
Corsica Classic 2015 – set sail for the Isle of Beauty

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This weekend, the classic sailboats of the Corsica Classic 2015 once again take to the seas. The six-day race runs from Ajaccio in western Corsica, past Bonifacio on the southern tip of the island and on to Porto-Vecchio.

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Not without reason is Corsica called the 'Isle of Beauty': the rugged cliffs and sandy beaches leading up to a turquoise sea, the majestic mountains and the smell of the rampant vegetation, all these have fascinated Europeans for millennia. As part of the Corsica Classic 2015 (an annual regatta for historic sailboats that's been held for the last five years), you can experience the beauty of the French Mediterranean island from the water. Last year, Classic Driver took part aboard L'Oiseau de Feu and can highly recommend the event.

Thirty-five historic boats take the start



This year, the boats start in Ajaccio on Sunday 23 August and put to sea heading for the Sanguinaire islands, Porto-Pollo and the Gulf of Valinco, down to Bonifacio and then on to Porto-Vecchio, the beach of Santa Giulia and the Lavezzi Islands. Corsica Classic will be held under the patronage of the Yacht Club of France. Since 2014, when 23 yachts took part, the popularity of the event has spread (perhaps helped by the good Corsican food?) and this year sees 35 boats take the start, including last year's winner SY Dorade, as well as a boat we particularly admire, the SY Olympian from Maine. The participants, meanwhile, come from France, Monaco, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, England, Argentina and the USA. We wish all those taking part plenty of fun and wind in their sails.

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