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# HISTORIC WIN FOR WALLY'S ROSE

The Superyacht Cup Palma returned in June with spectacular competition

**T**he 24-metre Wally sailing yacht *Rose* made history by becoming the Superyacht Cup Palma's first ever yacht to claim three consecutive overall victories.

Heading into the final day of the 29th edition – St Regis Race Day – *Rose* was level-pegging on points with the 39-metre Tripp-designed *Cervo* and the 35-metre Southern Wind *Gellicieux*. All three contenders were sitting on four points, setting the stage for a thrilling showdown in classic Palma conditions, with a steady breeze and flat seas.

In Class A, the spotlight was on the yachts *Cervo* and *Gellicieux*, with the winner of their head-to-head duel poised to take both the class win and possibly the overall title. After a hard-fought race, *Gellicieux* crossed the finish line just over a minute ahead on corrected time, securing a class win.

Meanwhile, defending champion *Rose* competed in Class B against the Y Yacht *Sveam* and a fleet of Baltic 68 Café Racers: *Open Season*, *Ganesha*, *Pink Gin Verde* and *Scorpione Hormar*. While *Open Season* nailed three race wins, the Café Racers were not eligible for the overall title

Below and bottom left: *Rose* won Class B and took the overall win



*Cervo* came out strong, winning the first race in Class A







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ROSE CAPTAIN BEN POTTER

Left: Gellicieux was the winner in Class A. Below: Open Season led the Café Racers, whose fleet also included Pink Gin Verde (bottom left)

as they are not categorised as superyachts, leaving *Rose* to battle for top honours.

In the final tally, *Rose* and *Gellicieux* were tied with six points apiece. But with *Rose* racing in the larger Class B, she took the overall win on countback.

"What a phenomenal event," said *Rose*'s captain, Ben Potter, "We're really thrilled we got the top result for the third year in a row. To

make history at the Superyacht Cup Palma is wonderful. The boat went well, the crew fought hard and we are absolutely elated. Having the Café Racers with us gave us more competition this time; we felt we were racing hard."

Event director Kate Branagh praised the quality of this year's fleet: "We've seen incredible racing from an outstanding line-up of yachts in near-perfect conditions. A huge thank you to all the owners, captains and crews, as well as our valued partners – especially our new Venue Partner Club de Mar-Mallorca and our Preferred Hotel Partner St. Regis Mardavall Mallorca, sponsor of today's finale."

Celebrations concluded at the Superyacht Cup Regatta Village with the prize-giving ceremony, supported by long-time SYC partner RSB Rigging Solutions, marking its 20th anniversary this year.

"It's been an honour to support the Superyacht Cup Palma over the years," says Steve Branagh, RSB's managing director. "And what a year to be part of – this historic win will be remembered for a long time."

The Superyacht Cup Palma will return for its milestone 30th edition from 24 to 27 June 2026.



## OVERALL RESULTS

### CLASS A

Results for the Pantaenius Race, Race 2 and the St Regis Mardavall Mallorca race, respectively.

1: *Gellicieux* 2, 2, 2; total: 6

2: *Cervo* 1, 3, 3; total: 7

3: *Linnea Aurora* 6, 1, 1; total: 8

4: *Vijonara* 3, 4, 4; total: 11

5: *Atalante* 4, 5, 5; total: 14

### CLASS B

Results for the Pantaenius Race, Race 2 and the St Regis Mardavall Mallorca race, respectively.

1: *Open Season* 1, 1, 1; total: 3

2: *Rose* 2, 2, 2; total: 6

3: *Ganesha* 3, 3, 3 total: 9

4: *Scorpione Hormar* 4, 5, 4; total: 13

5: *Pink Gin Verde* 5, 4, 5; total: 14

6: *Sveam* 6, 6, 6; total: 18





# RACING THE CYCLADES

Superyachting's newest regatta is proving to be a huge success. Lucy Dunn reports on the action at the 2025 Cyclades Cup



Nostramo was crowned Head of Fleet as the overall winner

The second edition of the Cyclades Cup concluded on 15 June after three days of exhilarating superyacht racing and unforgettable island experiences, cementing it as one of the must-attend events on the superyacht racing calendar.

