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### **Corsica Classic**

8th Edition

August 27th - september 3th 2017

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Rally, september 4th - 10th, 2017

**A regatta around the Isle of Beauty, combining the spirit of competition and sportsmanship, elegance and adventure, under the patronage of the Yacht Club of France.**

The Corsica Classic becomes the biggest classical sailing event in the Mediterranean: two weeks of happiness in the wind! The 2017 yachting calendar anchors the Corsica Classic just before the Monaco Classic Week, from 13 to 17 September.

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The Corsica Classic is a highly exclusive sport and lifestyle event, part of a renowned tradition of stunning Mediterranean regattas for classic yachts.

All classic yachts, approved by the CIM (International Mediterranean Committee) and yachts in the 'Esprit de tradition' class, approved by the IRC in 2017, are eligible to enter the race which is part of the official circuit organised by the CIM and French Association of Classic Yachts (AFYT). Over the past seven years the Corsica Classic has become a not-to-be-missed event on the Mediterranean sport and lifestyle calendar and remains the only regatta to sail a week-long circuit along the Corsican coastline.

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### **HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE & HERITAGE**

**Yachting!** The regatta has been accepted under the patronage of the Yacht Club of France in 2014, a mark of great prestige. The YCF will be giving a very special Prize

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at the closing ceremony to the most Fairplay Sailing Yacht. Created in 1867 by Napoleon III, the highest sailing institution in France has had very prestigious members, such as the polar explorer Charcot, Jules Verne or Eric Tabarly.

[www.ycf-club.fr](http://www.ycf-club.fr) // @YachtclubFrance

**Historical sites** // Building on its reputation as a prestigious lifestyle event, the enthusiasm around the Corsica Classic continues to grow. In 2016, 28 classical yachts, among the most beautiful in the world, came to participate in the event. The history of these yachts has constantly crossed the great history. SY Skylark (1937), three Corsica Classic to his credit, belongs to the very British heir Tara Getty. SY Bird of Fire (1937) - classified historical monument - belonged to the Cointreau family. SY Serenade (1938) was bought by the art dealer Alain Moatti after passing through the hands of Eva Gabor of the Cousteau family and having seen on board the great Humphrey Bogart learn to sail alongside His wife Lauren Bacall, friends of his first shipowner, violinist Jascha Heifetz. All these sailboats are signed by the greatest names in naval architecture: Charles E. Nicholson, Olin Stephens, Nicholas Potter, William Fife, André Mauric, Alfred Mylne, Sparkman & Stephens, John G. Alden and Cesare Sangermani. *Updated list upon request.*

## SPORT, STYLE & FAIRPLAY

**DOCKSIDE** // Thanks to its maritime DNA, SEBAGO® has been an official partner for 2 years with its mythical DockSides®, the essential boot of the pontoons and of any respected sailor. This year it will be honored more than ever on board the Corsica Classic. The staff and the race committee will be wearing DockSides® and the lucky winners of the regatta will be presented with gift-bags by the American brand with the Sebago Trophy. [www.sebago.com](http://www.sebago.com) // @Sebago\_fr

**Dream Beaches** // Ajaccio - departure city of the Corsica Classic 2017: the fleet will be moored in the heart of the port Charles Ornano for the greatest pleasure of the spectators of the Imperial city from Sunday 27 August. Les Sanguinaires, le Golfe du Valinco, Senetosa, Les Moines, Murtoli, Palombaggia, Bonifacio, Lavezzi islands... names that conjure up visions of the Isle of Beauty; iconic landmarks dotted along the route of this seven-day race. Each day, the yachts will follow a coastal route of around 20 miles, a distance that will take at least 2 ½ hours to navigate on the shortest days, and up to 6 hours on the longest. Arriving at their overnight moorings, competitors will find exceptional port services and stunning backdrops.

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**Safety** // Medium sized sailing ships and small boats will no longer be harmed on the 2017 edition: so that everyone will benefit from the race in equivalent conditions, doors will be installed on the courses with a score on the The longest stages. Each stage will also see two starts for reasons of safety and comfort.

