

## The IMA Mediterranean Maxi OFFSHORE Challenge (2022-2023)

Comprising the 7 Med's most prestigious offshore races, the IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge aims to promote and boost Maxi yacht competition offshore in the Mediterranean.

Organised by the International Maxi Association, the 2022-2023 IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge will comprise 7 events, the best 3 counting towards the main prize.

## 2022-23 Circuit:

**Rolex Middle Sea Race 2022**, starting on 22 October 2022: Valletta, Malta to Valletta anticlockwise around Sicily via the Strait of Messina, Stromboli, Favignana, Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

Distance: 608 miles.

Organiser: Royal Malta Yacht Club. www.rolexmiddlesearace.com

La Larga – the offshore race of PalmaVela, established in 2021 as the preliminary offshore race to PalmaVela event. Starting on April 30 in 2023, it consists of 2 offshore courses (one of 225 nm: Palma-Dragonera-Ibiza and Formentera-Cabrera-Palma) and one of 165 nm (Palma-Dragonera-

Tagomago-Cabrera-Palma)

Organiser: Real Club Nautico Palma

www.palmavela.com

Tre Golfi offshore race, starting on 12 May 2023: Naples to Capri, via Ponza and Li Galli (Italy).

Distance: 170 miles.

Organiser: Circolo del Remo e Vela Italia with Yacht Club Italiano.

www.tregolfisailingweek.com

**151 Miglia-Trofeo Cetilar,** starting on 1 June 2023 from Livorno, Italy.

Race course: Livorno to Punta Ala via Giraglia rock and Formiche di Grosseto.

Distance: 151 miles.

Organiser: Yacht Club Punta Ala, Yacht Club Livorno, Yacht Club Repubblica Marinara di Pisa.

www.151miglia.it

**Rolex Giraglia** (offshore race) starting on 15 June 2021: from Saint-Tropez to Monaco via Giraglia rock.

Distance: 241 miles.

Organiser: Yacht Club Italiano.

www.rolexgiraglia.com

**Aegean 600,** a 600 nm offshore race starting and finishing in Sounio, Greece.

Race course: Sounio - Milos island to port - Gate at Santorini Caldera - Kassos, Karpathos and Rhodos islands to port - Kandelousa to starboard - Kos to port, Kalolimnos to starboard, Farmakonissi, Agathonissi and Patmos islands to port - Gate at Mykonos and Dilos strait - Kea island to port. Start on July 7, 2023

Organiser: Hellenic Offshore Racing Club (HORC)

www.aegean600.com

**Palermo to Montecarlo Race,** starting on 22 August 2023: from Palermo, Sicily to Monaco via a YCCS gate off Porto Cervo. Distance: 450 miles.

Organiser: Circolo della Vela Sicilia with Yacht Club de Monaco and Yacht Club Costa Smeralda. www.palermo-montecarlo.it

- Only IMA members are eligible to the IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge;
- To be eligible for the annual MMOC trophy, yachts must compete in at least 3 of these
  events. If more than the minimum number of events required are sailed, the worst result
  will be discarded;
- A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Challenge at the end of the season, during the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup in Porto Cervo.

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