



FACTS & STATS 2022

RORC Transatlantic Race

*In association with the International Maxi Association (IMA)
& Yacht Club de France*



The Race:

- The 8th edition of the RORC Transatlantic Race starts on Saturday 8th November 2022 from Lanzarote to Grenada
- The race is 2,995 nautical miles across the Atlantic Ocean from west to east
- Organisers: The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with the International Maxi Association (IMA) and the Yacht Club de France
- The 2022 RORC Transatlantic Race will see a collaboration between two eminent yacht clubs; The Royal Ocean Racing Club and Yacht Club de France
- Supported by: Calero Marinas: Marina Lanzarote & Puerto Calero, Canary Islands & Lanzarote Tourist Board, Camper & Nicholsons Port Louis Marina in Grenada and the Grenada Tourism Authority
- The event also acts as a feeder race for the RORC Caribbean 600 which starts from Antigua each February for the 600nm race around 11 islands
- Entries include high performance monohulls, classic yachts, performance cruisers and Two-Handed teams. The RORC Transatlantic Race Trophy is awarded to the best yacht after IRC time correction
- The IMA Trophy is awarded to the best corrected time under IRC for yachts of 60ft and over
- Before the start, the fleet will be docked in two Calero Marinas: Marina Lanzarote - set in the heart of the most easterly of the Canary Islands capital, Arrecife, and also in Puerto Calero - positioned in a naturally protected enclave on Lanzarote's sheltered south coast
- The finish will be hosted by Camper & Nicholsons Port Louis Marina on the beautiful spice island of Grenada in the Southern Caribbean
- The fleet is highly diverse, with the MOD70s and fast multihulls expected to take between anything from 7 or 8 days to 11 days, with an ETA from 15 January 2022, dependent on weather conditions. The majority of the fleet will arrive in 12 and 14 days, with late finishers taking 17-20 days



Start and finish ports:

The start is off Calero Marinas – Marina Lanzarote to Camper & Nicholsons Port Louis Marina, Grenada

International competitors:

- Approx. 260 crew will be racing on 30 boats from 27 different countries: Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, USA, France, Switzerland, Ireland, Spain, Australia, Portugal, Chile, New Zealand, Russia, Italy, Netherlands, South Africa, Denmark, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Finland, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Slovenia, Czech Republic
- Crews taking part include RORC regular racers, corinthian sailors seeking an offshore challenge, as well as a host of over 50 top professional sailors, with Volvo Ocean Race, Olympics, America's Cups and round the world races under their belts
- Two boats will be competing Two-Handed and others fully crewed with up to 29 crew!

Statistics and fun facts:

- As in previous years, the race has attracted a diverse range of yachts from:
- The smallest at 10m (33ft) is Jangada, JPK 1010, sailed Two handed by Richard Palmer and Jeremy Waitt (GBR)
- Largest is Comanche, Vplp/verdier 100 Super Maxi skippered by Mitch Booth at 30.46m (100ft)
- Two teams will be sailing shorthanded with just two crew: Richard Palmer's JPK 10.10 Jangada (with Jeremy Waitt) - overall winner in 2019 and their third RORC Transat, and Remy Gerin's Faiaoae - a spirit of tradition classic, built in 2006 to sail around the world. The 65ft (19.8m) cutter-rigged sloop will be raced in the IRC Two-Handed class by skippers Remy Gerin and Bernard Jeanne-Beylot. Faiaoae
- MOCRA – multihulls – 7, including previous competitors: Multi 70 Maserati (ITA), MOD70 PowerPlay. New to the race, MOD70 Argo and two Orc50s, a new Gunboat 68 Tosca and a Maxi Multihull Ultim'emotion 2
- French teams have lifted the RORC Transatlantic Race Trophy on three occasions: Jean-Paul Riviere's Nomad IV (2015) Eric de Turckheim's Teasing Machine (2017) and Olivier Magre's Palanad 3 (2021)
- Two stand out teams racing under the burgee of the Yacht Club de France will be Jacques Pelletier's L'Ange De Milon and Remy Gerin's Faiaoae
- The youngest crew member on file is just 18 years old: Swedish sailor Filip Henriksson will be competing on the Volvo 70 HYPR skippered by Jens Lindner, which is one of 11 11 Maxis eligible for the IMA Trophy
- The firm favourite for Monohull Line Honours is the 100 ft (33 m) canting keel maxi Comanche (CAY), skippered by Mitch Booth. Comanche holds the Monohull West-East Transatlantic sailing record (Ambrose Light - Lizard Point. 5d 14h 21m 25s) and has

taken Monohull Line Honours in the Rolex Fastnet Race, the RORC Caribbean 600, the Rolex Sydney Hobart, the Transpac and the Rolex Middle Sea Race