**Rally** // The Corsica Classic extends its route to Bastia and St Florent for the second year. The St-Florent-Classic becomes a step in its own right. A second week of rallying: For those who want to stay or new arrivals, the Corsica Classic will sail to Saint-Florent by stopping at the old port of Bastia. In the bay of Saint-Florent, 3 days of friendly regattas will be held before the fleet will return to the next stage of the classic circuit in Monaco. [www.corsica-classic.com](http://www.corsica-classic.com) @corsicaclassic

**America America** // In 2014 the race was won by a yacht at the American Pavilion: SY Dorade, a Marconi designed by the cult architect Olin Stephens in 1929, which won the most beautiful regattas including a Fastnet and a Newport-Plymouth Transatlantic in 1931. Proud of this trophy, the Californian owners of Dorade created in 2015 a "Dorade Trophy" especially for the Corsica Classic: Each year, this trophy composed of a winch in Bronze (20kg!), A historical and original piece of the Yacht, is awarded to the great winner of the Marconi Epoque class. SY Skylark, flagship sailboat of the Los Angeles Yacht Club, has been the lucky owner of the trophy for two years. The Trophy is put back into play in the style of the America's Cup every year! A way to tighten up the links with yachting on the other side of the Atlantic

[www.dorade.org](http://www.dorade.org) // @dorade1929

## Glénans //

The Corsica Classic is proud to sign a new partnership with Les Glénans, the most famous sailing school in the hexagon. Created in 1947, under the impetus of Hélène and Philippe Viannay, a group of former resistance fighters allowed 120 young people returning from the maquis or deportation to rebuild and navigate, regaining a wind of freedom on the island of Glénans. These pioneers founded the association which has become today the largest sailing school in Europe, which continues to share its passion and its humanistic and fraternal ideal. Corsica Classic is proud to convey its sporting and human values and open its universe to all sailing enthusiasts from all walks of life.

[www.glenans.asso.fr](http://www.glenans.asso.fr) // @lesglenans\_officiel

[www.corsica-classic.com](http://www.corsica-classic.com)





**Bikinis** // Anglo-Indian designer Tara Matthews created her swimsuit line in 2003. Worn on the cover of Vogue and by hollywood stars like Kim Kardashian, Beyonce, Gwyneth Paltrow and Halle Berry, her swimwear can be seen today on the most beautiful beaches in the world. The famous bikinis will be included among the prestigious gifts at the Corsica Classic trophy ceremony and the girls from the Corsica Classic staff.

[www.tara-matthews.com](http://www.tara-matthews.com) // @taramatthewsbikini

**Sailor's knife** // This Bonifacian cutlery has been manufacturing artisanal Corsican knives for 35 years. The Zuria family, with the help of the Best Worker of France Robert Beillonnet, realizes collections of exceptional knives in the most beautiful woods of the island, and in particular sailor's knives. [www.lesterrassesdaragon.com](http://www.lesterrassesdaragon.com)

## TERROIR, GASTRONOMY & OLYMPIC SHAPE

**Orezza** // It is in the heart of Castagniccia, on the island of Beauty that the source of Orezza leaves Earth. Already appreciated by the Romans for its healing qualities, then by the illustrious Pascal Paoli who came to recharge himself in the thermal baths of Orezza, this naturally gaseous water rich in iron springs up after a long 20-year journey in the hollow of the rock. Enriched with minerals, nitrate and nitrite, considered as a Premium water, it is found on the most beautiful tables in the world. The participants of the Corsica Classic will have many opportunities to enjoy it during the event, aboard the sailboats and during gastronomic evenings.

[www.orezza.com](http://www.orezza.com) // @orezza\_official

**Vitamins** // Created in partnership with the European Health Care Foundation and manufactured in Switzerland, Beneganic offers shots of concentrated vitamins and minerals. This natural dietary supplement is enriched in vitamins C, E, D2, B1, B2, B3, B6, B9, iron and zinc. Unlike most vitamins produced synthetically (and chemically), Beneganic offers 10 (super) organic fruits and plants such as acerola, green tea, guava, bamboo, basil, lemon, mustard seeds, etc. To discover these vitamins, a healthy breakfast will be offered to participants on Friday 1st September on the quai d'Honneur of the port of Bonifacio. [www.beneganic.com](http://www.beneganic.com) // @beneganic

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**At the auction** // The main producer of aquaculture in Corsica and national leader in high-end marine aquaculture, producer Gloria Maris Groupe will provide fresh fish for the dinner concocted by starred chef Romuald Royer at the Lido, Propriano, at the Sea Lounge dinner in Palombaggia and at the Gala Dinner in Saint-Florent. Organic Turbot, Royal Seabass, Lean, bar, the most beautiful products of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic will be represented (and tasted !) during the Corsica Classic.

