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Régates Royales Cannes

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All of us at the YCC are contributing with the best of our strength, skills and professionalism to make this 38th edition special, a fair competition among the best crews, on the magnificent race course of the Bay of Cannes.

We are hoping for an even higher participation this year, with more crews playing their part to the unique atmosphere of the Régates Royales with the racing, in such a spectacular setting, guaranteeing a show only such beautiful yachts can provide.

Undoubtedly, the Régates Royales have now become one of the world's most renown events in classing yachting. The quality of the participants, the quantity and variety of the boats fascinate yachtsmen from all over the planet, experts or rookies, skippers or crew mates, everyone dreams about racing or watching the racing in Cannes once in their lives.

I hope and wish that this 38th edition will be as successful as it can be for you and thanks to you.

Jacques Flori

President of the Yacht Club de Cannes



For this 38th edition, we have decided that elegance should be the central theme of the event. Elegance of the sailors, of the yachts, of the beautiful city of Cannes where we are privileged to live, of the magnificent bay that hosts the racing, of the village and the main sponsor's stand Panerai: everything exudes elegance.

To the elegance contest, that will come back again for the second year though, we will add a second theme: competition.

Because the Régates Royales are real races, organized by passionate volunteers to welcome sailors who come to Cannes to fight to the finish. It is enough to watch the “battles” on the starting lines to understand how much competition is there out on the water. From start to finish, and at mark roundings, the crews are focused and concentrated, no matter the size or age of their boats.

To make things even more interesting, our Principal Race Officer, Jérôme Nutte and his team are always designing new and exciting race courses. Every day, weather permitting, we will try to choose the longest one, enabling the crews to enjoy the stunning bay and to spectators to watch a unique show.

The whole organizing staff wish you a fantastic 2016 edition of the Régates Royales.

Pascal Gard

Director Régates Royales Cannes





James Robinson Taylor



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in brief...

An unmissable rendezvous on the classic yachting circuit, the Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai are going to celebrate their 38th anniversary, from 18 to 25 September. Moored along the quai Laubeuf, just opposite the world-famous Palais des Festivals et des Congrès, over fifty Dragons and a real armada of around eighty classic yachts, including several centenarians, will race on the waters of the La Napoule in a unique display of elegance and competition.

Shortly after the end of the Boat Show, the Festival de la Plaisance (from 6 to 11 September), Cannes will get back to the glamorous belle époque of yachting to welcome gaff cutters, schooners, sloops, yawls, J Class, one-designs, 12MI... This year, the fleet will be even more heterogeneous with the addition of over twenty 5.50 MI, the boat conceived in 1949, that will have their own three-days' event (21-22-23 September) after joining the fleet from Switzerland's Société Nautique de Genève that organizes its traditional seawater regatta on Sunday 18 and Monday 19 September.

For the rest of the classics, divided into seven classes according to size, age and rig, the event offers five full days of racing off the Lérins islands. A truly unique gathering, with some of the hugest and most famous boats from last century like the majestic Elena (55 metres, design by Nathanaël Herreshoff), Cambria (40 metres, design by William Fife), Moonbeam of Fife (31 metres, design by William Fife). This year some yachts will also celebrate key anniversaries such as 110 years for Eva (17,50 metres, design by William Fife de 1906), the centenary for New York 40s, Rowdy and Chinook (19,87 metres, design by Nathanaël Herreshoff de 1916), 90 years for Hallowe'en (24,75 metres, design by William Fife) and 80 for Eilean (22,20 metres, design by William Fife)

The Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai

in brief...

2016 will mark the 37th edition of the renewed Régates Royales, one of the oldest inshore races in the Mediterranean, the debut event being held in 1929 to honour King Christian X of Denmark. The hosting Yacht Club de Cannes is also one of the most venerable in France, as it was founded in the spring of 1859 when Messieurs Béchard, Tripet-Skrypitzzone, de Colquhoum and Bucquet created the Société des Régates and organized the first race in the Napoule Bay for yachts like Léro, Olga, Jeannette and Touriste but open also to small sailing and rowing boats owned by local sailors and fishermen.

The Régates Royales de Cannes are also the last event of the Trophée Panerai, a true world championship of classic yachting and represent a unique chance to pay tribute to elegance with a special award that has been presented for the first time in 2015 to the sloop Serenade, a design by Nicolas Potter from 1938 and skippered by British Hugues Boullenger.

And, like every autumn, the Dragons will animate the bay of Cannes in one of the most interesting international events of the class featuring some fifty crews coming from over ten different countries: Russia, Finland, the UK, Ukraine, Switzerland, Germany, Scandinavia and, of course, France. Once again the Régates Royales de Cannes – Trophée Panerai 2016 will be nothing but an event full of suspense and close racing.

The Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai *in numbers*

1859 *First edition of the regatta*

100 *Volunteers working on the event*

2 000 *sailors in Cannes during the Régates Royales*

19 *Nationalities represented at the Régates Royales*

38 *Number of the editions raced since the relaunch*

8,12 m *Length of the smallest boat competing in the tradition class*

Les Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai

2015 winners...

