



Challenge Prince Albert II

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The future of coastal rowing is written in Monaco



Coastal rowing is a constantly changing sport and has been at the heart of the Société Nautique de Monaco's D.N.A. since 1888.

This experience has been put into practice by the Club in the organisation of the Prince Albert II Challenge, a competition which celebrates its sixteenth edition in 2021 and which the Organising Committee uses as a testing ground for the coastal rowing of tomorrow.

Thus, in 2019, Monaco shook up the codes by proposing a new competition format, a format that was carefully thought out in the light of the experience of the Club's many champions. A trial unanimously celebrated by European rowing and an idea subsequently taken up and put into practice in the biggest competitions.

In 2021, after a forced break due to Covid, the SNM is back and innovating once again with something new in rowing. On the menu this year, an outstanding quality and three concepts that have governed the design of this edition: team spirit, parity and adaptability.

With only twenty teams allowed to participate in this Challenge, the Organising Committee has clearly focused on quality to ensure an exceptional level of rowing.

A winning strategy as the event, which finally has 18 teams, brings together eight Olympic medallists from 2012, 2016 and 2020 as well as world and European champions.

These teams, consisting of two men, two women and a coxswain, have created a European dynamic of alliances between the participants. Teams of up to three different nationalities will compete on the Monegasque water.

The members of these teams will have to take part in three races over the two days: men's solo, women's solo, mixed double and mixed coxed four. Each race will be awarded points, based on a system similar to that of Formula 1, with the team with the most points at the end of the Challenge winning.

And the Société Nautique de Monaco has managed to keep the carrot high, as the system of prizes for the winners introduced in 2019 is back with €5000 for the first team, €4000 for the second, €3000 for the third, €2000 for the fourth team and €1000 for the fifth.

In addition to the sporting aspect, the Challenge Prince Albert II has chosen to commit itself to the theme of the environment. The partnership with the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco has been renewed and an alliance with TAF - The Animal Fund has been concluded.