[www.gloriamarisgroupe.com](http://www.gloriamarisgroupe.com)

**Chefs & Yachting** // A dinner with 6 hands with 3 young chefs in Corsica will close the second week of the event. To celebrate the yachting art of living in Saint-Florent, the little Saint-Tropez of the island around a 100% Corsican dinner. It is in the historic fort of the city that the participants will gather on Sunday September 10th facing the bay and these mythical sailboats. After a day of sailing, the chefs will share their know-how and their emotions with the sailors. The dinner will be prepared by Romuald Royer, chef of the Lido in Propriano (1 \* Michelin), Jerry Monmessin (1 \* Michelin), chef of the Pirate in Erbalunga and Yann Le Scavarec (1 \* Michelin) of La Roya in Saint-Florent. All three will prepare a menu - locavore - from the fishing of our partner Gloria Maris Group but also that of Damien Muller, owner of the Auberge du Pêcheur in Saint-Florent: the master fisherman will serve his famous bluefin tuna ikejime , A unique method of preparation. On the vegetables side, Gody Jochmams from Queccialba farm in Oletta will be highlighted.

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[www.hoteldelaroya.com](http://www.hoteldelaroya.com)

**Plancha** // These new generation, design Plancha, specially designed for the outdoors by the Dutch brand OFYR will serve as a brazier for chefs throughout the course of the Corsica Classic. [www.ofyr.fr](http://www.ofyr.fr) // @ofyr\_worldwide

**Ice Cream** // After the sport, the comfort. The Corsican glacier chef Pierre Geronimi will propose his latest creations on the different greedy stages during the week: At the Lido in Propriano, at the Domaine de Murtoli, at the Sea-Lounge in Porto-Vecchio and for the lunch of the six-handed Yachting Chiefs Starred in Saint-Florent.

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**Loca Colors** // Damiani was founded in 1901 in Corsica and will be the official supplier of syrups, aperitifs and island liqueurs, made from noble products and respecting ancestral manufacturing methods. Chef Romuald Royer will prepare tailor-made creations from Damiani products during dinner at the Lido on August 29th.

[www.sirops-damiani.com](http://www.sirops-damiani.com)

## THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ESCALES OF CORSICA

**In the air** // The airline company Air Corsica becomes a privileged partner of the Corsica Classic. With new lines from Bordeaux-Mérignac as from 2 July, but also an international dimension with Brussels South Charleroi and Paris Charles de Gaulle which will allow international travelers to take direct connections to Corsica: Corsica's first air carrier expands its territory. For the participants of the Corsica Classic, a dedicated website will be set up to allow reservations at the best rates for its participants.

[www.aircorsica.com](http://www.aircorsica.com) // @aircorsicaofficiel

**At Le Lido** // Romuald Royer, the young star chef at the Lido and a rising star of the island's gastronomy in Propriano, will host a dinner for the 250 participants expected at the Corsica Classic on Tuesday 29 August for an exceptional evening in his restaurant with a stunning view on the eponymous beach.

[www.le-lido.com](http://www.le-lido.com) // @romualdroyer

**At Murtoli** // The very private domain of Murtoli will exceptionally open its doors to the participants of the Corsica Classic on Wednesday, August 30th. A sumptuous reception will be reserved for all the sailors on the beach of the domain, with a veal on the spit and a Corsican musical surprise in the background. An evening that promises to be unforgettable!

[www.murtoli.com](http://www.murtoli.com) // @domainedemurtoli

**At the Sea Lounge** // One of Corsica's hottest huts will welcome the fleet of the Corsica Classic on Friday 1st September for a yachting dinner. On the menu, the fresh peach of Gloria

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Maris Group in the plates and champagne champagne feet in the water on the famous beach of Palombaggia, one of the most beautiful on the island.

[www.sealounge-portovecchio.com](http://www.sealounge-portovecchio.com) // @sealounge

## SPECIAL GUESTS

**BERTRAND DE BROC** // Browser cult, Bertrand de Broc will participate for the first time in the Corsica Classic with his boat "Pampero", a TS52. With three participations in the Vendée Globe, Bertrand makes a summer stopover in Corsica. He prepares for next year a new Route du Rhum on a 50-foot multihull. He will be the "special guest" of this edition and it is a great honor to welcome him.

