

Yacht Club de Monaco

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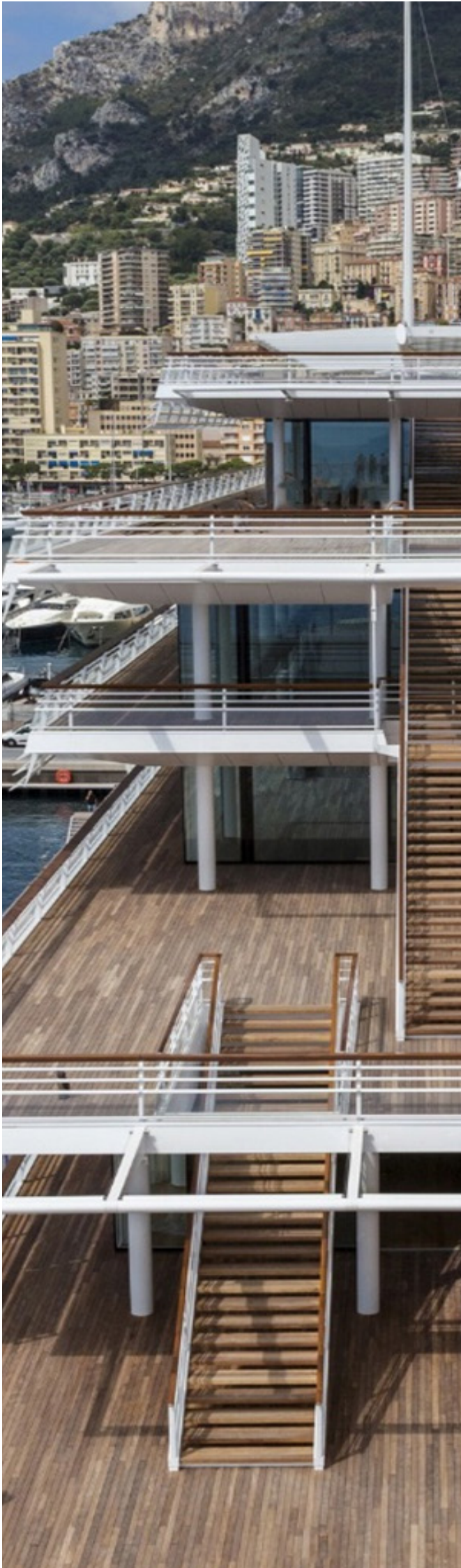

New building, dedicated to L' Art de Vivre la Mer

Designed by world-famous British architect Lord Foster, the Yacht Club de Monaco's new building was inaugurated on 20th June 2014 during a weekend of festivities focused on L'Art de Vivre la Mer.

In accordance with its statutes, this private club has the particularity of being in charge of a public service delegation mission, as evidenced by its role as facilitator of the port and catalyst for all activities related to Yachting in the Principality.

The Principality has always been a major destination for Yachting. Preserving a certain 'Art of Living by the Sea', safeguarding the environment, honoring nautical heritage and promoting the most innovative technologies..., is through the values of its «La Belle Classe» label and this even outside its circle of members, that the Y.C.M. brings together owners and all yachting players, by offering them a platform for communication and exchange. The Y.C.M. contributes to its promotion and influence with the desire to pursue a policy resolutely oriented towards the preservation of the environment. Through the 'Monaco, Capital of *Advanced* Yachting' project, the ambition is to position the Principality as an essential stopover for Grande Plaisance by highlighting the latest technological innovations.

The "hi-tech" new Clubhouse building, which looks like a cruise liner moored on Quai Louis II, brings together two of the Principality's historic clubs under one roof: the Société Nautique (rowing club) and the Yacht Club de Monaco.
In accordance with its statutes, this exclusive private Club has a four-pronged mission:
1. A prime function is to bring life to the harbour by organising regattas and other nautical events all year round;
2. It is also a catalyst for the international yachting scene;
3. It has the resources to fulfil and develop the passion for yachting of its members and owners calling into the Principality;
4. It has a responsibility to the environment which it takes very seriously.





CHAPTER 1

The Principality of Monaco: an historic role in the maritime world

1. A Sovereign State

The Grimaldi Family has presided over the destiny of the Principality of Monaco for more than 700 years, a rare example of dynastic longevity that illustrates the union between the Princes and the Monegasque people. The Principality of Monaco is a hereditary constitutional monarchy governed by laws and the separation of powers. The executive power rests with the highest authority of the Prince, with management of the State's departments entrusted to the Minister of State, assisted by government councillors (equivalent to ministers) who are answerable only to the Prince. Legislative and budgetary powers are exercised jointly by the Prince and the National Council whose members are elected by Monegasque citizens.

And finally, the judiciary power, independent of the government, is exercised by the Courts and Tribunals.

Monaco: a dynamic and diversified economy
In the 20th century the Principality of Monaco experienced extraordinary economic growth as the country boomed, and is one of the most dynamic hubs of employment in southern Europe and probably the only country with more employees than residents.

At every level, the focus is on maintaining and building on this economic growth, creating new sources of development and preserving the examplary nature of the Monegasque model.

Monaco is a country apart, which offers investors numerous advantages: stability, security, neutrality, compatible tax regime, a network of high added value companies… there are many reasons to settle in Monaco. There is a diverse range of activities: finance, commerce, trading, shipping, hotel & catering, events, real estate, construction, a thriving self-employed sector, telecommunications…

In 2021, the number of employees was 58,087 (public and private).

2. Long maritime tradition – Navigator Princes

The Principality of Monaco can be proud of its role in maritime and yachting history.

The first regattas were held in 1862, encouraged by Prince Charles III who wanted his country to be a showcase for yachting and technological innovation.
The Société des Régates de Monaco was established in 1888 by a group of men passionate about sailing and rowing who by the end of the 19th century were attracting sailors from across the region to race here.
Prince Albert I inherited this passion for the sea and would go on to become an early pioneer of modern oceanography and a famous navigator.



When Prince Albert 1 came to the throne in 1889, he founded the Oceano-graphic Institute of Monaco and laid the first stone of the Oceangraphic Museum which remains a major tourist attraction, and focus of cultural and scientific endeavours.

A superb piece of architecture, its lofty interiors are home to a beautiful Mediterranean aquarium and museum housing many of the hundreds of items brought back by the 'Navigator Prince' on his own expeditions: new species, marine animal skeletons, stuffed fish, shell collections and coral reefs are admired by thousands of visitors every year. "*Here you have it, gentlemen, the land of Monaco has erected a proud and inviolable temple to the new divinity which reigns over our intelligences*," said this man of science at the building's opening.

Passionate about oceanography from his youth, with a vast knowledge and scientific curiosity, he undertook many expeditions on his own vessels, L'Hirondelle and the Princesse Alice, which were equipped with laboratories and anti-roll tables.

He discovered new species, including a deep-water fish named after the Grimaldi dynasty in his honour called Grimuldichtys profondissimus. He explored and was skilled at mapping unknown waters, as evidenced by the fact that some of his charts are still used today, like the one of Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago, the largest island of which is Spitsbergen.

Prince Albert 1 was also a man with an eye to the future and human progress, and in 1904 an exhibition of 'motorised boats' was held in Monaco, presenting the latest combustion engines mounted on hydrodynamic boats that the Yacht Club de France refused to approve because of "their noxious smell." It was such a success that two years later Monaco had become the venue for a new genre of nautical competitions testing speed, regularity and manoeuvrebility with hydroplanes, sea-planes, airships and airplanes, while royalty and industry magnates came in their big yachts to spend the winter in Monaco. The International "Motonautique" Meeting was a sports event but also a boat show, which as the 20th century dawned heralded the success of the Monaco Yacht Show, launched in 1991.

The sovereigns who succeeded Prince Albert I inherited his love of the sea and exploration. Prince Rainier loved sailing and the marine environment, and owned a dozen sailing boats, motor-yachts and a Riva.

In 1959, this 'Builder Prince' encouraged Carlo Riva to build the first dry port and floating pontoons, and several decades later in 2002 was behind the semi-floating harbour wall, all of which have had a significant impact on the economy of a country that looks to the sea for its future prosperity.

HSH Prince Albert II is a keen sailor. He loves helming big boats like the Maxis, which he encouraged to come to Monaco for championships that remain in the annals of yachting history for the quality of the boats and participants, and also Tuiga, the Club's flagship.
Following in the footsteps of his great-great grandfather, he has been on expeditions, notably to the North Pole, and supports marine scientific expeditions like those undertaken by Pangaea and Tara, and numerous projects through the Foundation that bears his name.

For many, Monaco represents a beautiful port of call, blessed by the mild weather and stunning landscapes of the Riviera. And yet it is also an international platform where all sectors of the yachting are represented. It is here where the Principality's reputation as a maritime nation rests today, as part of its revenue is related to activities linked to the sea.



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3. Yachting in Monaco: a generator of jobs and revenue

Yachting may epitomise leisure but it is also a thriving industry that generates wealth. And that's not counting all those in sectors servicing the industry (hospitality & catering, florists, laundry, cleaning, chauffeurs, suppliers, maintenance, repairs, etc.)

Key figures for Yachting in Monaco

The public, even in Monaco, are not always aware that the Principality is a significant and very active player in this industry, ranked number three in the world in the brokerage and yacht management sector with turnover of nearly €75300 million.

On a surface area of 2km², revenue generated by yachting professionals in Monaco represents 2% of global turnover. Many naval architect firms, designers and brokers are headquartered in Monaco, and the main shipyards have agencies here as do the big brand distributors.

A whole spectrum of services is available for boat owners such as brokerage, yacht management, repairs, hotels & catering, cleaning, insurance, banking, wealth of entertainment and leisure facilities. It was with this in mind that the Yacht Club de Monaco launched in 2014 the Cluster Yachting Monaco to coincide with the opening of its new building. Today the Cluster unites 70 companies of the 252 yachting professional entities established in Monaco.

CLUSTER YACHTING MONACO
An organisation working for the future of the Principality's Yachting sector

Cluster Yachting Monaco is a continuation of actions taken by a top level government committee (Conseil Stratégique pour l'attractivité). Its purpose is to be a platform for dialogue with the government and decision-makers, and to encourage synergies between those operating in the sector, the goal being to open up to all activities linked to yachting.

Defined as a geographical concentration of interdependent companies and organisations from a defined sector, a cluster is a federating structure which in Monaco aims to bring together all those in the yachting sector.

In accordance with members wishes, the Cluster's main focus is to provide a platform for dialogue between professionals operating in the Principality for the good of the sector as a whole.

