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# YACHT CLUB ITALIANO



## ROLEX GIRAGLIA 2021

### Line honours to Furio Benussi's Arca SGR in the Rolex Giraglia

26 hours 8 minutes 10 seconds, this was the time it took for the 100' Arca SGR maxi of Guido and Adalberto Miani, with Furio Benussi as skipper and the crew including talents such as Vittorio Bissaro, Andrea Caracci, Nicolas Brezzi, Stefano Spangaro (boat captain), Lorenzo Bressani, Andrea Ballico and many others who contributed to the enterprise. "Victory in real-time was our aim," said Guido Miani at the finish, "but it was in doubt right to the last miles with Magic Carpet Cubed, which was very close all through the race. We sailed well and as far as possible, we were a bit slow in the first part of the race with rather light winds, but a fantastic final leg paid us back. After rounding the Giraglia we touched peaks of more than 21 kn. Setting a record in these conditions was unthinkable, but the boat showed all her potential against tough rivals."

Arca SGR rounded the Giraglia islet at 7:01 this morning 15 minutes ahead of Lindsay Owen-Jones's Magic Carpet Cubed. At 8:44 Leopard 3 also rounded, completing the trio that had led the

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north at more than 10 kn.

### Here are the first 10 to round the Giraglia

**07:01 Arca**

**07:16 Magic Carpet**

**08:44 Leopard 3**

**10:06 Capricorno**

**10:13 Pendragon VI**

**10:17 Anywave Safilens**

**11:12 @robass**

**12:45 Leaps and Bounds 2**

**12:45 Inti 3**

**12:46 Wild Joe**

Most of the fleet are expected to arrive between into the night and tomorrow, with the headquarters of the Yacht Club Italiano ready 24 hours a day to welcome all the participants in this fine race, offering focaccia and drinks while strictly respecting the Covid regulations. It will take several hours to draw up the rankings in compensated time, but we can point to excellent overall performances from the Frenchman Gerard Logel's IRC52 @robass among the IRCs (the largest group with 74 starters) and from Francesco Zucchi's Swan 42 Volaira IV in the ORC class.

Live TV coverage continues with the Rolex Giraglia are now for the first time with daily reports from sea and dry land. Today a long report from the **Primocanale Production** troupe followed the approach and finish of the 1<sup>st</sup> to arrive in real-time. All the footage is available on the [Primocanale website](#) and on the [YouTube](#) channel of the Yacht Club Italiano.

### COVID safety protocol

To access the race village it is obligatory to register by mail and download a pass, which will be sent to all participants, and is indispensable for accessing the private areas of the event at the Yacht Club Sanremo and Yacht Club Italiano in Genoa. [Full information is available in this section of the rolexgiraglia.com website.](#)

### Organisation

The race is organised by the Yacht Club Italiano under the aegis of the Federazione Italiana Vela, the Fédération Française de Voile and in collaboration with:

Société Nautique de Saint Tropez

Yacht Club Sanremo

Yacht Club de France

Union Nationale pour la Course au Large

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Under the patronage of Comune di Genoa and Regione Liguria

Active support continues from the IMA, [the International Maxi Association](#), which has included the Rolex Giraglia in the IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge 2021 and is offering a special prize for the best placed IMA member maxi.

## THE ROLEX GIRAGLIA

The Giraglia was conceived in 1953 as an offshore race of 241 nautical miles. Since then it is grown to become one of the most important appointments on the world yachting scene. In 2020 this classic was cancelled for the first time after 67 years of history. The Rolex Giraglia is organised by the Yacht Club Italiano with the collaboration of the Yacht Club Sanremo, the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez and the Yacht Club de France. Rolex has been a title partner of the Rolex Giraglia since 1998.

## SLAM technical sponsor of the Rolex Giraglia 2021

Slam has confirmed as technical sponsor of the 2021 edition, and a "limited edition" dedicated to this prestige event is on the way: a T-shirt printed with "yachts racing", a technical jersey, sailing jackets, caps and bags with the official logo of the Rolex Giraglia. The limited edition can be [purchased online](#) and in the Slam flagship stores in Genoa, Sanremo and in the Race Village at the headquarters of the Yacht Club Italiano.

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*Founded in Genoa in 1879, the Yacht Club Italiano is the oldest sailing club in the Mediterranean. Based in the Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi, the YCI's aims have always been to spread yachting and organise races: Rolex Giraglia, the SIAD Bombola d'oro Trophy, the Millevele, the Grand Prix d'Italie Mini 6.50 Coppa Alberti, the Regate di Primavera - Portofino, the Genova Sailing Week, the International Genoa Winter Contest and many more besides; 12 months of activity on the water and on land from the tiny Optimists to the big maxi yachts. These races and its long tradition are the basis of the future of the Club, which is always ready to tackle new challenges.*

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