**TANIA YOUNG** // Runner of the race for the sixth consecutive year, France TV's TV Darling, Tania Young, will attend several stages of the race and will be the ceremony mistress of the awards ceremony - without counting the morning weather briefings. After presenting the weather and the show Faut Pas Rêver, Tania Young presents her unusual travel chronicle throughout the world in the flagship show of France 2, Télé Matin.

**Charity!** Corsica Classic tied the knot with Breast Cancer Association SOS Cancer du Sein and its « Pink » Regatta. The regatta will host several women who are suffering from this disease to participate on one leg of the regatta for a lifetime experience in Ajaccio on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> august and on September 9<sup>th</sup> in Saint-Florent. This very special stage will include these women in the teams to share an incredible adventure on the sea. [www.soscancerdusein.org](http://www.soscancerdusein.org)

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## Programme 2017

### Sunday 27.08 : REGISTRATION

9AM-5PM : Arrival of boats and registration, Official Tent,

Port Charles Ornano, Ajaccio

7-9 PM : Welcome Cocktail, Port Charles Ornano

Night @ port Charles Ornano, Ajaccio

### Monday 28.08 : STAGE 1

10AM : briefing on the harbour

11AM : départure from port Charles Ornano

12h : Departure of the race

7 :30 PM : Cocktail in the Napoleonic Rooms at the Ajaccio Town Hall

Night @ port Charles Ornano, Ajaccio

### Tuesday 29.08 : STAGE 2

10AM : briefing on the harbour

11AM : départure from port Charles Ornano

12h : start of the regatta Ajaccio – Propriano

7PM : cocktail & dîner on the beach @ Lido by 1\* Michelin star chef Romuald Royer

Night @ mooring in Propriano

### Wednesday 30.08 :

10AM : briefing VHF

11AM : departure from mooring

12h : start of the race Golfe du Valinco – Domaine de Murtoli

7PM : cocktail & corsican dinner on the beach @ Domaine de Murtoli

Night mooring in Murtoli

### Thursday 31.08 :

10AM : VHF briefing

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11AM : departure from mooring

12h : start of the race Murtoli / Bonifacio  
Evening free in Bonifacio

Night in the harbour of Bonifacio

**Friday 1.09 :**

9AM : Beneganic Breakfast, harbour, Bonifacio

10AM : briefing in the harbour

11AM : departure from port

12h : start of the race Bonifacio – Palombaggia

7PM : Beach cocktail @ Sea Lounge, Palombaggia beach

Night @ mooring in Palombaggia

**Saturday 2.09 :**

10AM : VHF briefing

11AM : departure from mooring

12h : start of the race Palombaggia-Bonifacio

Evening off in Bonifacio

Night in the harbour of Bonifacio

**Sunday 3.09 :**

10AM : briefing in the harbour, Bonifacio

11AM : departure from port

12h : Departure Bonifacio-Bonifacio, Trophée de la ville

7PM : prize giving ceremony and cocktail, Bonifacio

Nuit au port de Bonifacio

**Corsica Classic Rally & Regatta**

**(second Week)**

**Bastia - Saint Florent**

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**Monday 4.09 :**

Day off, sailing day to Bastia at your convenience

**Tuesday 5.09 :**

12h-7PM : Arrival of boats and registration in Bastia, Old Harbour

**Wednesday 6.09 :**

Day off

3PM-6PM : Private tour of the cultural treasures of the city in french and english

6PM – 8PM : Welcome Cocktail from the City of Bastia, Palais des Gouverneurs

**Thursday 7.09 :**

10AM : Departure from bastia

4PM – 9PM : arrival of the fleet in Saint-Florent

**Friday 8.09 :**

10AM : briefing in the harbour

11AM: departure from port

12h : departure 1st Regatta

8PM : Welcome cocktail from the City of Saint-Florent

**Saturday 9.09 :**

10AM : briefing in the harbour

11AM : departure from port

12h : departure 2<sup>nd</sup> Regatta

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**Sunday 10.09 :**

10AM : briefing on the harbour

11AM : departure from port

12h : departure– 3rd regatta

7PM – 9PM : Prizegiving & cocktail cocktail in the harbour

8PM- 11PM : Chefs' dinner & Gala closing night, Citadelle, Saint-Florent

**Monday 11.09 :**

10 – 12AM : Departure Saint Florent – Monaco

Our team will be delighted to offer you photos and special requests for the boats, the Corsican stops, the brands as well as the main actors of the regatta: owners, special guests, and how about some recipes from our chefs, our DJ's playlist, and the best spots on the island of our special guests.

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