Since November 2014, the following has been achieved:

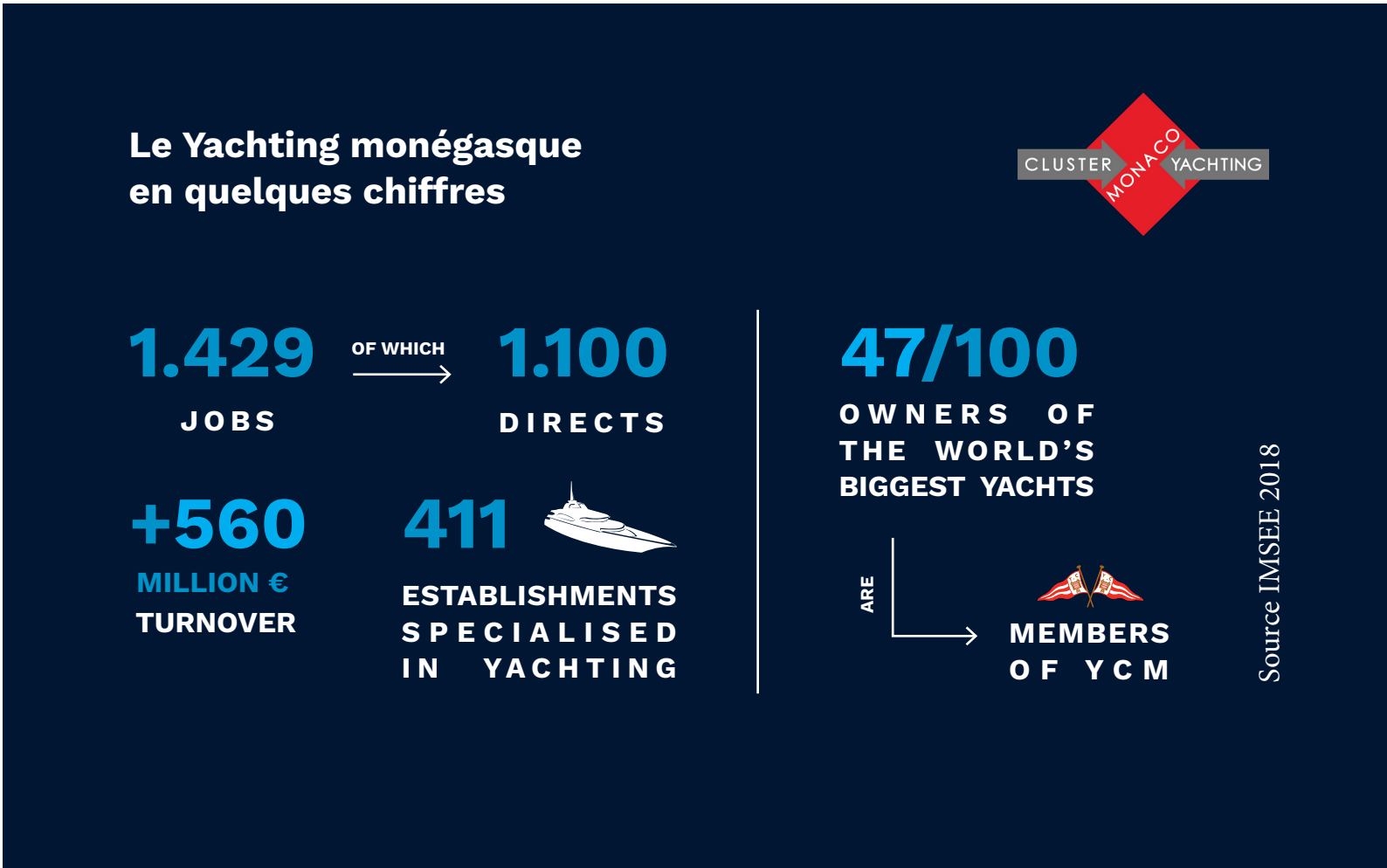
• VIP Pontoon - Located in the YCM Marina in partnership with the Yacht Club de Monaco, the pontoon provides a privileged reception for superyacht owners when they call into the Principality, a service that is particularly welcome when they are moored out in the bay.

• Directory of companies - This lists all those companies and organisations in the Principality which are directly or indirectly involved in yachting. Currently, there are more than 300.

• Annual survey of impact on Monaco's economy - with the Directory, and in a partnership with national statistics office, IMSEE, in 2018 the Cluster identified annual revenues of €753 million from a yachting sector employing 1,561 people. This survey is done every year to show how this dyamic sector is evolving.

• Introduction of a Luxury Master with yachting specialisation - This has been developed in a partnership with the IUM (International University of Monaco).

Events to extend the season in the Principality - Every year around 300 people come to these events which include the one-day 'Rendezous' conference in June, attended by ministers and the majority of those involved in yachting. It also runs a Spring-PopUp event in May with 15 yachts on display in the YCM Marina and talks on topical subjects affecting the sector.



4. Advantages of the Principality of Monaco

A prestigious name

- Legitimate maritime history
- Centre of excellence in the yachting sector
- A favourite port of call for yachts
- Monaco's location in the heart of the Riviera
- The Principality's reputation abroad as a privileged stopover for superyachts
- Investments in harbour facilities at both ports specific to superyachts
- Prestigious, quality establishments (hotels, restaurants, luxury brand boutiques, etc)
- A calendar of world-class, internationally-renowned events
- HQ of key players in the yachting sector and launch pad for their new projects
- The Monaco Yacht Show
- The Yacht Club de Monaco's reputation abroad and global network (clubs, members...) which bring owners and professionals together

Harbour facilities and capacity

- Port Hercule: 700 berths including 30 for visitors with outer harbour dedicated to 40m boats, including 2 for +100m, 30 for +60m and 20 for +35m
- Fontvieille Port: 275 berths including 16 for visitors
- Services: drinking water, electricity on quay & pontoons (220V / 380V), 4 showers, 4 WCs, public phone & phone on board on request, TV, laundrette in town, containers for used oil and batteries, fuel (BP) at Port Hercule, black water pumpout (BP Port Hercule).





CHAPTER 2

A new Clubhouse equal to the task of meeting the Principality's goal to make Monaco Capital of Advanced Yachting

Founded in 1953, the Yacht Club de Monaco moved to the end of quai Antoine 1er in 1966. The premises were gradually extended to accommodate a growing membership but were always too small. The interior was totally revamped in 1987, but due to the constraints of the site the terrace had to be covered by temporary structures for briefings, crew parties and prize-giving as the number of events increased. The situation might have remained that way indefinitely if it had not been for the Club's President since 1984, HSH the Sovereign Prince Albert II.

Under his leadership, the Yacht Club has developed the range and number of activities that go on all year round: from regattas to yacht industry symposiums, world-class international meetings to themed parties organised by members, and yachtsmen coming from all over the world to visit. All these factors convinced the Monaco government that the Yacht Club needed premises worthy of its standing and activities, and the port an indispensable promotional tool to enhance the services it has to offer superyachts.

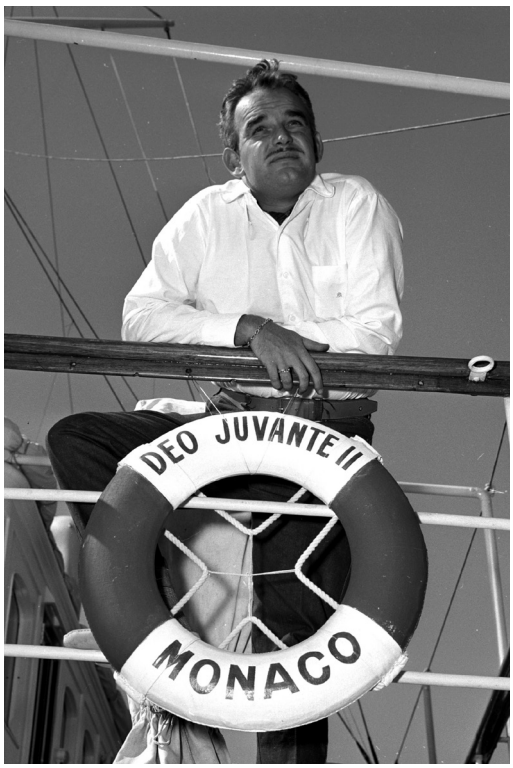
It was also an ideal opportunity to bring together under one roof two emblematic clubs behind the development of nautical activities in the Principality: the Yacht Club and the Société Nautique de Monaco. The latter has been responsible for developing rowing activities since 1956, having been in charge of sailing and rowing as the Société des Régates de Monaco, set up in 1888 during the last year of Prince Charles III's reign.

The YCM Sports Section is also in the new building, which will become a centre of excellence for nautical sports, where the "art de vivre la mer" can reign supreme in a Clubhouse the Yacht Club can now be proud of in which to welcome its 2,500 members.



CHAPTER 3 | The Yacht Club de Monaco: a driving force for developing the harbour and nautical activities

1. A little history



"*Our future lies with the sea*" (Rainier III – 1953)

In the early 1950s, Prince Rainier III who sailed a great deal and not only in the Mediterranean foresaw the increasing popularity of yachting with the growing prosperity after World War II. He decided Monaco needed a yacht club like those he had visited when cruising on his yachts. Monaco, already renowned as a quality port of call, must become a centre of leisure activities linked to the sea: recreational sailing, top level racing, water skiing, big game fishing, diving, underwater archaeology, raising young people's awareness of the marine environment, etc, and the future club was to have the facilities to host all these disciplines.

A true visionary in every respect, he was not only thinking about recreational side. Stating that "*The future of Monaco lies with the sea,*" he decided the port, which he envisaged playing a key role in the Principality's future development, needed a structure capable of attracting and retaining the loyalty of the yachting fraternity worldwide.

With this founding act, the Yacht Club de Monaco emerged from the Société des Régates, the desire being that this Club "*fully accomplish its mission as a union between men who love the sea, that it serve the tourist and promotional interests of Monte-Carlo, and that it be at heart a welcoming and friendly place.*"

The defining focus of the Sovereign's vision for the Yacht Club was that it be a key element in the future development of the port and tourism in the Principality.

On **17th June 1953**, a Constitutive Assembly was held in the International Hydrographic Bureau's premises and Prince Rainier agreed to be the Club's president which he was until 1966. At that point, the Club already had 600 members. As it still did not have its own premises, the SBM (Société des Bains de Mer) gave them space in a former pottery on Avenue d'Ostende, and the SBM set aside a window in the Hôtel de Paris to show off the Yacht Club's cups and trophies. So without wasting a moment, the Club was up and running!

In **April 1984**, Prince Albert was appointed by his father Prince Rainier III to assume the role of President of the Yacht Club de Monaco. Already very involved in the life of the Club, the Prince immediately set about developing the YCM's sporting side, strengthening the training structure for young sailors and introducing new international-scale events.

The first year of his presidency saw the Primo Cup launched, which would go on to become a major fixture in the Mediterranean's one-design calendar, the Monaco-New York transatlantic race with the participation of the *Biotonus-YCM* team, and the Formula 40' Grand Prix.

Convinced that understanding the past is the key to building the future, Prince Albert was also keen for there to be a focus on traditional yachting, which led to the organisation in 1994 of the first Monaco Classic Week; launch of a classic and vintage yacht regatta circuit, the Prada Challenge for Classic Yachts which it coordinated for five years; and of course the purchase of *Tuiga* in 1995, the YCM's flagship.

More recently, again at the President's instigation, the YCM launched its La Belle Classe label in 2005, which unites owners around a Charter promoting essential values: respect for etiquette, protecting the environment, preserving our maritime heritage and encouraging innovation in the superyact sector.



2. Key Dates

1953 Yacht Club de Monaco formed.

1954 International Mediterranean Star Championship and Losange d'Or cruise-race.

1957 Sailing School established.

1970 HSH Prince Rainier III founds YCM Sports Section for youngsters aged 7 to 20. Programme includes sailing lessons, beginners to competition, discovering the sea and safeguarding the environment.





1972 London to Monte-Carlo Powerboat race

1984 Crown Prince Albert becomes President of the Yacht Club. Monegasque Sailing Federation (FMV - Fédération Monégasque de Voile) established on YCM premises.

1985 'Voiles en Février' launched – regatta that would become the 'Primo Cup'.
Transatlantic Monaco - New York with *Biotonus/Monaco*.



1987 Maxi Championship marks 1st participation in the Nioulargue.

1992 'Personnalité de la Mer' prize created.

1990 Stefano Casiraghi, Vice-President of the Yacht Club is Offshore World Champion.

1991 25 teams take part in International Yacht Club Challenge.

1994 Monaco Classic Week launched.

1995 Acquisition of *Tuiga* (1909) which would become the YCM flagship

1997/98 Participation in the Whitbread Round the World Race in teams with stopovers with *Merit Cup* (helmed by Grant Dalton).

1999 C.I.M. (Comité International de la Méditerranée) bases its secretariat at the Yacht Club and launches the Prada Challenge for Classic Yachts circuit

2001 Tuiga wins race at the America's Cup Jubilee in Cowes.

2005 'La Belle Classe Tradition' formed and 'La Belle Classe Superyachts' in 2008.

2009 The 'Big Boats' celebrate centenary of *Tuiga* in Monaco.

2010 Monaco Optimist Team Racing regatta launched.

2011 'La Belle Classe Destinations' launched.

2012 Arrival in Monaco of solar-powered Planet Solar after round the world tour.

2013 J/24 European Championship and celebrations for 60 years of the Club.

2014 Inauguration of new building, designed by Lord Foster, on Quai Louis II.



Creation of the Monaco Solar Boat Challenge, the first solar-powered boat race in the Mediterranean.

Launch of the "Yachting Monaco" cluster and the "La Belle Classe Academy" training centre.

2015 J/70 European Championship.

2016 First YCM Marina Concert: Sir Elton John, Duran Duran (2017), Sting (2018), Lionel Richie (2019) and Måneskin en 2023.

