



The IMA Mediterranean Maxi OFFSHORE Challenge (2023-2024)

Comprising the seven most prestigious offshore races in the Med, the **IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge** aims to promote and boost maxi yacht competition offshore in the Mediterranean.

Launched by the International Maxi Association in 2016, the 2023-2024 IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge will comprise 7 events, the best 3 counting towards the main prize.

2023-24 Series

Rolex Middle Sea Race 2023, starting from Valletta, Malta, on 21 October 2023: 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.rolexmiddlesrace.com

La Larga – the offshore race of PalmaVela, established in 2021 as the preliminary offshore race to PalmaVela event. Starting on April 27 in 2024, 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 from Naples, Italy, on Friday May 17 2024: Naples to Capri, via Ponza and Li Galli (Italy).

Distance: 170 miles.

Organiser: Circolo del Remo e Vela Italia (CRVI) with Yacht Club Italiano

www.tregolfisailingweek.com

151 Miglia-Trofeo Cetilar, starting on May 30th 2024 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

Giraglia_offshore race, June 2024: dates and race course to be confirmed (*as per November 17, 2023*)

Organiser: Yacht Club Italiano (YCI)

www.loropianagiraglia.com

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

Race course: START (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 –FINISH (Sounio).

Start on 9th July, 2024

Organiser: Hellenic Offshore Racing Club (HORC)

www.aegean600.com

Palermo Montecarlo offshore race, starting from Palermo, Italy, on 20th August 2024: from Palermo, Sicily to Monaco via a YCCS gate off Porto Cervo. Distance: 450 miles.

Organiser: Circolo della Vela Sicilia (CVS) with Yacht Club de Monaco and Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

www.palermo-montecarlo.it

NOTES

- Only IMA members are eligible to the IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge (MMOC);
- To be eligible for the annual 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, usually during the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup in Porto Cervo.