



ROLEX VOLCANO RACE 2012
ROLEX CAPRI SAILING WEEK

NOTICE OF RACE

Gaeta - Capri - Aeolian Islands - Capri
Friday, 18th - Saturday 26th May, 2012



ROLEX VOLCANO RACE

- One year ago -

....“Andres Soriano’s Mills 68 Alegre crossed the finish line of the inaugural Rolex Volcano Race on Thursday 26th May at 10h 18m 40s CEST. The finish has been set off the island of Alicudi, the most westerly of the Aeolian Islands...”

Alegre Line Honors - May 26, 2011

“..Technically it has been a tricky race with many difficult points and decisions to take, but it has been really enjoyable. The team has sailed well and everybody on board Alegre is very happy. It is a great group of sailors that Andres Soriano has put together. He has steered throughout his watch and was helming the boat as we crossed the finish line, as he did at the start.”

(Francesco De Angelis, tactician onboard Alegre)

Following the success of last year’ inaugural edition, the Rolex Volcano Race 2012 will take participants on a race through history.

Starting from Gaeta, a medieval town south of Rome, crews will race past the Pontine Islands and reach Capri completing the first leg of the event. After the stop-over in glamorous *Isola Azzurra*, the boats will race across the Tyrrhenian Sea and towards the Aeolian Islands - a volcanic archipelago named after the greek demi-god Aeolus – just north of Sicily. Stromboli, Vulcano and Alicudi, with their rocky aspects, are listed as Unesco World Heritage. The long distance race – more than 400 n.m. - will finish again in Capri, that overlooks the blue water of the Mediterranean, with Naples and Vesuvius looming in the distance.

This offshore course promises to be a veritable treat and contrast for the crews as they will glide past the glitterati chic of Capri, complete with its fascinating natural treasures, before passing islands that time forgot. Crossing the region of the eight Aeolian islands, the yachts will sail past volcanic formations that marry sparse populations and a wild, almost lost in time, natural fascination. It is very much a journey and fitting, therefore, that *L’Avventura* by Michelangelo Antonioni was filmed in these parts.

After negotiating potentially fickle and unfriendly winds and at least one long, gruelling night at sea, the crews will head gallantly back to a warm and passionate Caprese welcome.



Notice of Race



The Rolex Volcano Race 2012 is open to all Maxi Yachts with an LH of 60' and up.

ORGANISATION

The regatta will be organized by the International Maxi Association (IMA) in conjunction with the Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S. (YCG) and the Yacht Club Capri (YCC). The title sponsor of the Regatta is Rolex.

1 – RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012);
- the IMA Class rules 2012;
- The IMA Class Rule 2.4.3 is modified to remove the restriction on the number of sails that may be carried on board during the regatta. Boats are free to carry any number of sails during the races as long as they are declared on the sail inventory at registration.
- The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life raft compulsory

on board, but subject to the following amendment: jackstays are not required (amends. OSR 4.04)

- the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event but sails need to remain the same for each day. The day begins when the boat leaves the dock for the first time on the day.
- the Notice of Race;
- the Sailing Instructions;
- No National Authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), which will apply only to Italian nationals.

The official language for the regatta is English.

2 – ADVERTISING

The regatta is considered as a Category

“C”, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

3 – ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

The regatta is open to all the Maxi Boats as defined in the IMA Rules 2012, with a valid IRC rating certificate approved by the IMA Technical Office.

Entries shall be transmitted to the IMA Race Secretariat by filling the Entry Form for the event before March 31st, 2012.

4 – FEES

The entry Fee for IMA members is 1,000 Euros. The entry fee for non-IMA Members is 2,000 Euros. Fees should be transmitted by April 20th to:

BANQUE PRIVÉE
EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD S.A.
18, Rue De Hesse
CH 1204 GENEVA - SWITZERLAND
Account N°: 1 320 700



IMA - INTERNATIONAL MAXI ASSOCIATION
SWIFT N°: PRIBCHGG
IBAN N°: CH4608571320700010000
As "Object", please state the name of the boat.