Set against the postcard-perfect backdrop of Antiparos, the event brought together a stellar fleet of sailing yachts including *Acool Turabi*, *Aiolos*, *Almyra II*, *Arktos*, *Barong D*, *Burrasca*, *Fivea*, *Galma*, *Meliti*, *Nommo*, *Nostramo*, *Plaz*, *Puritan*, *Tawera*, *Umiko* and *Wally B*, competing in five classes: Meltemi, Cyclades, Apollo, Nireas and Skyphian. Organised in collaboration with the Yacht Club of Greece and World Superyacht Awards judge Ilia Rigas – also owner of *Almyra II* – the regatta is an officially sanctioned event of the Super Yacht Racing Association (SYRA).

On day one of the Cup, Antiparos delivered classic Aegean conditions, with a powerful meltemi peaking at 20 knots and gusting to 27. The fleet battled a tactical course shaped by funnelling winds and shadow zones near Paros and Antiparos, negotiating a choppy sea, shifting winds and pressure differentials. Despite the complexity, racers reported a thrilling day under clear skies and 24°C warmth. Victories were

claimed by *Aiolos*, *Barong D*, *Puritan*, *Nostramo* and *Fivea* across their respective classes. The day wrapped up in style with a jovial Welcome Party, sponsored by UBS.

Day two brought stellar conditions. The infamous meltemi wind really showed its colours and built to a powerful 15 to 25 knots, allowing the yachts to fully power up and push hard for the win.

SYRA manager Shirley Robertson said, "It's only the second year the Cyclades Cup has featured on the Superyacht Racing circuit, but you can sense its popularity is set to grow. Owners, sailors and event partners are truly enjoying discovering the magic of both the spectacular race track and the charm of the host island, Antiparos. Both on and off the water, this event is delivering something really new – a warm, effortless welcome from an island community... a head-turning coastline and a reliable breeze. It's unmissable."

Race director Stratis Andreadis agreed, adding, "There are few places in the Mediterranean, and dare I say, on earth, with such a spectacular mix of azure water, cooling breezes, tactical sailing and glorious lifestyle. The whole race management team of the Yacht Club of Greece, along with ORC and SYRA feel blessed to be able to offer

such great racing in such a stunning, unexplored corner of our world."

*Nostramo* was Skyphian Class victor for the second day running, so it's no surprise that her owner, Sir Andrew Cook, was in a celebratory mood: "You come to the Cyclades for great wind and climate, and you come to the Cyclades for ambience. Today was AAA in all three. It's taken several regattas over a number of years to really get a boat and team to perform. I'm very fortunate to have the Olympic gold medallist Jesper Bank as my race skipper."

Owner of *Almyra II* and founder of the Cyclades Cup Ilia Rigas also finished the day on a high. "Racing around the Greek Islands, feeling all the boats really close together and sensing that all of them were happy was really the best."

"It was very special for me. The conditions were as perfect as they could be. Sharing an experience like today with friends, relatives, kids, sponsors and guests... just couldn't be better."

Above: Cyclades Class day one winner Aiolos. Below: Puritan dominated the Nireas Class



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Above: Barong D led the Meltemi Class on day one, but Galma (right) took the overall prize



## DAY 1 RESULTS

### CYCLADES

*Aiolos* (winner), followed by *Acool Turabi* and *Umiko*.

*Meliti* scored a DNS.

### MELTEMI

*Barong D* (winner), followed by *Wally B* and *Galma*.

### NIREAS

*Puritan* (winner), followed by *Arktos*.

### SKYPHIAN

*Nostramo* (winner), followed by *Plaz*, *Nommo* and *Tawera*.

### APOLLO

*Fivea* (winner), followed by *Burrasca* (awarded a 1.5 penalty), *La Belle* and *Almyra II*.

## DAY 2 RESULTS

### CYCLADES

*Acool Turabi* (winner), followed by *Umiko*, *Meliti* and *Aiolos*.

### MELTEMI

*Galma* (winner), followed by *Wally B* and *Barong D*.

### NIREAS

*Puritan* (winner), followed by *Arktos*.

### SKYPHIAN

*Nostramo* (winner), followed by *Nommo*, *Plaz* and *Tawera*.

### APOLLO

*Burrasca* (winner), followed by *Fivea*, *Almyra II* and *La Belle*.

## FINAL RESULTS

Final race results reflected strong performances across the fleet:

**Cyclades:** *Acool Turabi* emerged on top, ahead of *Aiolos*, *Umiko* and *Meliti*.

**Meltemi:** *Galma* secured the win, followed by *Barong D* and *Wally B*.  
**Nireas:** *Puritan* dominated with a flawless scoreline.

**Skyphian:** *Nostramo* proved unstoppable, with three consecutive victories.

**Apollo:** *Burrasca* rebounded from a day one penalty to win overall.