



Challenge Prince Albert II

Sunday 28 November 2021

An exceptionnal rowing day



At the end of this sixteenth Challenge Prince Albert II, the Société Nautique de Monaco and the Organising Committee of the Challenge can be proud to have, once again, opened a new chapter in the history of sea rowing.

Indeed, with this totally new competition format set up over the weekend, it is a new way of experiencing rowing and regattas that has been tried out with results that are more than convincing both in terms of the quality of the races and the general atmosphere in the teams, formed by affinity in the great family of European rowing.

For this second and final day of competition, the weather conditions remained harsh with winds of up to twenty knots and slightly less pronounced sea breezes than the day before. The pressure came from the provisional ranking established the day before at the end of the first day of racing.

The three teams Concorde, Team Côte d'Azur and Filippi Spain had finished in a handkerchief with 62, 58 and 52 points, despite a poor performance by Team Côte d'Azur in the mixed doubles due to a broken shovel.

The pressure for the final ranking continued to mount throughout the morning, much to the delight of HSH Prince Albert II, Honorary President of the Société Nautique de Monaco, who came to watch the races from the Lucciana jetty.

At lunchtime, Filippi Spain, Concorde and Team Côte d'Azur were in the lead with only 2 points between the first and the third: 103, 102 and 101 points!

The last race in the mixed 4 was decisive and very hard fought.

From the beginning of the race, the three favourites took a relative lead until the first buoy with an advantage for Team Côte d'Azur. At each buoy, the team of Quentin Antognelli, Elodie Ravera-Scaramozzino, Gaël Chocheyras, Hélène Lefebvre and Mégane Besson managed to increase their lead. At the third buoy, the lead was comfortable and was maintained until the finish line. A very close race for all the teams showing the exceptional level of the rowers present for this sixteenth edition of the Challenge Prince Albert II.

Team Côte d'Azur won the Challenge Prince Albert II 2021 and the €5,000 winner's prize with 126 points ahead of Filippi Team, 121 points and Concorde, 117 points, in second and third place. The International Mix team finished fourth with 85 points and Illot el Campello fifth with 72 points. A financial prize was awarded to each of these teams. The total prize money for the Challenge Prince Albert II is €15,000.