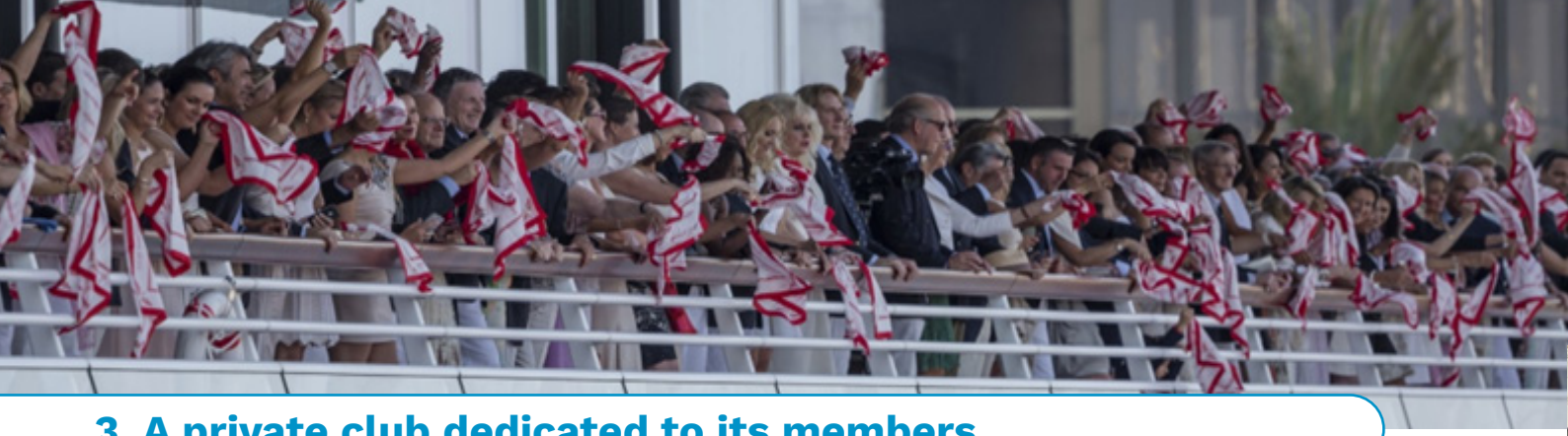
2017 470 European Championship and scientific ship, M/V Yersin launches YCM Explorers Club.

2018 1st Monaco Globe Series for IMOCA 60.

2019 1st edition of the YCM Explorer Awards.

2020 Launch of the SEA Index ® by YCM.

2022 Launch of Monaco, Capital of *Advanced* Yachting.



3. A private club dedicated to its members

Be they owners, professional sailors or those who simply love the sea, the Yacht Club de Monaco unites 2,500 members from 81 nationalities from very different backgrounds. A wealth of experience that gives the Club a dynamic only matched by much larger organisations. A real home from home, the YCM offers members a whole range of activities to meet their expectations and those of their families: maritime conferences, fitness sessions and aqua-gym, sailing courses during school holidays, detox weeks…

One Spirit • One Team • One Club, a motto that reflects a philosophy the Yacht Club de Monaco upholds every day, the Clubhouse bringing everyone together around a common value: Art de Vivre la Mer!

A few statistics:

- 2,500 members
- 81 nationalities
- 2,232 yachts flying the YCM flag (1/3 sailboats and 2/3 motor-yachts)
- 591 are owners of 40m-plus yachts
- Among the world's 100 biggest yachts, ¼ belong to YCM members.

4. One philosophy : L'Art de Vivre la Mer

"A *wonderful place for meeting others and exchanging ideas, the sea unites us and identifies us. Yachting is a way of life, a state of mind, a philosophy for living that goes way beyond being a simple leisure or competitive activity. This "art de vivre la mer" according to the Yacht Club de Monaco is about applying values from the great yachting tradition to our daily lives. It is also about living in our times, while respecting the rules of courtesy, solidarity and the knowledge handed down to us by our elders.*"

HSH Prince Albert II

Belonging to the Yacht Club de Monaco is above all a commitment, a desire to preserve a certain ethic on land and at sea, to respect naval etiquette and protect the environment. The Yacht Club de Monaco's philosophy is based on the need to perpetuate and pass on this legacy to ensure the Yacht Club remains a lively and progressive place.

To become a member is to embrace a 'club spirit' based on loyalty to certain rules and principles, and to disseminate this spirit as widely as possible. It is to encourage initiatives, favour dialogue between members, and promote solidarity and helping others. It is also about encouraging yachting in all its forms in an ever-changing Principality.

5. A Club with a strong attachment to maritime heritage (Monaco Classic Week, *Tuiga*...)



The Yacht Club de Monaco has pursued a proactive policy to preserve our maritime heritage: owner of *Tuiga*, organiser of Monaco Classic Week, with five years' experience as the instigator and coordinator of the Prada Challenge for Classic Yachts, secretariat of the CIM (Comité International de la Méditerranée), responsible for rating classic yachts, and La Belle Classe Tradition, a club created in 2005 for owners of classic boats to preserve and promote the traditional art of sailing.

2025: 30 years of *Tuiga* under the flag of the Yacht Club de Monaco.

Tuiga, vaisseau amiral du Yacht Club de Monaco

Tuiga was built in the William Fife boatyard in Scotland in 1909, commissioned by the Duke of Medinacelli, a close friend of King Alfonso XIII of Spain. William Fife III designed *Tuiga* in the image of the Fife-built *Hispania* so that the two International 15M Class (15M IR) yachts could race together on an equal footing. From a distance, it was very difficult to distinguish between them. It took just six months to build *Tuiga* who somehow always managed to come second, just behind the royal Spanish yacht. Given the similarity in design and construction, rumour had it that her owner preferred to "rein in" *Tuiga* for fear of creating the embarrassing situation of having beaten his friend and sovereign, King Alphonso XIII.

After several years being meticulously restored by Fairlie Restorations in the UK supervised by Fife specialist Duncan Walker, *Tuiga* is now moored outside the Yacht Club de Monaco.

For the last 20 years, Tuiga has raced all over the world. As well as the Mediterranean classic yacht regattas, she was in Bénodet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of *Pen Duick* and took part in the Universal Exhibition in Lisbon in 1998. She also participated in the America's Cup Jubilee regatta and called into Valencia to be part of festivities for the 32nd America's Cup. In 2008, having joined the Armada on the River Seine, she then took top honours at Cowes Classic Week despite not having sailed in the Solent since the America's Cup Jubilee in 2001. For this 15M IR it was a great honour to be moored in front of the prestigious Royal Yacht Squadron. Such intense activity shows just how committed the YCM members who crew on Tuiga are to the yachting tradition, like that of their President who often takes the helm, as have Eric Tabarly, Paul Cayard and Dennis Conner.

This enthusiasm gave birth to the Spirit of Tuiga club for all those who love this yacht. To celebrate her 100th anniversary, special events were organised for the 2009 Monaco Classic Week attended by key personalities in the yachting world and all owners of classic yachts.

16th Monaco Classic Week-La Belle Classe (13-16 September 2023)

The Lady Anne the big winner of Monaco Classic Week

A total of 130 boats were invited to the 16th Monaco Classic Week-La Belle Classe, a biennial launched in 1994 including around 40 classic sailing yachts, a dozen motor-yachts, 60+ vintage motorboats and 20 of the 12' Dinghy class. All of them pulled out every stop to seduce the Jury chaired by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and the public who were free to stroll around the village and admire the boats throughout the meeting. "*This event is an integral part of our traditions and values. The boats invited all have their own charm and are already equipped with a certain level of technology from the era when they were built. It is therefore our duty to do everything we can for them so they continue to stand the test of time as befits their original design*," says Yacht Club de Monaco General Secretary, Bernard d'Alessandri.

Tradition in the spotlight

Four days showcasing a certain 'Art de Vivre la Mer' alternated nautical challenges, technical inspections for the best restoration, and culinary, artistic and elegance competitions at sea and ashore. The crowds who came to admire the classic boats in the YCM Marina also marvelled at the 1937 BMW 327 coupee on the quay alongside a 1938 R71 BMW, YCM's official partner, and a fascinating 1947 Riva by Carlo Riva. It all represents a certain lifestyle and glamour that captured the curiosity of visitors and crews alike. Among highlights of this 16th edition was the presence of the magnificent *Elena of London* (41.60m), Creole, the 1927 three-mast schooner considered a masterpiece of Charles Nicholson, and *Black Swan* (33.41m), a 1899 gaff rigged ketch launched 1899, built by Camper & Nicholsons and refitted in 2019. The stunning *Atlantic* (56.43m) arrived in time to complete this legendary fleet, as this replica of the famous three-mast schooner is celebrating her 120th anniversary.

The Lady Anne's garners most votes from the Jury

The big winner of this edition is *The Lady Anne* (1912), one of the last three 15M IR boats still sailing along with YCM's flagship *Tuiga* (1909) and *Mariska* (1908) who welcomed a delegation from the Manhattan Yacht Club aboard led by its Commodore Michael Fortenbaugh.

Commissioned by George Coats and built in the famous yard of the Fife family in the tiny Scottish village of Fairlie by William Fife III, *The Lady Anne* sailed with a Bermudan rig until the twenties, then became a ketch used during the Second World War to transport ammunition. After several years in Spain, The Lady Anne was discovered in the Hamble river in England and totally restored by Fairlie Restoration near Southampton. The Monaco Classic Week Trophy not only takes race results into account but the quality of the restoration as assessed by a Jury of experts who are looking at how faithful it is to the original plans, the materials used to build the boat and the knowledge of those who restored them. "*This event is unique of its genre as it brings the most beautiful yachts together in Monaco so the public can see what yachting was like a hundred years ago. If we don't preserve our history, what do we have left? History can tell us what the future will be like*," says Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, President of the Jury and first man to sail non-stop solo round the world.

Prince Rainier III exhibition: review of outstanding yachts

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Prince Rainier III who founded Yacht Club de Monaco in 1953, an exclusive exhibition of previously unpublished photos was on display throughout Monaco Classic Week. Entitled 'The Prince and the Sea', the retrospective was open to the public and highlighted some of the 15 boats that made up Prince Rainier's collection that in post-war years gave a new impetus to yachting. YCM President HSH Prince Albert II toured the village on Saturday 16th September, taking time to admire all the boats moored in the YCM Marina and immersing himself in his family's history going round the exhibition in the YCM's Meeting Room.

Full speed ahead

The sizeable fleet of around 60 motorboats, their varnish gleaming, set off for a memorable outing at sea, weaving their way through the classic sailing yacht fleet, led by some 30 Rivas with Lia Riva leading the way in the Aquarama Lipicar. "*There is an old and strong bond between Riva and Monaco,*" commented the daughter of Carlo Riva, the Ingegnere di Sarnico, "s*ince my father arrived here and with Prince Rainier decided to dig a tunnel into the Rocher and build floating pontoons for Port Hercule's magnificent bay*". The motorboats also enjoyed an unusual treasure hunt between Roquebrune-Cap-Martin and Cap d'Ail. Armed with a marine chart, they had to position themselves at particular points on the headlands transmitted by the organisation and take a photo to prove they'd found the right spots. A dozen vintage motor-yachts were also invited to take part in this new initiative.

Elegance takes centre stage

Elegance took centre stage on the last day of Monaco Classic Week for the Elegance Contest with a jury chaired by Allegra Gucci. Classic sailing yachts, motorboats and motor-yachts spruced up to be scrutinised by the Jury. "*These magnificent boats are the result of their owner's passion and it's as if we are perpetuating a heritage,*" said Allegra Gucci, who owns Creole. The Jury assessed them for etiquette, style, and a certain respect for living well and conduct at sea. In partnership with BMW, the elegance prizes were awarded to: Sailing yachts - Oriole (1905); Motor-yachts - *Italica* (1964); Motorboats: *Albatross* (1955).

Chefs Competition: Sally charms the tastebuds

Many crews and owners entered the Chefs Competition. All were given the same basket of mystery ingredients and had several hours to prepare a starter based on rock lobster and main dish of brill and Riviera vegetables, the whole enlivened by Moët Impérial Brut Champagne. The motor-yacht Sally emerged the winner, followed by vintage yacht Barbara of 1923 then *Stalca*, a motor-yacht that once belonged to Prince Rainier III and named based on the first two letters of his three children's first names.

