



**ROLEX VOLCANO RACE 2011**

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
Gaeta - Aeolian Islands - Capri, Italy  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May



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The Rolex Volcano Race will take participants on a race through history. Beginning in Gaeta, a medieval town south of Rome, crews will race past the Pontine Islands, across the Tyrrhenian Sea and towards the Aeolian Islands a volcanic archipelago just north of Sicily, before heading north to finish the race in Capri, the small and unique island that overlook the blue water of the Mediterranean, with Naples and Vesuvius looming in the distance. The course continues through the Aeolian Islands (Stromboli, Vulcano and Alicudi) that are listed as UNESCO World Heritage and are named after the Greek demigod Aeolus.

Known as the "Keeper of the Winds" in the Odyssey, Aeolus graciously gave Ulysses a leather bag of captured winds and sent him and his crew home towards Ithaca with a gentle west wind. Just as Ithaca came into sight on the horizon, and while Ulysses slept, his crew foolishly opened the bag expecting to find gold. Instead they released the winds in a fury that blew their ship all the way back to Aeolus, who refused to help the men any further. The winner of the Rolex Volcano Race will likely be the crew that treats Aeolus' gift with the greatest respect. The start from Gaeta in 2011 has a special significance.

After several centuries of dominations, from the Romans to the Aragon, on February 13, 1861, just 150 years ago, Francis II of Bourbon surrendered in Gaeta, the last bastion of his reign, capitulating to the siege of the troops of General Enrico Cialdini. Ended to exist the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and began the unification of Italy by the Savoy. On March 18, the Italian Parliament proclaimed Vittorio Emanuele II, King of Italy.









## 1 - ORGANISATION

The regatta will be organized by the International Maxi Association (IMA) in conjunction with the Yacht Club Gaeta EVS and the Yacht Club Capri (YCC).

The regatta is part of the Rolex Capri Sailing Week and of the IMA Annual Championship 2011.

The title sponsor of the Regatta is Rolex.

## 2 - RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- the rules as defined by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012)
- the IMA rules 2011
- the Notice of Race
- the Sailing Instructions

No National Authority prescriptions shall apply except that every competitor shall comply with his National Authority rules.

The regatta is considered as a Category "C", in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

Safety Equipment category 3 with life raft compulsory on board, but subject to the following amendments:

- red parachute flares are not required (amends OSR 4.23)
- jackstays are not required (amends OSR 4.04)

The official language for the regatta is English.

## 3 - ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all the Maxi Boats as defined in the IMA Rules 2011, with a valid IRC rating certificate endorsed by the IMA Technical Office.

## 4 - CONTROLS

Sails and measurement controls will take place in Gaeta before the start and in Capri after finishing.

## 5 - ENTRIES

Entries shall be transmitted to the IMA Race Secretariat by filling the Entry Form for the event, before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

There is no Entry Fee for IMA members. Other maxi boats shall transmit a non refundable entry fee of Euro 2.000.

## 6 - MOORINGS

Moorings will be available, and free of charge, in Gaeta, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to the start of the race. Possibilities exists to have also containers and vans in the same area.

At the finishing in Capri, at least some Mini Maxi may have mooring space in the marina, moorings buoys will be available at Marina Grande with complete services and assistance (refuelling, shuttle service, garbage, etc..)

In case of very bad weather, mooring are assured at Marina di Castellammare (at about 8 n.m from Capri) with shuttle connections assured for parties and events.

## 7 - SCHEDULE

The Warning Signal will be posted at 15.00 hours on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place in Capri on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.





## **8 - COURSE**

The course for about 400 n.m. is indicated in the Annex Alfa. Details of the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 - 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.

## **10 - TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

There will be a perpetual 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.

## **11 - 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.

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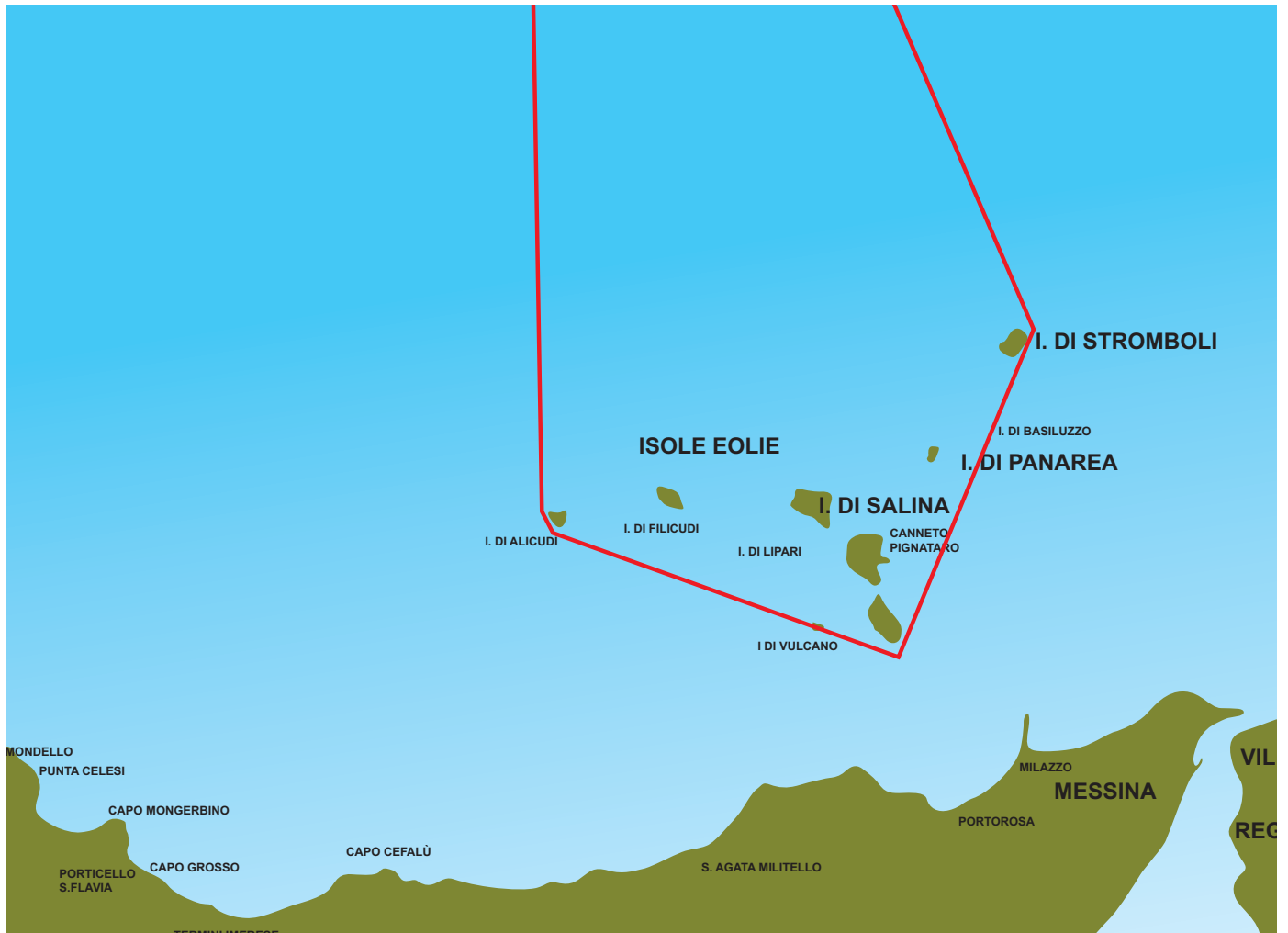




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