- Giovanni Soldini's Maserati Multi70 (ITA) is a fully-flying foiling set up, capable of lifting all three hulls out of the water. Maserati first competed in the RORC Transatlantic Race in 2016, coming second to Phaedo 3. In 2018, after a thrilling race with Peter Cunningham's PowerPlay, Maserati crossed the finish line in Grenada just 45 minutes ahead, after over 6 days of high-velocity racing

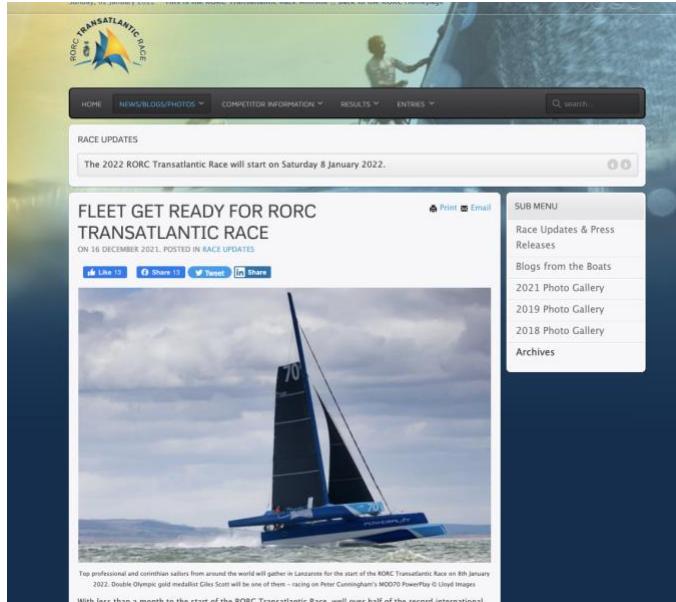
RORC Transatlantic Race Programme Highlights:

Competitors will enjoy a shoreside programme at Puerto Calero and Marina Lanzarote in the run up to the start:

- Tuesday 4th January – visit to boats in Marina Lanzarote by sailing school pupils
- Wednesday 5th - Welcome Cocktail - Terraza Karma in Marina Lanzarote
- Thursday 6th - Gala Dinner - Amura Restaurant's Terraza Atlántica, Puerto Calero
- Friday 7th - 1030 - Press Conference – Room B30 in Marina Lanzarote, next to the restaurant Lilium
- Friday 7th - 1730 - Skippers Briefing - Sala Esterior in Amura Restaurant in Puerto Calero
- Saturday 8th – 1100 (local time) – start off Marina Lanzarote, turning mark off Puerto Calero

How to follow the race:

Follow the 2022 RORC Transatlantic Race:



- <http://rorctransatlantic.rorc.org/>
- Tracking: The progress of the fleet or individual boats can be followed using the online YB Tracker. This will be available before the start of the race on the event minisite. Or download the YB Races App on mobiles.
- Web stories, race reports, blogs, images and video from the fleet will ensure followers, family and friends can get a taste of life at sea during the race
- Those not racing can join the Virtual Regatta: <http://click.virtualregatta.com/?li=4852>

Social Media:

- Twitter: #RORCTransatlanticRace @RORCRacing
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/royaloceanracingclub
- Instagram: instagram.com/rorcacing
- RORC YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RORCRacing>

30 Entries: as @ 2 January 2022:

<http://rorctransatlantic.rorc.org/entries/entries-2022.html>

USA	128	Argo	Mod 70
GBR	7017	Black Pearl	Irc56
CAY	52	Caro	Botin 52 Custom (21)
FRA	43534	Challenge Ocean	Volvo 60
CAY	007	Comanche	Vplp/verdier 100 Super Maxi
NED	52	Diana	Hinckley Sou'wester 52
CHI	5711	Equinoccio	Swan 57
MLT	4496	Eugenia V	Prototype
F	77	Faïaoahé	Prototype
GBR	1965	Five Oceans	Orc50
FRA	64	GDD	Orc50
ESP	7	Hypr	Volvo Open 70
POL	20180	I Love Poland	Volvo Open 70
GBR	958	Jangada	Jpk 1010
GBR	7122	Juno	J/122e
MLT	004	L4 Trifork	Vor 70
FRA	53028	Lady First 3	Mylius 60
FRA	43857	L'Ange De Milon	Milon 41
ITA	55	Maserati	Multi 70
GBR	786	Omii	Swan 58
GBR	4669	Pata Negra	Lombard 46
GBR	3875	Phosphorus II	A13
CAY	70	Powerplay	Mod 70
GBR	55	Rosalba	Open 60
GBR	1702	Scarlet Oyster	Oyster 48
AUT	1	Sisi	Vo65
GBR	520	Tala	Botin Irc 52
FRA	4600	Tonnerre De Glen	Ker 46
GBR	6804	Tosca	Gunboat 68
FRA	80	Ultim'emotion 2	Maxi Multihull

