter yachts are available to race the Aegean 600 from two local suppliers: the **X-Yachting Sailing Centre** and **fastsailing.gr**, both based in Lavrio, near Athens.

More information and online registration at www.aegean600.com



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