Supervised by Simon Ganache (Events Chef at YCM), this year's Jury was chaired by Philippe Joannes, Meilleur Ouvrier de France and three Michelin stars alongside Joël Garault, head of the Monaco Goûts et Saveurs association, Christian Garcia, Chef at the Palace and Frédéric Ramos, Executive Chef at the Novotel Monte-Carlo. As the art of presentation and service is also being judged, the contest echoes courses run by YCM's La Belle Classe training centre. Next year on 4th April 2024 it will be the turn of superyacht chefs to put on a show at the annual Superyacht Chef Competition.



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SEADREAM YACHT CLUB





Prizes and Trophies

Monaco Classic Week Trophy - Rolex:
The Lady Anne **(1912)**

La Belle Classe Restoration Trophy – Monaco Marine:
Motorboat: *Scolopendra* (1903)
and *Ida* (1913)
Motor-yacht: *Thelas* (1936)
Coup de Coeur: *Black Swan* (1899)

Big Boat Group:
1 *The Lady Anne* (Fife 1912)
2 *Mariska* (Fife 1908)
3 *Tuiga* (Fife 1909)

Classique Marconi :
1 *Chaplin* (1974)
2 *Argynnes III* (1955)

Vintage Marconi:
1 *Carron II* (1935)
2 *Fjord III* (1947)
3 *Comet* (1946)

Vintage Gaff:
1 *Corinthian* (1911)
2 *Chips* (1913)
3 *Olympian* - (1913)

12' Dinghy Class:
1 *Claudia 3* (2020)
2 *Blu Amnesia* (2006)
3 *Cicci* (2000)

Motorboats: Lumaca (1966)
Motor-yachts: *Italica* (1964)

Elegance Contest:
Sailing yachts: *Oriole* (1905)
Motor-yachts: *Italica* (1964)
Motorboat: *Albatross* (1955)

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The 15M IR Saga

The Yacht Club was chosen by the association of 15M IR owners as the HQ for their class. Four racing yachts launched between 1908 and 1912 are still with us out of 20 built in this series between 1906 and 1917. All have been beautifully restored thanks to the passion and commitment of their owners.

The first was *Tuiga* in 1992 who was able to take on her old adversary, *Hispania*, restored in 2011, together with *Mariska* (1908) and *The Lady Anne* (1912) in a historic regatta that saw all four yachts racing together for the first time since 1913. To date *Mariska* is the only big classic yacht to have been restored in a French boatyard in La Ciotat. Four yachts, four flags: Monegasque *Tuiga, Spanish for Hispania*, French for *Mariska*, and Italian for *The Lady Anne*.

And so *Tuiga* is part of an exclusive club which has only four members, and will probably never have more, the only International 15M Class yachts still sailing: *Mariska* (1908), *Hispania* (1909) and *The Lady Anne* (1912) are her three playmates. With their owners, they have their own class in the CIM (responsible for rating classic yachts), and whether you are a sailor or not the sight of these four beauties racing together never fails to delight the public.

Bernard d'Alessandri, the man behind setting up this association, who skippers *Tuiga,* explains: "*As well as the competitive aspect between four boats that are on the same level, there is a real sense of comraderie and friendship in the association which has been a great success. The bonds between the owners and crews of the four 15M IRs are strong. We work closely with the other three owners on all aspects, particularly when it comes to organising the race calendar. We also want to develop more exchanges, to improve our techniques, knowledge, the rating, etc. Our aim is to promote this class and encourage initiatives to build a replica or maybe even bring another 15M IR back to life!*" Since 2012, the 15 Meter Class Association has organised a regatta circuit where all four yachts can compete for the coveted `15 Meter Class Association Annual Trophy`, the original Royal Clyde Yacht Club Trophy made in 1884

6. Sporting and educational vocation

From the start, the Yacht Club has followed in the wake of the Société des Régates in organising events, big meetings like International Sailing Week in 1954 or the motorboat cruise-race Losange d'Or – the name of the Club at that time. Prince Rainier re-launched the International Powerboat Meeting in 1955, followed in 1956 by the European Runabouts Championship won by the Van Praet/Longuet team. International regattas in the summer were also introduced and the Star championship, an initiative of Princess Grace, the Star class having not been in the Principality since 1949.

In 1985, under the leadership of new President, Crown Prince Albert, the number of initiatives multiplied, including the Monaco-New York transatlantic race and locally an initiative that would revolutionise the Mediterranean race scene. Initially called 'Voile en Février' and organised jointly with the Saint-Laurent sailing club, it invited teams to race in winter on the last weekend of January and first weekend in February. This first regatta of the season for one-designs changed its name to the Primo Cup in 1987 and has gone on to become one of the big Mediterranean classics, attracting 200+ boats every year.

Life and soul of the harbour

The YCM is therefore more than fulfilling the role envisaged by its founder: it has become the key player in the life of the harbour, organising around 20 international regattas a year, training 200+ youth sailing federation members in beginners and competition; and teaching sailing to some 2,200 school children all year round.

All this is in accordance with its statutes and mission to serve as link "between all those who love the sea and in the interest of tourism and promoting the Principality".

Sports Section

Founded in 1970 by Prince Rainier III, the YCM's Sports Section was set up with the express mission to attract children age six and up into sailing from the Club and local schools in partnership with the Education Department. Whether the children are on Optimists or ILCA, beginners or competition, eleven qualified instructors and coaches are committed to teach them sailing, introducing them to the sea and making them aware of the maritime environment.

From beginners to competition – all ages – courses adapted to any level

Activities are adapted to suit all ages and levels. The youngest start on Optimists, Bugs or ILCA, and depending on their fitness and motivation can go on to join the competition team. Sailing courses are organised all year round, particularly in school holidays, usual for a week of either half days or full days.

Partnership with schools – a school for life!

In partnership with the Education Department, the Sports Section teaches sailing to around 2,200 children a year, between September and June in six to ten weeks cycles, from the age of nine and upwards. They can even take a sailing option in their baccalaureate end of school exams. The sea is a school for life and the children learn independence, and values associated with solidarity, humility, and how vital it is to protect the marine environment.

Adults also have fun

Adults of all levels are to be found on the Yacht Club's pontoons every Saturday for beginner sessions in the morning and race training in the afternoon for the J/70 Monaco Championship and SB20s, or the Smeralda 888s who have their own international race circuit.

EFG Bank Sailing Academy by the Yacht Club de Monaco: training a new generation in yachting skills and trades

Keen to encourage training and promote trades linked to yachting, the 'EFG Bank Sailing Academy by the Yacht Club de Monaco' was set up in 1999 to train the next generation.

The EFG Bank Sailing Academy ensures the qualification and integration of young people into a yachting profession, be it event organisation, training crew or high-level competition. Alternating between theory and practical sessions over a nine-month period, interns are given the privilege of crewing on Tuiga and taking part in the Mediterranean regatta circuit - an ideal way to build knowledge and perfect their skills in the art of maintenance and manoeuvring classic yachts.
With this course, the YCM supports young people keen to make a career in this sector by giving them a head start in this exclusive and demanding field, thereby reinforcing Monaco's position as a centre of excellence for yachting.



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Regattas

40th Primo Cup – Trophée UBS (7-10 March 2024)

20,500 SAILORS | **4,400 BOATS** | **1,100 STARTS** | **200 DAYS OF SAILING**

44 CLASSES PRESENT

INCLUDING **2 RECORDS**

- SURPRISE → **733 BOATS IN 29 PARTICIPATIONS**
- SMERALDA 888 → **31 PARTICIPATIONS**

SAME TROPHY

8 NATIONS VICTORIOUS

SWISS 13 - FRANCE 9 - MONACO 5 - ITALY 3
GERMANY 1 - RUSSIA 2 - BRAZIL 1 - USA 1

31 DIFFERENT WINNERS



Launched in 1985, the Primo Cup – Trophée UBS has made its mark on the sailing calendar as a major European winter regatta for one-designs and IRC boats, with nearly 1,000 sailors representing at least 15 nationalities, descending on the Principality every year. Be they enthusiastic amateurs, experienced sailors or professionals, all share a common love of racing. From Olympic medallists to round the world specialists, many big names have left their mark on this Mediterranean classic.

The name Primo not only refers to its position on the race season calendar as the opener, but first and foremost because it is a real testing ground, not only for new one-designs but also in terms of the organisation: a string of starts, courses adapted to the highest level, safety issues and an international jury on the water.

Highlights of the: 40th Primo Cup
More information on the YCM website



Challenge Inter-Banques Trophée ERI

22-23 JUNE 2019

Every year Monaco's financial sector makes a date for a fun-day of competitive racing in a friendly atmosphere to win the ERI Trophy.

Yacht Club de Monaco members generously make their J/70s available for the day to the banking and finance institutions taking part.

This initiative is supported by AMAF (Association Monégasque des Affaires Financières) alongside ERI, a global leader in banking software.

Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series : to prepare for the race season at the highest level

Since 2013, Monaco bay has been the stage of a unique spectacle that attracts many of the very best J/70 crews for the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series. Organised by Yacht Club de Monaco, these monthly regattas have become a must-do tradition on the winter sailing calendar, attracting fiercely competitive teams from all over Europe.



Calendar 2023-2024 :

Act 1	7 – 10 November 2024
Act 2	5 – 8 December 2024
Act 3	TBA February 2025
Act 4	TBA 2025 – Primo Cup – Trophée UBS

More information on the YCM website



Team Race :
Monaco Optimist Team Race

14° EDITION : 10-14 JANUARY 2024

The 14th Monaco Optimist Team Race that saw 72 sailors in 18 teams from 17 countries competing. This original format enables teams of four to compete on equal terms in the form of duels. A round robin phase when all teams get to compete against each other is followed by the quarter- then semi-finals before the highly anticipated grand finale.

Organised by the Yacht Club de Monaco with support from Monaco Marine, FxPro, clothing suppier Slam and boatyard Erplast, the MOTR has become a benchmark for young teams from all over the world.

Highlights of the 14° MOTR

More information on the YCM website







Offshore Races
Palermo-Montecarlo

Since 2005 on the intiative of Angelo Randazzo, President of the Circolo della Vela Sicilia, the Palermo-Montecarlo has established itself as a classic Mediterranean offshore race. Since 2016, it has been on the International Maxi Association's calendar, along with the Rolex Middle Sea Race, the 151 Miglia and Giraglia Rolex Cup.

Organised by the Circolo della Vela Sicilia in collaboration with the Yacht Club de Monaco and Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, its 500nm course continues to attract an evergrowing number of entrants with 40 boats on the start in 2022. For seasoned sailors like Mauro Pelaschier, Jochen Schümann, Francesco Bruni, Philippe Monnet, Brad Butterworth and more recently, Bryon Ehrhart, winner in 2017, it's a race against the clock to beat the record, while others are there for the pure pleasure of having an adventure en famille.



Highlights of the Palermo-Montecarlo
More information on the YCM website

7. At the heart of the superyacht sector

Home port and a favourite stopover for owners and their superyachts, Monaco is also the HQ of numerous yacht design firms and big-name brokers. With many of the most prestigious yachts in the world flying its flag, including a quarter of the 100 largest private yachts, the Yacht Club de Monaco occupies a unique position on the international luxury yachting scene. As the link in the Principality between all those who love the sea and boats, the Club has a role to play in the highly successful Monaco Yacht Show, a major international superyacht event. With visitor numbers averaging 33,000, the MYS offers a unique opportunity to see the latest developments in hi-tech luxury products and services – and of course superyachts. Through its public service remit, the Yacht Club de Monaco is working to position Monaco as the Capital of Advanced Yachting, whose ambition is to position the Principality as a centre of excellence to in this sector.

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Monaco Yacht Show in figures:

580 EXHIBITORS

46.5m AVERAGE LENGHTH

125 SUPERYACHTS

40 VESSELS PRESENTED AS **WORLD PREMIERES** A YEAR

38 NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED





Cluster Yachting Monaco

Cluster Yachting Monaco, a continuation of actions taken by a top level government committee (Conseil Stratégique pour l'attractivité), was established November 2014 by Bernard d'Alessandri, who is its current President and General Secretary of the Yacht Club de Monaco.

It is with this in mind that the Monaco Cluster offers a communication platform for professionals in the Principality to promote and develop their sector internationally.