Previous winners:

RORC Transatlantic Race Trophy - Overall winner in IRC:

(NB: No race in 2020 due to Covid pandemic)

2021: Palanad, Class40, Olivier Magre (FRA)

2019: Janagda, JPK 10.10, Richard Palmer (GBR) – first Two-Handed winner (with Jeremy Waitt)

2018: Kuka, Cookson 50, Franco Niggeler (SUI)

2017: Teasing Machine, Nmydd 54, Eric de Turckheim (FRA)

2016: Aragon, Marten 72, Arco Van Nieuwland/Andries Verder (NED)

2015: Nomad IV, Jean-Paul Riviere, Finot-Conq 100 (FRA)

2014: Lupa of London, Daniel Stump (GBR)

IMA Transatlantic Trophy - Line honours monohull winner:

2021: Johannes Schwarz's Volvo 70 Green Dragon

2019: VO65 Childhood 1, (SWE) skippered by Bouwe Bekking

2018: My Song, Pier Luigi Loro Piana's Supermaxi (Baltic 130)

2017: Ludde Ingvall's Australian Maxi CQS

2016: Leopard 3, Mike Slade (GBR)

2015: Nomad IV, Jean-Paul Riviere, Finot-Conq 100 (FRA)

2014: Lupa of London, Daniel Stump (GBR)

Race Records:

Monohull Record:

Skipper Mitch Booth confirms that Comanche will be aiming to set a new race record for the RORC Transatlantic Race, which was set in 2018 by Pier Luigi Loro Piana's Supermaxi MY SONG (10d 05h 47m 11s)

Multihull Record:

5 days 22 hours 46 minutes 03 seconds

PHAE03, MOD70

In 2015, Lloyd Thornburg's MOD70, Phaedo³ set the multihull record for the race and was skippered by Britain's Brian Thompson who will be racing on Argo in the 2022 edition

The Course - Lanzarote to Grenada:

Lanzarote, Canary Islands - Grenada, Caribbean.

Approximate Distance: 2995nm



Notes to Editors:

THE ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB:

- Established in 1925, The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) is best known for the biennial Fastnet Race and the international team event, the Admiral's Cup. RORC organises an annual series of offshore races from its base in Cowes as well as inshore regattas in the Solent
- The RORC works with other yacht clubs to promote their offshore races and provides marketing and organisational support. With the first race in 2009, the RORC Caribbean 600, based in Antigua and the first offshore race in the Caribbean, has been an instant success. The RORC extended its organisational expertise by creating the RORC Transatlantic Race from Lanzarote to Grenada, the first of which was in November 2014
- The RORC has 4,000 members and a clubhouse based in St James' Place, London. After a merger with The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Cowes it now boasts a superb clubhouse facility at the entrance to Cowes Harbour

Website and Social media:

- Event website: www.rorctransatlantic.rorc.org
- RORC website: [@RORCracing](http://www.rorc.org)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalOceanRacingClub/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/rorcacing>
- <https://www.youtube.com/rorcacing>
- <https://twitter.com/rorcacing>
- <https://www.instagram.com/rorcacing>

INTERNATIONAL MAXI ASSOCIATION:

- The International Maxi Association (IMA) represents owners of Maxi yachts worldwide
- Recognised in 2010 as the World Sailing international class of Maxi yachts, the IMA has the exclusive right to organise World championships for Maxi yachts. The President of the IMA is Benoît de Froidmont, the Secretary General is Andrew McIrvine, a past Commodore and Admiral of the Royal Ocean Racing Club
- The IMA has been closely associated with the RORC Transatlantic Race since its inception. The IMA is registered in Geneva, has a base in Porto Cervo and an office in the UK, for rating and technical matters. The IMA's function is to guide, structure and encourage maxi yacht racing worldwide
- The IMA rule defines and categorises maxi yachts: it aims to embrace all maxi yachts and encourage any development that has a positive effect on the construction and performance of maxi yachts
- The IMA Transatlantic Trophy is presented to the Line Honours Monohull in the RORC Transatlantic Race
- www.internationalmaxiassociation.com
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/imamaxi>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/imamaxi/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/INTMAXIASSOC>