Epoque Aurique

Marigold, Jason Gouldstone
Tilly XV, Joerg Moessnang
Chinook, Jonathan Greenwood

Big Boat

Moonbeam IV, Michaël Créac'h
Moonbeam of Fife III, Erwan Noblet
Mariska, Benjamin Redreau

Classiques

Ea, Elia Bertola
Sagittarius, Thierry Laffitte
Naif, Yvan Gardini

Epoque Marconi >15

Manitou, Alex Tilleray
Skylark of 1937, Tony Morse
Leonore, Brad Swain

Epoque Marconi < 15

Cholita, Marilinda Nettis
Carron II, Nicolas Groux
Jalina, Emanuele Fazio

Tofinou

Pitch, Patrice Riboux
Pippa, Edward Fort
Nirvana II, Dick De Groot

Spirit of Tradition

Helisara, Loic Le Garrec
Freya 2003, Philippe Fabre
Kookaburra III, Sandro Spaziani

Dragon

M3, Mario Schmidt
Blue Haze, Ivan Bradbury
Jerboa, Gavia Wilkinson-Cox




Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai

Programme...



PROGRAM « REGATES ROYALES - TROPHÉE PANERAI 2016 »

	17th Saturday	18th Sunday	19th Monday	20nd Tuesday	21st Wednesday	22th Thursday	23th Friday	24th Saturday
TRADITION		Registration	Registration	9.30am Briefing Skipper 12.00pm Race	9.30am Briefing Skipper 10.00am « Elegance Contest » 12.00pm Race	9.30am Briefing Skipper 12.00pm Race	9.30am Briefing Skipper 12.00pm Race	9.30am Briefing Skipper 12h00 Race
5.50mJl	Registration – Craning	SNG Races	SNG Races	Craning	11.00am Races	11.00am races	11.00am races	Craning
DRAGON		Registration & Craning	9.30am Briefing Skipper 11.00am Races	11.00am Races	11.00am Races	11.00am Races « Champagne Comte De Cheurlin Trophy »	11.00am Races « BeachComber Hotels Trophy »	Craning
ACTIVITIES		Welcoming Cocktail for Dragon 	Opening Ceremony Régates Royales 	« Mast Climbing Contest » 	Stand Rotary « Sourire & Partage » *** « Tug of War » 	« Painting Contest »  *** 		
PARTY & MUSIC			Parade of Crew  Music Band «Syndrom»	«Pasta Party»  « Blue Sound System »	Yacht Anniversary Party «Pasta Party» 	«Pasta Party» 80's Party Crazy DJs 	Dragon and 5.5mJl Prize Giving « Dragon Beach Comber Hotel Party »  Classic PANERAI CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE Party	Classic Prize Giving  Closing Ceremonie

Organisation *offshore...*



This 38th edition of the Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai is organised by the Yacht Club of Cannes, under the patronage of the Yacht Club of France, the CIM and the French Sailing Federation (FFV). The race benefits from the continued support of the city of Cannes, essential partner of the organisation and of Panerai, title sponsor of the event.

PRO : Jérôme NUTTE – Karine GRENE (vice)

President of the International Jury: Bernadette DELBART

President of the Classics Race Committee: Philippe ENEL

President of Dragons Race Committee: Philippe FAURE

President of the 5.5mJl Race Committee: Yvon POUTRIQUET

Measurer: Yves-Marie LEROUX



Races Courses - from 19 to 25 September

Classic Yachts and 5,5 MJl will start from the bay (west or east) and their coastal race will lead them outside the bay, in order to avoid crossing paths with others series. A long leg in the direction of Lerins Islands, crossing the bay towards the Esterel hills, tour of Lerins Islands... The race committee will make the choice of course before each start, depending on the weather conditions.

Dragons will compete on inshore regattas in the East or West bay, depending on weather conditions. This type of race is simple but technically demanding: competitors must sail three legs upwind and two legs downwind. These regattas require tactical and technical decisions. The race course orientation must be as close as possible to the wind direction.

Organisation

Ashore...



Social events in the race village during the Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai are organised by the Société des Régates de Cannes..

The Régates Royales – Trophée Panerai Village

On shore, a tented village will be set up on quai Labeuf along Cannes Vieux Port, hosting the teams, the organisers, the Jury, the press as well as several stands: photography and painting exhibitions, shoes, sailing style deco, clothing...Situating in front of the pontoons, this village is the heart of the onshore life of the Régates Royales and one will always find a warm and hearty atmosphere before and after the races.

Elegance and prestige

For the second year, a special award for "Elegance and prestige" will be presented at the Régates Royales. The prize was created on an idea by the owner of Dorade, the beautiful yacht designed by Olin Stephens back in 1930, who donated the exclusive Trophy to the Yacht Club de Cannes. The most elegant yacht will be judged by an experts' panel.

The Media Centre

The media centre is open daily from 9:00 to 20:00. A daily French and English press release will be sent to the press with digital pictures. The organisation offers the possibility to accredited journalists and photographers to go on water to follow the regattas.



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