Working groups meet regularly to progress specific themes:

- Seafarer status
- Anchorages and new regulations
- Compliance - KYC
- Destination Monaco
- Partnerships - Twinning
- Member communication laboratory
- Creation Spring/Winter Pop up by Cluster Yachting Monaco
- Représentation / Promotion abroad shows, conferences, representation
- Business Development
- Training

"I want to congratulate all members for their hard work in achieving what we have accomplished together so far. It helps keep us competitive with other places and to further develop this thriving and promising sector in the Principality," said its President, Bernard d'Alessandri.



MONACO CAPITAL OF *ADVANCED* YACHTING

‘Monaco, Capital of *Advanced* Yachting’ A concerted collective response to challenges facing tomorrow’s yachting sector



At the 5th Monaco Ocean Week organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, alongside the Monaco Oceanographic Institute and Monaco Scientific Centre, Yacht Club de Monaco (YCM) celebrated the 10th anniversary of Monaco Capital of Yachting on Thursday 24th March 2022. Initiated by YCM in 2012, this project to consolidate the Principality’s position as a centre of excellence has been given a whole new international dimension as **Monaco, Capital of Advanced Yachting**.

“F*rom a simple vision to raise awareness among local players, it quickly became apparent that this approach was an obvious one for the Principality (...). I am convinced of the efficacy in collectively signing up to the ‘Monaco, Capital of Advanced Yachting’ approach to formalise our commitment through this brand, as a tool to leverage international influence,*” said **HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco** at the launch, adding, “*I intend to encourage and promote our tradition for innovation which relies on technological progress to build a responsible future for yachting, in line with United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals which I share through my Foundation*”.

Also present was **H.E. Mr Pierre Dartout, Minister of State** (for the Principality): “*The vision is simple: Monaco must always be ahead on economic and environmental issues. We must mobilise all stakeholders. It is an essential factor in our economy’s appeal to business, as the Principality offers an exceptional network of all professions operating in this industry*”. The sector generates revenues in excess of €700 million, with 252 companies based in the Principality and 1,561 people employed on land.

From its legitimacy as a maritime nation to its location and renown as a tourist destination, the Principality has many advantages and facilities to meet owners and sailors expectations. Over the last century, it has established itself as a coveted port of call and centre of excellence, reflected in the high number of services - brokers, shipping agents, legal services, banks, insurance, naval architects, designers, etc. - operating all year round. It was to federate all these Monaco-based yachting professionals that the Cluster Yachting Monaco was set up in 2014.

To affirm Monaco’s position as a centre of excellence and exemplary model in terms of protecting the environment, but also on a societal and educational level, the principle stakeholders signed a Commitment Charter testifying to their involvement in this collective approach.



HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and Mrs Céline Caron-Dagioni, Government Minister of Public Works, the Environment & Urban Development surrounded (l-r) by the signatories: Edouard Mousny, Gordon S. Blair associate and Vice-President Cluster Yachting Monaco, Claudia Batthyany, Project Manager 'Monaco, Capital of Advanced Yachting', Espen Oeino, Yacht Designer & Vice-President of the Cluster Yachting Monaco, Aleco Keusseoglou, President of Société d'Exploitation des Ports de Monaco, Gaëlle Tallarida, Managing Director of the Monaco Yacht Show, Olivier Wenden, Vice-President and CEO Prince Albert II Foundation, Guy Antognelli, Director of the Tourism and Convention Authority, Thomas Battaglione, CEO of SMEG, Jean-Luc Biamonti, CEO of Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer and Bernard d'Alessandri, YCM General Secretary and President of Cluster Yachting Monaco.

"*Yachting today faces a major evolution, and retrofit is at the centre of reflections on the sector's future,*" says **Bernard d'Alessandri, YCM General Secretary and President of Cluster Yachting Monaco**. "*Modernising is now inevitable: in five to ten years, some regions, particularly coastal areas, will no longer be accessible to conventional diesel-powered ships. Those involved in the industry are mobilised to initiate this change. They want to provide solutions, which is why we can be optimistic. The evaluating phase is over, now we must act using pragmatic solutions like the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge which every year in July enables young engineers and industry professionals to present and test their alternative propulsion innovations*".

The launch event was also an opportunity to virtually project the audience into the future with a presentation of a pilot metaverse project for the YCM Marina, the first one dedicated to superyachts.

"*Yachting, like any sector, has to evolve and modernise,*" noted **Frédéric Genta, Country Chief Digital Officer in charge of Monaco's Digital Transition**, "**It could have a central role to play, notably by embracing digital technology. In order to preserve the fragile link between mankind and the sea, this growth and modernisation can only be achieved by respecting the marine environment.**"

Building an eco-responsible yachting sector can only be considered in concert with all partners, and Monaco must be an example: "*We must all be on board with this theme to meet our commitments to reduce greenhouse gases,*" says **Céline Caron-Dagioni, Monaco's Minister of Public Works, the Environment and Urban Development**, adding a reminder "*that in Monaco this is to be under 55% by 2030 and carbon neutral by 2050*".

Achieving a sustainable future is no longer a blank page waiting to be written as much progress has been made on the water and quayside, according to **Thomas Battaglione, CEO of SMEG**: "*Monaco's two harbours are already equipped with electricity terminals: 600 connections for Port Hercule and 250 for Port de Fontvieille which can be used by vessels over 150m. A major project is underway with SEPM (which manages the harbours) and government teams to equip the main harbour wall and install electrical connections for the very large vessels*".

Recalling the importance of pragmatic solutions, Thomas Battaglione also announced progress on discussions taking place, particularly regards energy production: "*During the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge for example we are set to test new innovations by installing temporary flexible solar panels on the exhibitors' village pavilions; and by 2023 we will have the capability to supply hydrogen*".

All are objectives shared by O**livier Wenden, Vice-President and CEO of the Prince Albert II Foundation**, for whom Monaco, Capital of Advanced Yachting "*is above all about connecting the various sectors and players in different disciplines, while addressing the issues of sustainability and protecting marine ecosystems*".

To maintain its position as leader, today Monaco needs to "demonstrate by example" and support this industry in its transformation and understanding of the challenges ahead, to:

- Strengthen Monaco's appeal faced with growing international competition, be that in tourism or business terms, by highlighting its many advantages.
- Encourage people to enter this industry through training, which creates jobs.
- Support and promote Monaco's history of innovation to build a better future for yachting.
- Export its expertise by pushing events that over the years have gained legitimacy and a reputation as being at the cutting edge.
- Foster synergies and coordinate actions with all Monegasque institutions and yachting professionals who already have strong representation internationally.

As **HSH Prince Albert II** concluded: "T*he guiding principle is synonymous with growth that respects the environment, by realising that sustainable development is not a constraint but a lever that can improve the sector's resilience, generate added value, and contribute to a healthy ecosystem and a strong community*".



Yacht Club de Monaco | Initiatives that are having an impact

Under a policy firmly focused on protecting the environment, and as part of the collective 'Monaco, Capital of *Advanced* Yachting' approach, Yacht Club de Monaco is ramping up initiatives that underpin its commitment like the YCM Explorer Awards-La Belle Classe (21st March 2024) and the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge (1-6 July 2024).
Built to Haute Qualité Environnementale HQE® standards, the new building has met ISO 14001 criteria every year since 2016. Eco-features include photovoltaic cells, low-energy LED lighting, effective energy, heating, waste and water management systems, a hydrocooling system recycling water from the harbour, charging points for electric vehicles and boats, and photovoltaic and thermal solar panels throughout. Just recently, a plant was installed to treat the Club's swimming pool water and feed it back into the system to wash boats in the Sports Section.
Actively engaged in promoting individual eco-responsibility, YCM also raises awareness of yacht owners through the SEA Index®, the first carbon footprint calculator to allow quick comparisons between superyachts over 25m, targeting objectives to reduce CO2 emissions in yachting with an incentive system for the most virtuous.
Event organisation is not left out with the Club's use of dynamic buoys equipped with an electric motor to position them remotely throughout the duration of a race, so there is no need to anchor them to the seabed which protects it, and a portable battery so it can run PC regattas autonomously in terms of energy. The use of semi-rigid electric boats for events and its many sailing courses completes the solutions now in place.
All these actions illustrate YCM's ambitious proactive vision of what being eco-responsible means today.

Since 1999: EFG Sailing Academy

The Sailing Academy was set up by the YCM in 1999 to train young people in sailing and the restoration of traditional boats, alternating theoretical and practical courses with an emphasis on their professional integration. In 2012, in order to adapt to the changes in the sector and in collaboration with EFG, the Sailing Academy extended its training by offering nine-month immersion courses in the various departments of the YCM in order to gain a 360° view of the yachting industry.

Since 2009: Launch of Business Symposiums (by invitation)

An annual meeting of the yachting industry, bringing together shipowners and professionals, the "La Belle Classe Superyachts" Economic Symposium, offered by the Yacht Club de Monaco in the form of a dinner debate, is a must-attend event to analyse the latest developments in the sector, its issues and challenges.

Since 2010: Launch of the Environmental Symposiums (by invitation only)

Following on from the Economic Symposiums, the Y.C.M. continues the dialogue between the main players in the yachting industry on the subject of environmental protection. Aim: to raise awareness and mobilise shipowners and the yachting industry by presenting the latest developments in the sector's response to environmental issues.



2011: Creation of the La Belle Classe Destinations

The Yacht Club de Monaco is keen to support its owners in their choice of ports of call and has created this label, which defines a standard of excellence in terms of the quality of infrastructure, services and safety for the superyacht marinas that are being created around the world. By contributing its expertise, the Y.C.M. supports these new projects and intends to create an exclusive network of yacht clubs and marinas, while preserving the specificity of each destination.

2014: Creation of the "Monaco Yachting Cluster

Launched in 2014 on the initiative of the Yacht Club de Monaco and chaired by Bernard d'Alessandri, the "Yachting Monaco" cluster brings together 1,561 yachting professionals divided into 252 companies based in the Principality and generating a turnover of more than €753 million.

2014: Launch of the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge (free entry - access to the paddocks)

As part of the Principality's tradition of innovation, which began in 1904 with the first motorboat meetings to test the latest innovations in motorisation on the water, the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge has become the meeting place for new alternative energies. With a focus on open source research and development in the form of nautical events, tech talks and conferences, this unique event is supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Credit Suisse, BMW and SBM Offshore, with the involvement of key players in the yachting world such as Sanlorenzo, Oceanco, Ferretti and Monaco Marine.

2015: Creation of the La Belle Classe Academy

Following on from the activities of its La Belle Classe label, the Yacht Club de Monaco continues to develop this certification by creating the La Belle Classe Academy, a general maritime training centre focusing on the "art of living the sea" on board.

2019: Launch of the YCM Explorer Awards by La Belle Classe Superyacht

This event honours shipowners who have demonstrated a commitment to preserving the marine environment, both in the design of their yachts and during their voyages.

2020: Creation of SEA Index®

The first carbon footprint calculator allowing a quick comparison of superyachts over 25m, with the aim of setting environmental targets to reduce CO2 emissions in the yachting industry, with an incentive system for the most virtuous yachts (preferential rates at the YCM marina, advantages with some of our partners (insurance).

2021

Creation of the YCM Eco Charter

Launch of an environmental charter of best practices as part of the Captains' Club, which brings together 150 superyacht captains holding the Captain 3000 certificate.

Signature of the National Energy Transition Pact

At the start of the 8th Monaco Energy Boat Challenge, the Yacht Club de Monaco signs the National Pact for Energy Transition.

Hosting of the 1st Monaco Smart & Sustainable Marina Rendezvous

This networking event, organised by M3 (Monaco Marina Management), will provide unique access to all the key players in the marina ecosystem, comprising some 250 people (entrepreneurs, start-ups, manufacturers, investors, promoters, marina developers and architects), so that technology (known as "smart") can provide a collective response to climate issues and thus encourage responsible innovation.

2022 Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the International Hydrographic Organisation

As part of the collective initiative "Monaco, Capital of *Advanced* Yachting", the Y.C.M. has joined forces with the IHO to promote its "data logger". This is a small box that can be easily connected to all the electronic systems on board a boat to collect data on the depth of water under the boat.