YACHT CLUB DE FRANCE:

- The Yacht Club de France is one of the oldest nautical clubs in France and one of the most important yacht clubs in the world. The club was established in 1867 during the Second French Empire. It was bestowed Royal Patronage by Emperor Napoleon III
- In 1891, a new club was founded; the Union des Yachts Français, Société d'Encouragement pour la Navigation de Plaisance. In 1907 the two clubs merged and were recognised by the International Yacht Racing Union (now World Sailing)
- Members are enthusiasts who share the same approach to the sea. Combining tradition and modernity, initiative and innovation, as well as the traditional values of the sailor: competence, responsibility, respect, solidarity, humility and good manners in a race or regatta. Yacht Club de France and its allied 56 clubs strive to promote its values to all. The Yacht Club de France entered the 21st century with the ambition displayed by its founders nearly 150 years ago: to share convictions and transmit values
- Website: <https://ycfrance.fr/>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/YachtClubdeFrance>
- Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/yacht_club_de_france/
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/yacht-club-france

CALERO MARINAS: www.calermarinas.com

- Calero Marinas has developed and manages three marinas in the Canary Islands, having accrued over 35 years' experience in the sector. The Canaries' warm climate and regular supply of breeze has lead Lanzarote to become a favourite training ground for offshore race teams, whilst the combination of good flight connections and easily available services has created a popular and reliable base for international sailors
- Marina Lanzarote is the newest addition to the group with secure berthing for vessels of up to 60m LOA, a wide range of services and the advantage of having the city and maritime quarter within a few minutes' walk

- The shipyard is equipped to hoist superyachts and the inclusion of deep keel pits in the yard's design was considered to meet the needs of transoceanic racing yachts
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- <https://www.facebook.com/Canary.Islands>
- Instagram:@islascanariasoficial, @Turismolzt, @Lanaroteesd

Real Club Náutico de Arrecife:

- <https://www.facebook.com/rcna.info>
- @rcna.info

CAMPER & NICHOLSONS MARINAS:

- Camper & Nicholsons is widely recognised to be one of the world's oldest and most prestigious yachting business names, with origins dating back to 1782. The company has specialised in marina and waterfront development for over 40 years and has provided services to clients in more than 25 countries worldwide. Projects range from small marinas through to developments of over 500 hectares. Camper & Nicholsons Marinas Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Camper & Nicholsons Marina Investments Limited. Camper & Nicholsons currently owns, manages and operate marinas in Grenada, Malta and Turkey with over 40 new projects currently under way all over the world
- <http://www.cnmarinas.com/>
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CAMPER & NICHOLSONS PORT LOUIS MARINA:

- The superyacht and cruiser friendly marina in Grenada, Southern Caribbean. Located in the beautiful Lagoon just outside St. George's, the capital, Port Louis Marina provides the perfect base from which to cruise the unspoilt Caribbean Paradise of Grenada and the Grenadines throughout the year. Overlooking the colourful waterfront of the Carenage, Port Louis Marina has fantastic facilities and services including 24hr security, experienced dockmasters, washrooms and free wifi, plus bars and restaurants, chandlery, and a swimming pool for the ultimate relaxation. The 'Spice Island', as Grenada is known, lies south of the main hurricane belt, making it a popular destination for yachts and superyachts to berth during the Caribbean summer months. Port Louis Marina is open throughout the year and is known as the sailing hub of the Southern Caribbean, with an exciting array of regattas and events taking place in 2021 and 2022, including ARC+, RORC and Viking Explorers. Zara Tremlett is one of few women in the world to hold a Certified Marina Manager qualification (CMM) and is supported at the marina by a loyal and local team.
- <http://en.cnmarinas.com/port-louis-marina/>
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GRENADE TOURISM AUTHORITY:

- <https://www.puregrenada.com/>
- #puresailing
- #puregrenada

IRC RATING:

- The RORC has been a leader in yacht rating systems and in co-operation with the French offshore racing club, UNCL, created IRC - the International Rating Certificate. IRC is a World Sailing recognised rating system and the principal yacht measurement system for the rating of racing yachts worldwide
- The IRC rating rule is administered jointly by the RORC Rating Office in Lymington, UK and UNCL Centre de Calcul in Paris, France
- The RORC Rating Office is the technical hub of the Royal Ocean Racing Club and recognised globally as a centre of excellence for measurement
- For IRC rating information in the UK please see: www.rorcating.com and for IRC rating globally www.irrcating.org
- Social media: @RORCrating @IRCrating
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