



Introducing the new IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge (2017-2018)

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

It is open to all maxi yachts, in addition to those belonging to IMA members.

Organised by the International Maxi Association (IMA), the body sanctioned by World Sailing to represent the Maxi classes, the 2018 IMA Mediterranean Maxi **Offshore Challenge will for the first time comprise five events, the best three counting towards the main prize:**

Rolex Middle Sea Race 2017: starting on 21 October 2017: (course: Valletta, Malta to Valletta, leaving Sicily, Stromboli, Pantelleria, Lampedusa to port. Distance: 608 miles. Organiser: Royal Malta Yacht Club www.rmyc.org)

Regata dei Tre Golfi 2018 starting on 11 May 2018: Naples, Italy to Capri, via Ponza and Li Galli. Distance: 170 miles. Organiser: CRV Italia www.crvitalia.it)

151 Miglia starting on 31 May 2018: Livorno, Italy to Punta Ala leaving Giraglia and Elba to port and Sparviero to starboard. Distance: 151 miles. Organiser: Yacht Club Punta Ala, Yacht Club Livorno, Yacht Club Repubblica Marinara di Pisa www.151miglia.it).

Giraglia Rolex Cup offshore race starting on 13 June 2018: from Saint Tropez to Genoa via Giraglia rock. Distance: 241 miles. Organiser: Yacht Club Italiano www.yci.it)

Palermo to Montecarlo Race, starting on 21 August 2018: from Palermo to Montecarlo. Distance: 450 miles. Organiser: Circolo della Vela Sicilia www.circolodellavela.it)

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