2023 Hosting the 1st Monaco Smart Yacht Rendezvous

The yachting industry is undergoing a major transformation and a number of players have already started to take important steps towards an environmental transition. Following the success of the Monaco Smart & Sustainable Marina Rendezvous, M3 (Monaco Marina Management) is keen to promote sustainable solutions for superyachts (yachts over 24m) by launching the first Monaco Smart Yacht Rendezvous. This networking event will take place during Monaco Ocean Week, culminating in the Smart Innovative Yacht Awards. The aim is multi-faceted, with naval architects, owners, captains and shipyards able to learn, exchange ideas and meet investors, start-ups, scale-ups and innovative companies. The ultimate goal is to present a Smart Innovative Yacht Award for the smartest and most eco-responsible solution in three categories (Startups, Scaleups and Corporates).

YCM Marina

- Black and grey water collection
- Policy of purchasing environmentally friendly cleaning products in the marina and more generally throughout the club.
- Installation of 24 "Biohut" nurseries, in collaboration with the Direction des Affaires Maritimes (DAM), the Direction de l'Environnement (DE), the Société d'Exploitation des Ports de Monaco (SEPM) and the company Ecocéan, to create artificial habitats that reintroduce the ecological nursery function of rocky and sandy bottoms. The process protects the larvae from predators, giving them a better chance of surviving and contributing to the growth of adult populations.

Training :

• Marine and environmental awareness training during the Seadventures camps for the Club's youngsters during the school holidays.

• Environmental training offered by the La Belle Classe Academy for on-board professionals (ETYC) and for all Y.C.M. staff (recycling, paper consumption, choice of service providers who have opted for good environmental practices).

Mobility:

• Installation of charging points for electric vehicles (cars and boats) in the marina (1st in Europe).

• Valet service for its members in electric vehicles with BMW.

• Valet service for its members in electric buggies in the YCM marina.

• Supervision of its competition teams and students with electric tenders.

• Use of BTL fuel for all its boats, including *Tuiga* (1909) (this 100% sustainable eco-circular synthetic biofuel is derived from the recycling of cooking oil and guarantees a reduction in carbon impact of -85%).

• A project is underway to build a Zero Emission Committee boat to organise its nautical events (aluminium design by Espen Oeino, with the aim of minimising the impact of noise pollution on marine fauna). Motorisation is under consideration).

Event Management :

• **Dynamic buoys:** During regattas, use of dynamic buoys equipped with an electric motor to maintain their position for the duration of a race, which does not require anchoring, thus preserving the seabed.

• **Race HQ system:** Use of a portable battery in the form of a solar power station. This portable power generator has multiple outputs (USB, DC, AC, wireless) to power various devices. The system allows the club to have a completely energy self-sufficient Race PC for the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge, as well as being used for various events organised by the Sports Section, such as the SeAdventures Camps Awards Ceremony.



8. At the service of the Principality's reputation abroad

Network of twinned and reciprocal Clubs, 'La Belle Classe by the Yacht Club de Monaco'

An allied member of the Yacht Club de France, the Yacht Club de Monaco is also twinned with 15 prestigious clubs and maintains reciprocal agreements with around 40 others.

YACHT CLUB DE FRANCE (1867)
41, Avenue Foch - 75116 Paris - France
Site internet : www.ycf-club.fr

ROYAL CORK YACHT CLUB (1720)
Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven
Cork, Irlande
Site internet : www.royalcork.com

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE YACHT CLUB (1826)
52 West Coast Ferry Road
126887 - Singapour
Site internet : www.rsyc.org.sg

KUNGL SVENSKA SEGEL SÄLLSKAPET
(Royal Swedish Yacht Club 1830)
PO Box 118 SE
133 22 Saltsjöbaden - Suède
Site internet : www.ksss.se

SOCIETE NAUTIQUE DE GENEVE (1872)
Port Noir - 1223 Cologny
Genève - Suisse
Club House et port : Quai de Cologny
Site internet : www.nautique.org

REAL CLUB NAUTICO DE BARCELONA (1879)
Muelle de España, S/N
08039 Barcelona - Espagne
Site internet : www.rcnb.com

YACHT CLUB ITALIANO (1879)
Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi
16128 - Genova - Italie
Site internet : www.yci.it

YACHT CLUB ARGENTINO (1883)
Viamonte y Río de la Plata Dársena
Norte - 1107 Buenos Aires - Argentine
Site internet : www.yca.org.ar

CERCLE DE L'UNION INTERALLIÉE (1917)
33, Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré
75008 Paris - France
Site internet : www.union-interalliee.fr

KIELER YACHT-CLUB (1887)
Kiellinie 70
24105 Kiel, Allemagne
Site internet : www.kyc.de

IATE CLUBE DO RIO DE JANEIRO (1920
Av. Pasteur, 333 – Praia Vermelha – Cep
22290-240 Rio de Janeiro - Brésil
Site internet : www.icrj.com.br

YACHT CLUB PUNTA DEL ESTE (1924)
Calle 10, esquina 13 - Punta del Este
Maldonado - Uruguay
Site internet : www.ycpe.com.uy

YACHT CLUB OF GREECE (1933)
Mikrolimano - Piraeus - Grèce
Site internet : www.ycg.gr

CIRCOLO DELLA VELA SICILIA (1933)
Via Libertà 56 - 90143 Palermo - Italie
Site internet : www.circolodellavela.it

CLUBE NAVAL DE CASCAIS (1938)
Esplanada Principe Luís Filipe
2750-411 Cascais - Portugal
Site internet : www.cncascais.com

IATE CLUBE DE SANTOS (1947)
Av. Higienopolis, 18 – Higienopolis
Sao Paulo – CEP 01 238-001 - Brésil
Site internet : www.ics.com.br

YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA (1967)
Costa Smeralda - Porto Cervo
Sardegna - Italie
Site internet : www.yccs.it

Twinning agreements:

Twinning between clubs enables:

- Development of sports events between clubs, with all members being able to participate freely under equal conditions
- Free access for society members of the twinned clubs to the premises, restaurant and lounges and services on offer on presentation of their membership card
- Access to the boutiques in both clubs
- Exchanges between the two clubs Sailing Schools, including competitions and coaches
- Any active member of a club who takes up residence in the country of a twinned club is obliged to change affiliation to that club after six months residence and to conform to the statutes of the club concerned.

Reciprocal agreements:

In addition to twinning agreements, the Yacht Club de Monaco has also established privileged relations with some 60 yacht clubs all over the world. These reciprocal agreements allow YCM society members to call into these clubs and have free access to the clubhouse on presentation of their membership card and letter of recommendation from their Club.



J = Club jumelé

AMÉRIQUE DU NORD
01 Annapolis Yacht Club, USA
02 Epping Forest Yacht Club, USA
03 Palm Beach Yacht Club, USA
04 Oakland Yacht Club, USA
05 Manhattan Yacht Club, USA
06 Long Beach Yacht Club, USA
07 Embassy Club, USA
08 Balboa Bay Yacht Club, USA
09 Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Canada
10 St Francis Yacht Club, USA
11 Queen City Yacht Club, USA
12 Outrigger Canoe Club Hawaï, USA
13 Ocean Reef Club, USA

CARAÏBES
14 Club Nautico Int. Hemingway de la Habana, Cuba
15 Club Náutico de San Juan, Puerto Rico
16 Anguilla Yacht Club

AMÉRIQUE DU SUD
17 Iate Clube Rio de Janeiro, Brésil J
18 Iate Clube de Santos, Sao Paulo, Brésil J
19 Yacht Club Punta del Este, Uruguay J
20 Yacht Club Argentino, Argentine J
21 Club de Pesca de Cartagena, Colombie
22 Salinas Yacht Club, Equateur

AFRIQUE
23 Royal Cape Yacht Club, Afrique du Sud
24 Royal Natal Yacht Club, Afrique du Sud
25 Dar es Salaam Yacht Club, Tanzanie
26 Yacht Club Africa Jade Korba, Tunisie

MOYEN-ORIENT
27 Dubai International Marine Club

ASIE
28 Republic of Singapore Yacht Club Singapour J
29 Changi Sailing Club, Singapour
30 Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
31 Royal Brunei Yacht Club, Borneo
32 Royal Selangor Yacht Club, Malaisie
33 Royal Bombay Yacht Club, Inde
34 Tanglin Club, Singapour

OCÉANIE
35 Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Nouvelle-Zélande

EUROPE
36 Yacht Club de France, France J
37 Real Club Nautico de Barcelona, Espagne J
38 Société Nautique de Genève, Suisse J
39 Yacht Club Italiano, Italie J
40 Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Italie J
41 Yacht Club Punta Ala, Italie
42 Circolo della Vela Sicilia, Italie J
43 Circolo Canottieri Aniene, Italie
44 Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia, Italie
45 Yachting Club San Marino, Italie
46 Yacht Club Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italie
47 Yacht Club Porto Rotondo, Italie
48 Club Nautico di Roma, Italie
49 Circolo della Vela Bari, Italie
50 Circolo della Vela Venezia, Italie
51 Circolo Vela di Torbole, Italie
52 Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario, Italie
53 Kungl Svenska Segel Sällskapet, Suède J
54 Yacht Club of Greece, Grèce J
55 Gstaad Yacht Club, Suisse
56 Club de Mar Marbella, Espagne
57 Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club, Belgique
58 Royal Western Yacht Club, UK
59 Royal Thames Yacht Club, UK
60 Royal Burnham Yacht Club, UK
61 Royal Southern Yacht Club, UK
62 Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, Allemagne
63 Kieler Yacht Club, Allemagne J
64 Clube Naval de Cascais, Portugal J
65 Royal Saint George Yacht Club, Dublin, Irlande
66 Royal Cork Yacht Club, Co. Cork, Irlande J
67 Royal Yacht Club of Moscow, Russie
68 St Petersburg Sea Yacht Club, Russie
69 Cercle de l'Union Interalliée, France J

La Belle Classe by the Yacht Club de Monaco

To unite owners around yachting values

The Principality has long been a favourite destination, and the Yacht Club a link between all those who love the sea. Under its President HSH Prince Albert II since 1984, its mission has been to support owners around a certain Art de Vivre la Mer and pass on a maritime heritage. In 2013, the YCM founded by Prince Rainier III celebrated its 60th anniversary.











2005 La Belle Classe tradition

Dédiée aux armateurs de yachts de tradition (avant 1950) et autres acteurs du secteur

Actions mises en place depuis 2005 :
Intronisations des signataires,
Mémorandum, Instructions de course,
Collaboration avec les organisateurs,
Colloque des Capitaines,
Monaco Classic Week-La Belle Classe

2008 La Belle Classe Superyachts

Dédiée aux armateurs de super-yachts (plus de 40 m), et professionnels du secteur

Actions mises en place depuis 2008 :
Intronisations des signataires, Symposium Economique, Symposium Environnemental, Baptêmes de super-yachts

2011 La Belle Classe destinations

Dédiée à fédérer les marinas les plus exclusives

Actions mises en place depuis 2012 :
Intronisations des signataires, Présentation de marinas, Echange de compétences, Accompagnement

2015 La Belle Classe Academy

Dédiée aux capitaines, officiers, équipages, futurs plaisanciers...

Actions mises en place depuis 2015 :

8 modules de formation :
- Formation de base à la sécurité
- Yachting Masterclass
- Techniques de navigation
- Art du service & Hospitality
- Loisirs & Plaisance
- Monaco Weather Lab
- Formation matelotage et noeuds marins
- ETYC Training

2018 La Belle Classe Explorer

Dédiée aux armateurs, capitaines ou explorateurs professionnels

Création depuis 2018 :
La Belle Classe Explorer Awards

La Belle Classe Tradition :
“Navigating the past to build the future”

Since it was formed in 2005 at the instigation of YCM President HSH Prince Albert II, La Belle Classe Tradition has proved its commitment to developing classic yachting and uniting owners around a charter defending three key values:

- **preservation of our maritime heritage and its yachts**
- **respect for naval etiquette**
- **protection of the sea and the environment**

The aim is to unite owners, put a spotlight on the high quality of work produced by marine craftsmen and pass on to future generations the priceless value of this heritage and associated lifestyle. Some 60 owners of classic yachts, including the most prestigious, and well-known yachting personalities are signatories to this La Belle Classe charter.

La Belle Classe Superyachts
“Promoting innovation and supporting the development of yachting”

A home port and favourite destination for owners and their superyachts, headquarters for many designers and big-name brokers, the Principality is an industry hub in a yachting sector that is constantly evolving. With many of the world’s biggest private yachts flying the YCM burgee, the Yacht Club occupies a unique place on the global superyacht scene.