5 - CONTROLS

Measurement controls and safety inspections will take place in Gaeta before the start, and in Capri after finishing.

6 – SCHEDULE

Friday May 18th

09:00-18:00 Registration, Measurement and Inspection

Saturday May 19th

09:00-12:00 Registration, Measurement and Inspection

12:30 Briefing
15:00 First Signal
Windward/Leward Race(s)

Sunday May 20th

11:00 Opening Ceremony
Presentation of the competitors

15:00 First Signal Leg One:
Gaeta-Ponza-Capri

Monday May 21st

Overnight in Capri

Tuesday May 22nd

12:00 First Signal Leg Two:
Capri-Stromboli-Volcano-
Alicudi-Capri

7 – MEASUREMENT

A valid 2012 IRC certificate shall be received by the IMA Technical Officer by Friday, 11th May, 17:00 GMT. A copy of the certificate shall be emailed to: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com

8 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration; a preliminary version may be available on the IMA website.

9 – VENUE

The regatta begins in Gaeta and ends in Capri, Italy.

10 – THE COURSES

10.1 There will be a day race(s) in the waters off of Gaeta on Saturday 19th May.

10.2 The course for the offshore race is in two legs. Leg One is from Gaeta to Capri of approximately 100 n.m. Leg

Two is from Capri around the three volcano islands north of Sicily of approximately 300 n.m.

Details of the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

11 – SCORING

There will be an overall IRC score for all the maxi fleet, and separate scoring for the IMA categories where there are at least four (4) competitors. The assignment of the entries to one or the other IMA category will be done by the IMA Technical Office with reference to IMA Racing Rules.

Each separate race will be scored. The final score will take into account the Windward/Leward race(s) in Gaeta and Leg One and Leg Two of the offshore course.

12 - MOORINGS

Moorings will be available, and free of charge, in Gaeta, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia from May 17th to the start of the race.

Possibilities exists to have also containers and vans in the same area.

At the overnight and finishing in Capri, Maxis may have mooring spaces in the

marina; mooring buoys will be also available in Marina Grande with complete services and assistance (refuelling, shuttle service, garbage, etc..)

The IMA will provide information on logistics for the transfer of luggage and equipment from Gaeta to Capri for boats that require it.

13 - RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on VHF channel 9, 16 and 72. For regatta communications, the Organizing Authority will request contact information of the boats during the distance races: cell phone, satellite phone, and email.

14 - TROPHIES AND PRIZES

There will be a perpetual Rolex Trophy and replica to the first boat on the finishing line. A trophy will be awarded to the best classified boat in IRC handicap.

IMA prizes for the winner, in corrected time, for each category where there are at least four (4) competitors.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the individual races (W/L; Leg One; Leg Two).

15 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or

to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility Rolex S.A., the Yacht Club Gaeta, Yacht Club Capri and the International Maxi Association and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

15.2 Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

15.3 In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Gaeta, the Yacht Club Capri, the International Maxi Association, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

15.4 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

16- INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

17 - MEDIA RIGHTS

17.1 Competitors grant Rolex S.A. and the Organizing Authority, including the International Maxi Association, the unrestricted right and permission to

use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

17.2 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

18 - TRACKING SYSTEM

The Organizing Authority will provide, free of charge, an automatic position reporting system which will be available on the IMA website for competitors and media.

