



THE MULTIHULLCUP: PROOF THAT GOOD THINGS DO COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

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Smaller, boutique-style events are the wave of the future. The MultihullCup, which took place for the first time in 2016, is a good case in point. Although the regatta's idyllic location and supreme sailing conditions add to its allure, it's the intangible buzz -the kind you only find at intimate events- which cinches the MultihullCup's magic.

Travis McGarry, captain on Slim, illustrated this point perfectly when he described the racing during the MultihullCup's inaugural edition: "The daily racing was super competitive on the water and then, almost immediately as everyone

touched the dock, we all seemed to be the best of friends: sharing stories and talking about the days racing"

Coco de Mer's Captain John Fisher put the event's appeal in a nutshell: "We had some great sailing, we had a very mixed fleet, we had a lot of fun and we'll be back next year!"

Added attraction is the regatta's base in the stylish and well-appointed Port Adriano marina, not to mention the regatta's singular courses. Turquoise-hued waters and the stunning islands of Sa Dragonera and Cabrera as turning marks are a true testament to this.

Although racing is still six months away, this year's entry list already

boasts some of the most thrilling multis on the water today. Allegra (78ft), from the drawing board of Nigel Irens, designer of some of the fastest yachts on the planet, is one such yacht, as are the 66ft all-carbon flyers Coco de Mer and Slim. Slim is designed by the acclaimed Morrelli & Melvin team, the brains behind the Olympic Nacra class as well as the America's Cup 72 speed-monsters. Latest entry is Dragon, a 66ft multi dreamt up by Brittany-based Bañuls Design. This will be the second time the aforementioned cats will meet in Mallorca, so multihull enthusiasts can expect the tremendous sense of camaraderie on the dock to be matched by cut-throat battles on the water.

To ensure fair racing for all in the

fleet OMA's new MultiRule, in play since 2017, will be applied at the MultihullCup this year. Owners and/or captains keen to compete in the action please note that there are only 10 berths available, which means those interested are advised to contact Event Manager Andrea Grimm via info@multihullcup.com for an entry form soon.

To get a taste for what the 2016 edition was like and for what's in store for the MultihullCup's second edition, to take place 7th - 9th September, watch the 5m recap-video on the news section on the event website. It perfectly portrays the regatta's amicable atmosphere and riveting racing, while showing off the MultihullCup's awe-inspiring surroundings to boot.

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