La Belle Classe Superyachts was launched in 2008 along the same principles as La Belle Classe Tradition to unite owners and key players in the sector. The same values apply, for example to protect the environment but the focus here is on innovative design and ongoing research to take yachts into a greener future (responsible attitude to green solutions, using innovative techniques or those already existing, etc.) and respect for naval etiquette (crew and owner attire, courtesy rules and solidarity between La Belle Classe members).
Through La Belle Classe Superyachts, the YCM intends to welcome, support and educate owners of 40+m yachts in maritime culture, and encourage professionals to actively promote a philosophy that respects the environment.

Press release / Replay available on the YCM website:

← **Environnemental Symposium 2024 Edition**

SAVE THE DATE : MARCH 2025

Business Symposium (8 février 2024) →

SAVE THE DATE : FEBRUARY 2025

La Belle Classe Destinations
"The Spirit of Yachting for destinations of excellence"

With yachting gaining in popularity worldwide, new destinations are emerging and marinas being built and the Yacht Club de Monaco is often asked to give advice.

If Monaco is now recognised as a capital of yachting, the YCM is also renowned as an expert in this sector. The actions taken and the values upheld by La Belle Classe Tradition and La Belle Classe Superyachts have made it one of the most respected and influential clubs.

The most recent string to this exclusive bow is La Belle Classe Destinations, established in 2012 to support owners on their travels and provide them with ports of call on a par with the YCM and allied clubs. This label establishes a standard of excellence for superyacht marinas.

With La Belle Classe Destinations, the YCM intends to create a network of exclusive yacht clubs and marinas which can guarantee the same high level of services and security in a spirit that fully respects the yachting values so dear to the YCM, while retaining all the charms and DNA of each destination. Admitted on 12th December 2012, the Visun Royal Yacht Club in Saya, China, was the first signatory in Asia to join this exclusive network, alongside the Shanghai Yacht Club and late Clube de Santos de Sao Paulo in Brazil. The YCM is also working on new projects in Asia.

Presentation of La Belle Classe Destinations

La Belle Classe Academy
"A training centre to provide excellence"

Part of its collective "Monaco, Capital of *Advanced* Yachting" initiative and launched October 2015 and dedicated mainly to owners, but also open to the yachting industry (captains, management and other professionals), crew members and future boat owners, the YCM's training centre offers courses alternating technical and pleasure boat modules, with a strong emphasis on the 'Art of Service, Etiquette and Protocol' on board. With La Belle Classe Academy, the YCM is keen to develop and promote yachting professions. A desire to build the future!

8 modules are proposed:

- Hospitality and Art of Service
- Pleasure Boats
- Yachting Masterclass
- ETYC Training
- Monaco Weather Lab
- Leadership
- Navigation Techniques
- Basic Safety Training

Presentation of La Belle Classe Academy



CHAPTER 4 | Guided tour of the Yacht Club de Monaco's new building designed by Lord Foster

Lord Norman Foster, Jacques Grange and Nelson Wilmot are among the designers who have put all their talents to work on this new building.

1. A building designed by Lord Foster



The Yacht Club de Monaco's new building has been designed by world-renowned architects Foster + Partners, led by Chairman and Founder Lord Foster. Over the past four decades he has pioneered a sustainable approach to architecture and ecology through a wide range of work for which his practice has received over 650 awards and citations for excellence. He has been awarded architecture's highest accolades, including the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture (Royal Institute of British Architects), the French Academy of Architecture Gold Medal and the coveted Pritzker Prize. From his earliest projects, Lord Foster has embraced the most advanced technology and continues to work closely with the practice's teams of architects and engineers. This project has been carried out in collaboration with the Monegasque architect Alexandre Giraldi, supervised by the Public Works Department. Designed to be both aesthetically pleasing and hi-tech, it has been built to HQE® (Haute Qualité Environnementale) standards to minimize disruption during building, control energy and water usage; hydro-cooling, acoustic, water quality…).

Selection of projects designed by Lord Foster:
His work includes the Millau Viaduct and the Carré d'Art, Nîmes in France, the Swiss Re tower and the Great Court at the British Museum in London, the Hearst Headquarters tower in New York, and the Reichstag German Parliament in Berlin.

"*This building has been designed like a miniature city, integrated into the existing urban landscape of Monaco. I wanted it to be open to the outdoors. The terraces resemble decks on a boat, along the harbour to give uninterrupted views of the races out to sea, and the F1 Grand Prix track inland. The landscaped roof of the Sports Section complements the sequence of green spaces in this densely populated city and forms a new link in the pedestrian route between the quayside and Casino Square*," comments Lord Foster.

Jacques Grange



Jacques Grange is one of the most talented of the French designers working globally and has been involved in several projects with Fendi Casa. The Jacques Grange style defines a new yachting lifestyle where the furniture blends into the space in a naturally casual way. Clients include influential figures like Yves Saint-Laurent and HRH Princess Caroline of Hanover.
In the Yacht Club, lounge, living areas and reception rooms feature the Fendi Casa Contemporary collection with Soho and Metropolitan sofas, Serengeti tables with matching Blixen chairs and small Colombus tables, in an eclectic design-meets-classicism spirit created by Jacques Grange. An exercise with a modern touch that faithfully interprets the Monaco royal family's values, in juxtaposing esprit and originality. Pastel shades with authentic essences of natural leather, sand and ivory best describe the furnishings. The white furniture for the terrace and pool has been selected from the Fendi Outdoor Collection. White cushions embroidered with the Yacht Club's red logo are enhanced by elegant red piping. A new and harmonious take on classicism in all its splendour is to be found in HSH Prince Albert II's office. Here Jacques Grange has created a unique space of balanced proportions expertly sculpted to create a charming yet exclusive environment totally in keeping with the Yacht Club style. Dominating the centre is an iconic rectangular Margutta sycamore and ebony table embedded with a graphic maxi motif and stylised Fendi logo. Matching Ripetta chairs contribute to the refined, evocative yet non-conformist atmosphere.

"*I am delighted to have been able to contribute with Fendi to this stunning Yacht Club de Monaco building designed by Norman Foster, happy also to have worked with the royal family with whom I have longstanding links of respect and friendship. I was very touched by Alberto Vignatelli's generosity in making available items of furniture from the Casa Fendi collection, and I thank him most sincerely*", says Jacques Grange.

Nelson Wilmotte

Collaboration with Nelson Wilmot for the design of the Moët Hennessy Bar









2. Guided Tour

A symbolic centrepiece of the remodelled harbour, the Yacht Club's new premises celebrate the Principality's spectacular coastline and maritime heritage, with a series of terraces stepping up along the quay offering uninterrupted views out to the races at sea, as well as views inland over the Formula 1 Grand Prix track. Built on reclaimed land, the development includes the YCM Marina which extends the existing marina to the east and accommodates a range of craft including sailing boats and superyachts from 25m to 60m.



On the ground floor, the Yacht Club is entered via a glazed atrium with views across the harbour to the palace on the Rock. A masterpiece of design at the heart of the building, a monumental spiral staircase links all the new areas.



Deck 2 is reserved exclusively for YCM members.

The Clubhouse has a library of 1,600 nautical reference books, a restaurant and outdoor pool.











A lively place for all the family, in the Fitness & Wellness area, the building also has a gym (Deck 1) where sailors and young racers can do their physical preparation, as well as an area for relaxation, with two treatment rooms for massages and a room in which to relax in peace overlooking the YCM Marina.

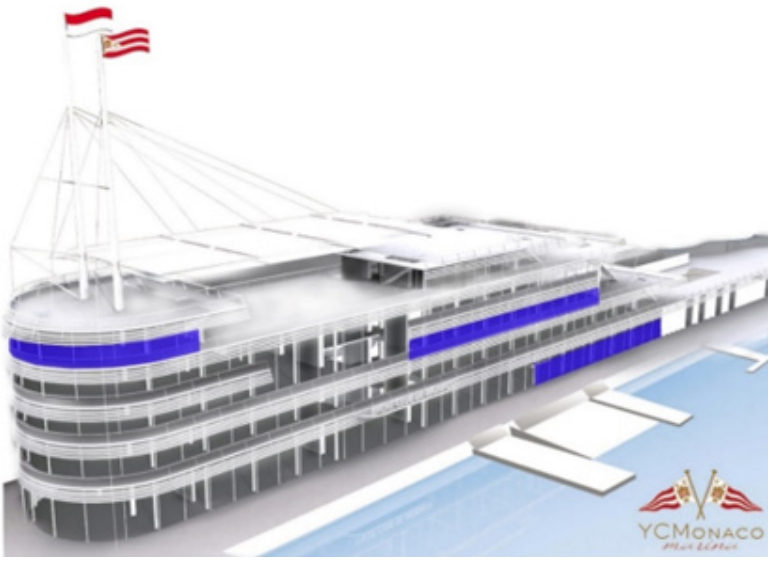


The Sunrise Restaurant

With its panoramic view of the harbour and Rock, this restaurant is open all summer.

Areas available to the yachting industry (Meeting Room, Ballroom, Aquarama Riva Bar)

Other areas are available to the yachting industry for nautical events.
They include the Ballroom and its mezzanine (Decks 3 and 4), and a Meeting Room on the ground floor at quay level. For exclusive events, it is also possible to hire the beautiful Aquarama Riva Bar (Deck 5) which has stunning views over the harbour and historic Monaco Boat Service. The bar has been designed as a tribute to Carlo Riva, l'Ingegnere de Sarnico, the man behind a certain world-renowned "art de vivre" of his own.



Four "cabins" (Deck 4) are also available to accommodate guests on a stopover.

Eco-features: the panoramic terraces are shaded by retractable fabric screens supported by a mast and booms. The harbour elevations are fully glazed and shaded by louvres, and can be opened to provide uninterrupted views. Photovoltaic cells, solar thermal panels and sea-water cooling systems have all been integrated to ensure the building sets new standards in line with Monaco's environmental ambitions.



Dimensions and building area (not including the Société Nautique, Calypso, public gardens):

- Interior area: 5,000m²
- Terraces: 4,000m²
- Building length: 204m²
- Building height (sea level to top terrace): 22m
- Mast height: 30m
- 146 car parking spaces (5,000m2)

For sailing all year round



The lower floors house the Société Nautique and a sailing school/sports department, whose sliding doors allow activities to take place right on the quayside. Designed mainly for children, the sailing school includes classrooms, workshops and storage for small boats. Inside, the roof of the Sports Section and the Nautical Society houses a landscaped park.

Bordered on one side by the terrace of the Yacht Club restaurant and on the other by an area dedicated to sporting activities, the park completes the range of green spaces offered by this densely populated city and forms a new link in the pedestrian route between the quays and the Place du Casino.

The YCM Marina: to welcome ship owners and members for their stopovers

Located directly in front of the Yacht Club de Monaco's new building on Quai Louis II, the YCM Marina has been in operation since October 2013. With 26 berths for yachts from 25m to 60m, the complex has a pontoon for tenders and departure point for charters. Superyacht owners will have privileged access to the Yacht Club de Monaco's Clubhouse throughout their stay in the Principality, as well as facilities offered by BMW, the YCM's Official Car.

Not only is this orientation towards the luxury yachting sector a big opportunity for Monaco to consolidate its position as a mecca for yachting, but also a source of direct and indirect revenue.



Work started in 2009

Materials used: Only FSC (Forest Stewardship Council ensuring sustainable forestry) wood has been used.

External timber flooring: FSC Elondo Ivorense Hardwood. Processed and dried in Europe.

Interior: FSC European Oak for the parquet floors with joints picking up the detail on boats, making large surfaces reflecting the natural movement of the wood.

Interior wall cladding: big format gloss white lacquered panels with aluminium inserts, giving maximum flexibility for hangings: Thassos marble.

Internal ceilings: FSC European oak triangular slats with acoustic backing.

3. An eco-responsible approach HQE

Haute Qualité Environnementale

The Yacht Club de Monaco's new premises reinforce the Principality's attractiveness on the international stage. This emblematic building designed by Foster + Partners in association with the Giraldi firm is on the port, and features large deck-like terraces stepping up along the harbour, fully glazed façade and a mast on the roof. It has been designed in response to the local climate and sets high standards in sustainable design that complies with HQE standards.