19 – CONTACTS

IMA - International Maxi Association

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communications@internationalmaxiassociation.com

IMA Class Rules:

www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/rules_.php

ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3:

www.sailing.org/tools/documents/

OSR2010Mo3081209-%5B7985%5D.pdf



Social program

Saturday, May 19th

12.30

Briefing and meteo briefing -
Club Nautico Gaeta Clubhouse

20.30

Rolex & IMA Welcome Party - Gaeta

Sunday, May 20th

11:00

Event' Opening Ceremony,
Piazzale Caboto, Gaeta

- Italian Navy Band Concert

- Presentation of the competitors

Monday, May 21st

IMA Owners' Dinner - Anacapri

Thursday, May 22nd

10:00

Meteo briefing

Race Office at Regatta Village,
Marina Grande, Capri

Wednesday, May 23th

and Thursday, May 24th

Archeological and cultural tour
around Capri

Friday, May 25th

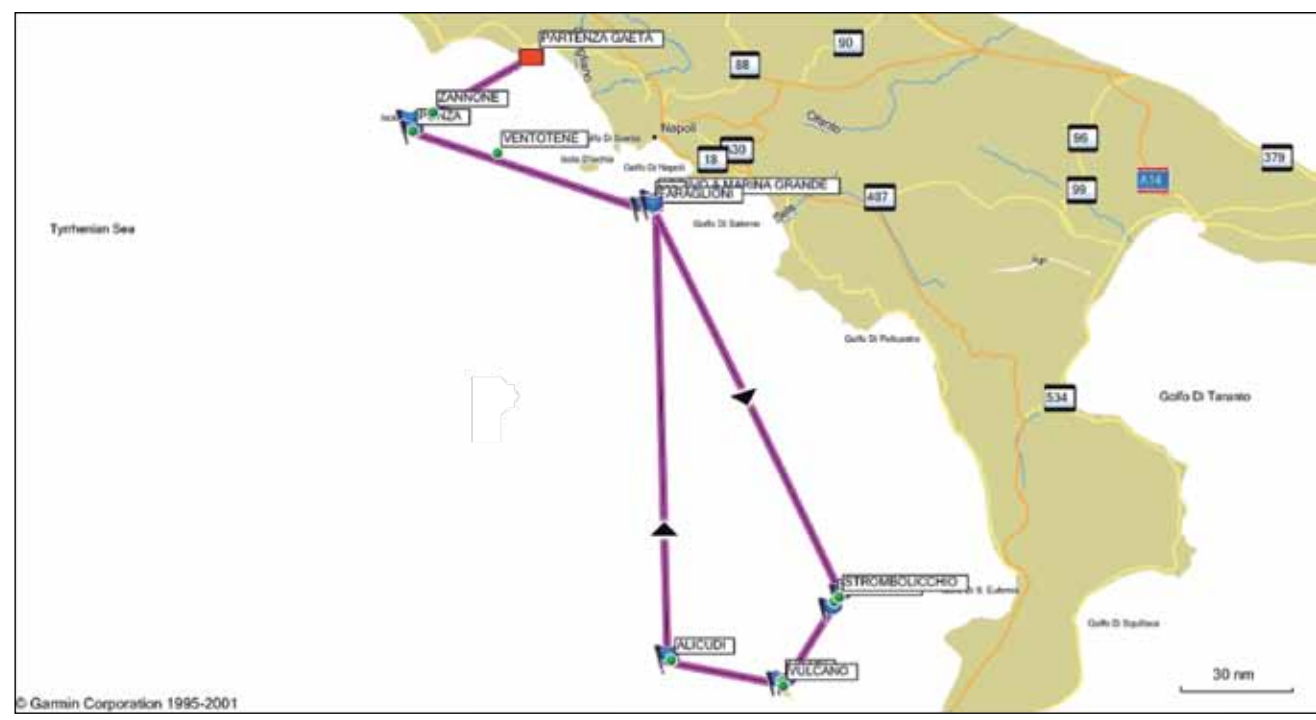
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Rolex Party at "La Canzone del Mare",
Marina Piccola, Capri

Saturday, May 26th

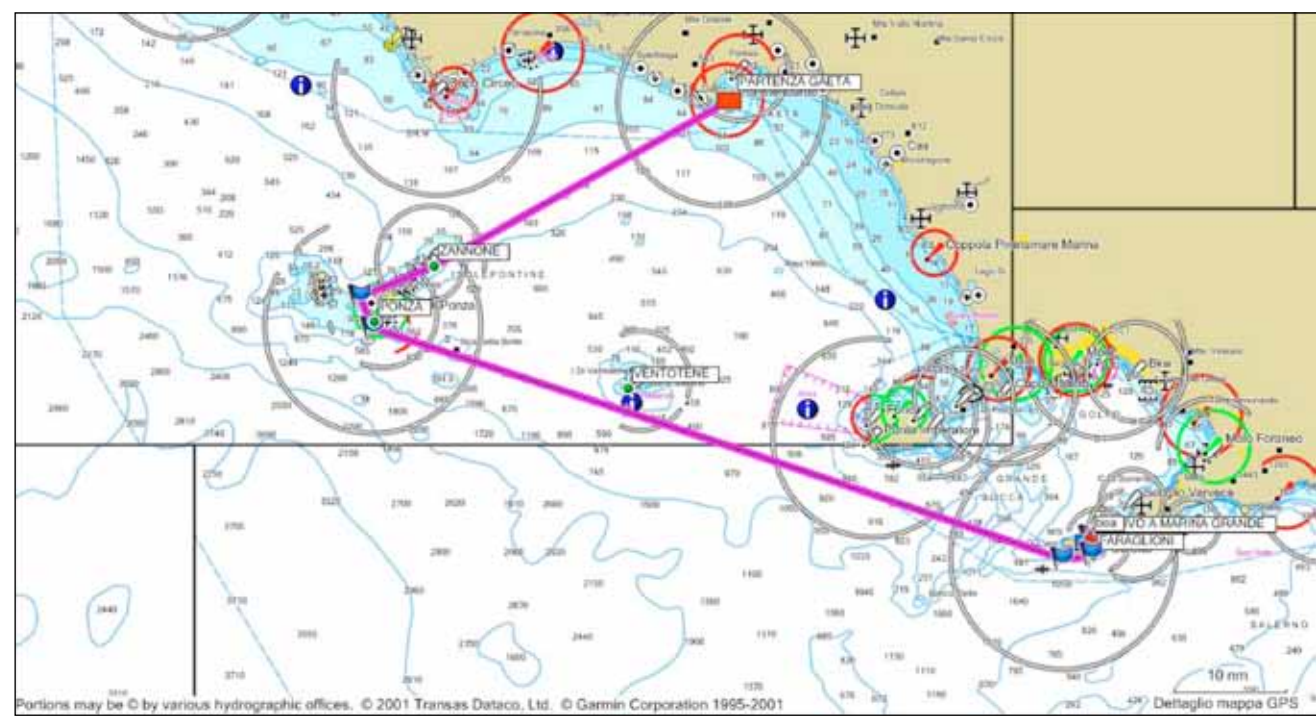
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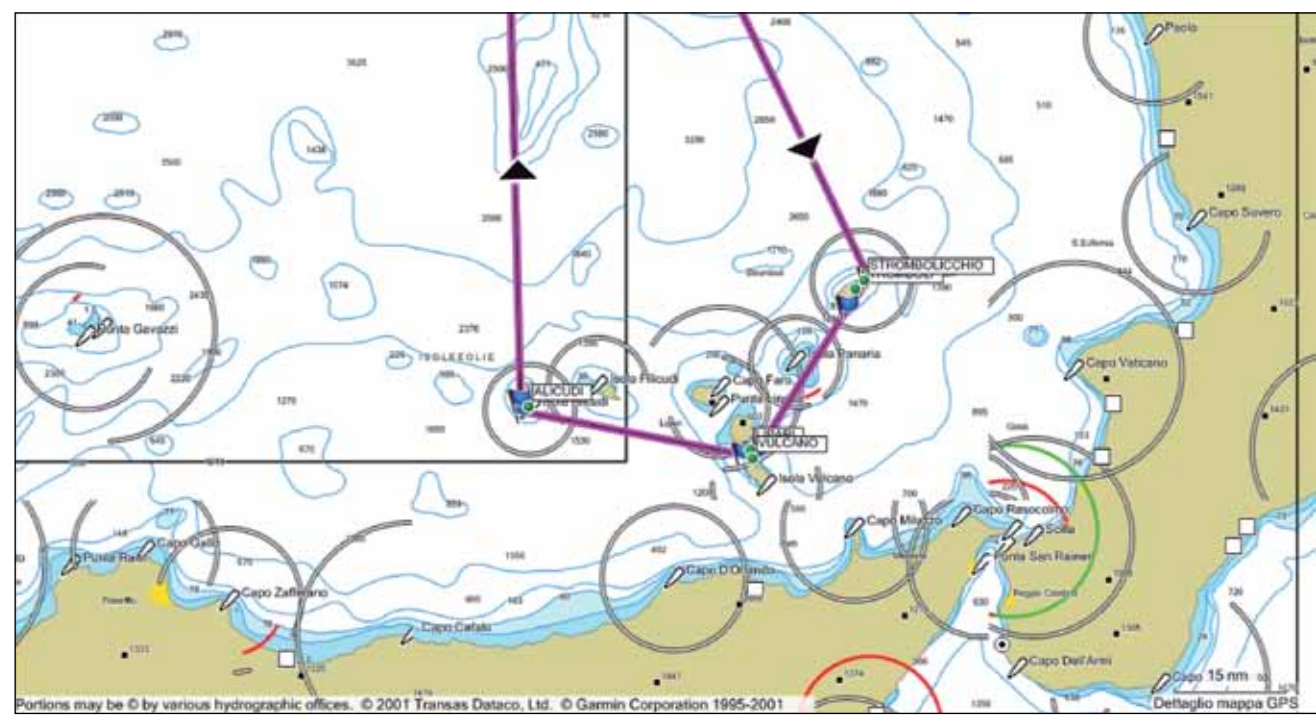
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Leg one: Gaeta to Capri