A passive design, the structure balances shade and natural light and the glass facades can be opened for natural ventilation. Photovoltaic cells, solar thermal panels and sea water cooling systems take advantage of the sun and waterfront site. LED low energy lighting, state of the art systems to manage energy use, waste and water, and points to recharge electric-powered cars have been integrated into the design. Account has been taken of the life-time sustainability of the building, a factor behind the choice of local materials such as the use of European oak on the terraces, isolation panels and recycled aggregates for the foundations, as well as employing local companies. The Green Building approach also aims to minimise the impact of building works on the neighbours.

ISO 14001

Always keen to find and promote solutions to the environmental challenges that face us today, the YCM has been committed since 1st January 2018 to only using electricity generated from renewable sources. An initiative that is echoed in numerous other actions taken in the past, as evidenced by its ISO 14001 certification. This internationally recognised quality, safety and environmental management standard which it has held since June 2016 confirms the Club's status as an eco-responsible enterprise.

Another big step for the environment

The Yacht Club de Monaco remains committed to the environment by acquiring the Egeo certificate confirming that all electricity used in the Club is generated from renewable energy sources. Issued by SMEG (Société Monégasque d'Electricité et de Gaz), the certificate gives the Club access to the e+ label which is fully in line with targets set by Monaco's Energy Climate Plan towards transition to cleaner sources. Governed by a "positive energy" Charter, the e+ label references efficiency contributions from the sun, wind and water to encourage businesses to ramp up their eco-responsible efforts. In taking yet another step towards a cleaner future, the YCM continues to write pages for a future it knows will be sustainable.

Zero carbon the goal

In line with its environmental policy, YCM has decided to continue its transition away from diesel for all its fleet including our flagship Tuiga and the committee boat. The fuel chosen is called TL, a sustainable eco-circular synthetic biofuel, based on recycled cooking oil and guaranteed to reduce carbon impact by 85%. The lower floors accommodate the Société Nautique (rowing club), the YCM Sailing School and Sports Section, with sliding doors to encourage activities to spread out onto the quay. Designed largely for children, the Sailing School has classrooms, workshops and a loft for small boats. Inland, on the roof of the Sports Section and Société Nautique there is a landscaped park. Bounded by the Yacht Club's restaurant terrace on one side and leading on the other side up to an area for sports activities, it complements a sequence of green spaces forming a new link in the pedestrianized route between the quay and Casino Square.

Environmentally friendly regattas

YCM is keeping up with the latest developments as a regatta organiser that fully respects the environment with its use of dynamic buoys. Employed in the Principality since 2018, dynamic buoys use an electric motor to maintain their position throughout a race. Controlled by an App, they allow the Race Committee to reposition them remotely in real time, which means they can adapt race procedures to wind shifts as quickly as possible. Another major advantage is that there is no need to anchor them to the seabed which is better for the marine environment. Two categories of buoys are currently used on courses set in Monaco. Visible from afar, some can guarantee stability in up to 30 knots of wind and a three-metre swell and can last up to 16 hours depending on weather conditions at sea.

The YCM Marina: for owners and members calling into Monaco

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The YCM Gallery: a new space bringing life to the harbour

Located on Quai Louis II, the YCM Gallery boutiques are an opportunity to indulge yourself with a little shopping.

Alongside the YCM Boutique, the YCM Gallery has three boutiques:

Brooks Brothers, America's longest established clothing brand (founded in 1818),

the Wine Palace Monte-Carlo, one of the best cellars in Europe with 2,300 references, and the BMW & MINI Store Monaco.



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BROOKS BROTHERS | + 377 97 77 05 56



WINE PALACE MONTE-CARLO | + 377 97 77 05 05





CHAPTER 5: The YCM's road map: a tool at the service of promoting the Principality

1. Objective: increase the number of regattas and nautical events

Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series | nine successful seasons

Launched in 2013, these regattas are part of the Club's progressive sailing policy. Held every month between November and March, the series ends with the Primo Cup – UBS, an event that launches the season for the one design elite. Twelve years on and the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series is going from strength to strength with each meeting, attracting teams in the J/70 classes.

More than 350 sailors come from all over Europe to establish their winter training base in the Principality to prepare for the upcoming season's big regattas. Among the Monegasque teams, some have a track record to make the competition pale, notably Giangiacomo Serena di Lapigio (*G-Spottino*), Graeme Peterson (*Moonlight*) or Stefano Roberti (*Piccinina*), J/70 European Vice-Champion in 2016.

This class has established itself as a one design flagship for the YCM. With 17 teams, the Principality has the largest J/70 fleet in the Mediterranean.

J/70 World Championship

14-22 OCTOBER 2022

The Monaco race area is regularly selected to host the big iconic meetings in the one design racing world. The international J/70 class is a prime example as, having organised the European Championship in October 2015, the Club is set to welcome the fleet again for the World Championship in 2022 (14-22 october).
Big congratulations to Pierrik Devic (*Leonteq)* and Ludovico Fassitelli (*Junda*) for their Vice-Champion titles won in the Open and One Pro categories at the Worlds which gathered 90 boats, 23 nations and 400 sailors, including around 50 legends from the Olympics and America's Cup and many world champions (all classes).

UNDER THE HIGH PATRONAGE OF HSH PRINCE ALBERT II, PRESIDENT OF THE YCM

MONACO CAPITAL OF *ADVANCED* YACHTING

SUPERYACHT CHEF COMPETITION

La Belle Classe Academy by the Yacht Club de Monaco

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9 CHEFS COMPETING

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2. Objective: To imagine the yachting of tomorrow and to encourage innovation

11th Monaco Energy Boat Challenge | 1-6 July 2024
From experimentation to concrete solutions

12th EDITION : 1-5 JULY 2025

This ambitious eco-responsible project of the Yacht Club de Monaco is reflected in a range of events under the aegis of its 'Monaco Capital of *Advanced* Yachting' project, the aim being to make the Principality a centre of excellence and innovation for the leisure boat sector.
Living up to the Principality's reputation for innovation, in particular the first powerboat meetings held annually from 1904 that enabled car and engine manufacturers to test their latest combustion engines, Monaco Energy Boat Challenge, launched in 2014, has become an incubator that supports research and development in propulsion systems for boats. The event is the only one of its kind in the world, as it brings together young engineers at colleges and universities all over the world and puts them in direct contact with the yachting industry. The key objective is to stimulate their imaginations by giving them a challenge to develop alternative environmentally responsible propulsion systems for boats. With 40 universities in competition, 700 students involved all-year of which 450 were here in Monaco, 25 nations and 50-plus boats on the sea, it once again stood out as a zero-emission event in terms of mobility.
It is a rendezvous on many different levels, with:

- **Motorboat challenges** (slalom, endurance course) to demonstrate that the technology already exists and works.
- **Daily Tech Talks** to encourage participants to share knowledge and experience with others in Open Source.
- **A comprehensive programme of talks** to keep up to date with the latest advances.
- **Exhibitors Village** (free access) to learn more about progress being made in sustainable propulsion for the maritime sector.
- **Jobs Forum** putting professionals in contact with students.

MEBC retrospective videos 2024 :
More information on energyboatchallenge.com



4th Monaco Smart & Sustainable Marina Rendezvous | 24 & 25 September 2023
Innovation to encourage virtuous marinas

As part of its collective initiative "Monaco Capital of *Advanced* Yachting", the Yacht Club de Monaco is acting as a real communication platform through international events such as the 4th Monaco Smart & Sustainable Marina Rendezvous. Organised by M3 (Monaco Marina Management), this networking event aims to bring together architects, marinas, innovators, elected officials, public policy makers and private investors to support the greening of yachting destinations.

4th EDITION : 22-23 SEPT 2024

Video 2023 Edition

Final Press Release 2023

2nd Monaco Smart Yacht Rendezvous | 21 & 22 March 2024
Practical solutions for sustainable yachting

As part of Monaco Ocean Week (18-22 March 2024), Monaco Marina Management (M3) is organising the second Monaco Smart Yacht Rendezvous at the Y.C.M.. Following the success of the first three editions of the Monaco Smart & Sustainable Marina Rendezvous (next edition on 22-23 September 2024), M3 (Monaco Marina Management), a Monegasque company specialising in the management of marinas and ports, wishes to promote sustainable and adaptable solutions for large yachts (over 24 metres) with the Monaco Smart Yacht Rendezvous. This event, organised in collaboration with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, will bring together innovation experts, architects and yachting enthusiasts from around the world. The Rendezvous is a unique platform for collaboration and discovery of the smart, sustainable technologies shaping the future of yachting.

Vidéo 2024 Edition

Final Press Release 2024



3. Objective: international representation at a high level to promote sailing vocations

Malizia - Seaexplorer

After a 5th place in the last non-stop solo Vendée Globe race, earning him the IMOCA Championship 2018/2020 title, Boris Herrmann and Pierre Casiraghi, founder of Team Malizia in 2016, decided to continue the IMOCA adventure with a five-year campaign aboard a new IMOCA, *Malizia-Seaexplorer.* Launched 18 months ago after 5,000 hours of design and 45,000 hours of construction involving the skills of 250 people, the 60-footer was on the start in Alicante on 15th January 2023 of The Ocean Race, a legendary fully-crewed circumnavigation of the planet in stages is the former Whitbread Round The World Race in which it finished 3rd. The IMOCA, flying the colours of the Y.C.M., will return to the open seas for the next Vendée Globe, starting on 10 November 2024.

IMOCA60 features

These 60-foot (18.28m) monohulls first made their appearance in 1986 at the BOC Challenge and are one of the fastest race boats in the world. A composite construction, they are designed to be light yet robust and able to withstand the roughest weather conditions. Although the class decided for safety reasons to reign in the rating, the IMOCA design has evolved over the years as innovations came off designers' drawing boards. Fixed keels that now tilt, powerful hulls (with more volume in the bow) and above all the arrival of foils. These "moustaches" take the pressure off the hull, limiting drag and literally lifting the boat out of the water so it goes faster on certain points of sailing.

IMOCA specifications

LOA: 18.28m (60-foot)
Draft: 4.5m
Mast: 29m max.

4. Objective: increase training activities for young generations and raise awareness about protecting the environment

Sports Section: Teaching values



In collaboration with the National Education Department, the Sports Section's Education Unit provides sailing courses to pupils from 8th Grade to Baccalaureate level, in cycles of six to ten weeks, from September to June. Some even choose sailing as a subject for their Baccalaureate in the Principality.

Every year, there are around 80 classes which means 2,000 pupils are discovering the sea and all it has to offer.

During school holidays, the YCM's Sports Section organises week-long camps of activities on the water. Open to children aged 6-15 they offer watersports such as sailing, snorkelling, paddle-boarding, canyoning/rafting, kayaking, etc., as well as teaching them about the environment with visits to the Oceanographic Museum, coastal walks and sessions with the Maritime Police to learn the values and importance of respecting the rules at sea.

Online registration : www.ycm.org / +377 93 10 64 02 - seadventures@ycm.org

The Competition Unit in the Sports Section is a breeding ground for talented young sailors, giving them the opportunity to train and compete at a high level, supervised by one of seven qualified instructors. These professionals support and accompany them throughout their journey, whatever their level or the class they are competing in. The range of boats available are dynamic and highly complementary. From the tried and trusted Optimists for the youngest to the more challenging Laser dinghy categories, the most popular in the world, to kite boarding or the Nacra 15, a new multihull Olympic class for adolescents, the YCM has all the resources to support young people who love the sea.

5. Objective: introduce companies to watersports where team-work, solidarity and communication are key

#WINDIRECTION The YCM Team Building Experience

#WinDirection is a bespoke seminar put together specially for your company and team. A unique experience combining tools for skills development in terms of leadership and sailing expertise.

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CHAPTER 6

Events Calendar and Partners Club

Calendar on www.ycm.mc →

Partners Club of Yacht Club de Monaco

Yacht Club de Monaco

PARTNERS CLUB

Rolex - UBS
Riva / Ferretti
Moët Hennessy
Monaco Marine
FxPro
BMW
Hermès

NAUTICAL PARTNERS

Oceanco • MB92 Group • Jutheau Husson • Lürssen

EVENTS PARTNERS

SBM Offshore • EFG Bank (Monaco)

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

Bombardier • Frette • Slam • Jetfly • Segafredo Zanetti
Royal Caviar House • Aqua superPower
Mairie de Monaco • Monte-Carlo SBM • Visit Monaco • Navimeteo