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Leg two: Capri - Volcano Islands - Capri



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GAETA

How to get to Gaeta

By plane

Nearest airport are:
Rome-Fiumicino and Naples.

By train

Nearest stop is the city of Formia
(10 minutes by taxi from Gaeta city centre)

Hotels

Official Accommodation Agency

"Agenzia Viaggi Preziosi"
Piazza Della Libertà, 14
04024 Gaeta (LT)
Tel. +39 0771 452324, 452719
e-mail: marina@viaggi Preziosi.it
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Rent a car

Europcar

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Via Appia, lato Napoli
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CAPRI

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An aerial photograph of the sailboat Grande Orazio, a white racing yacht with a large white sail and a blue stripe along the hull. The boat is moving through dark blue water, leaving a white wake. Several crew members in light blue shirts are visible on the deck, working on the rigging. A Rolex logo is visible on the hull near the bow.

“Approaching Stromboli,

it is a fantastic sight: onboard Grande Orazio we have good boat speed of about 7 knots and we can see Wild Joe, Edimetra and Stig, just ahead of us. It has been a very interesting and tactical race, with really beautiful scenery. The crew are all very happy and we often listen to music to keep up our spirits, especially ambient instrumentals, which helps our concentration”.

(Onboard Grande Orazio, just passed Stromboli, May 2011)

“At the moment

we are very happy with our performance. We can see DSK about three miles in front of us and quite a few spinnakers behind. Besides watching the fleet, we have also been visited by many dolphins, which are curious about what we are doing, my answer is: aRobas is having a fantastic time!”

(Gérard Logel, aRobas' owner)

“It was a pleasure for us

to take part in the Rolex Volcano Race 2011. It was a really beautiful race course and also the organization was perfect. All the crew included me enjoyed very much the dinners and the party in Gaeta and in Capri: both spots were amazing!! hope we can be there again next year, maybe...with a little more wind !!

(Martin Jozsa, Wild Joe owner)

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