

10 days ~ 3 islands
300 nautical miles

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aegean sea
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54th Aegean Sailing Rally
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14-24 July 2017

about

Aegean Sailing Rally

The **International Aegean Sailing Rally** is a regatta with a long history, organized **every year** by the **HORC** (Hellenic Offshore Racing Club). It is **the oldest and most prestigious sailing event in Greece**. **Since 1964 it gathers sailing enthusiasts from around the world.**

Every year the top Greek boats are present at the starting line. The Aegean Rally **consists of three to four offshore races**, starting and ending at the Saronic Gulf, with stopovers across the Aegean islands.

The total length of legs in each Aegean Rally varies, depending on the islands visited each year and **ranges between 350 - 500 nautical miles**. Sailing boats taking part in the Aegean Rally have a wide range of length and sails and are divided into **categories such as ORCi, IRC and even ORC Club.**

The Aegean Rally runs during the best time of the year because of the **ideal weather conditions in the Aegean**. Local winds and seasonal winds of 20-30 knots prevail throughout the race. With the sun overlooking the deep blue sea and the Greek summer in its starts, the temperature is just above 30 degrees.

A very important factor in the success of the Rally is **the natural beauty and local color of the islands** visited or passed by the Rally every year. The traditional picturesque Greek islands, with their hospitable inhabitants, offer the opportunity of relaxation during the race. In every island many events and festivities are organized especially for the crew members.

The skippers' meeting is held onboard the floating museum battleship Averof while the prize-giving ceremony and the reception is hosted at the Aegean Naval Command, where not only the local authorities but also the entire High Command of the Greek Navy are present.



HELLENIC OFFSHORE RACING CLUB

The **Hellenic Offshore Racing Club** was **founded in 1961** by a group of long-time sailing friends who sought a venue for offshore yacht racing that would provide "that spirit of comradeship, of courtesy and chivalry, of sympathetic joy in a common sport". Thirty four original members began the club, the first and unique yacht club, at the time and for many years later, involved exclusively with offshore racing. The first clubhouse was opened at Mikrolimano in Piraeus. Today the club, with 300 members and over 60 yachts flying the HORC burgee, operates from its privately owned neoclassical clubhouse in Mikrolimano, the contemporary colloquial name of the historical military port of ancient Athens called "Mounichia", a picturesque traditional must-see spot in Piraeus, the second yacht marina of the big port and 15 minutes walk to the Stadium of Peace and Friendship in Faliro.

the 2017 island stops

SYROS ~ a harmony of Greek tradition & western influence

Ermoúpoli (meaning "the city of Hermes") is the island's capital town and has been the first important trade and industrial centre of the country in the 19th century. Evidence of this glorious past can be seen on public buildings (the City Hall, the Customs Office, "Apollo" theatre), on the neoclassical houses and at the beautiful squares. The medieval quarter of the Roman Catholic community and the fortress-like St George's cathedral are on St George hill, also named *Áno Síros* (meaning upper *Sýros*). *Sýros* is well-known for its gastronomic

peculiarities. Halva pie (a pie made of thyme honey and roasted almonds), loukoúmi (a delight made of water, starch and sugar), "loosa" ham, fennel sausages and the San Mihalis spicy cheese will no doubt satisfy even the most demanding taste buds. Internationally acclaimed festivals are held, offering a wide range of choices and covering any taste, e.g. The International Cyclades Music Festival, the Classical Music Festival, the Ermouplía and the Musical May.



CHIOS ~ A mastic-scented island with fascinating history

Much as Chios is famous for its mastic, it is not the only "magic" one can find on this island. Alongside its rich history starting from the Neolithic Age and including adventures with Saracene pirates and the Turks during the Greek Revolution, Chios also claims to be the birthplace of Homer. It was certainly the birthplace of eminent Greek politicians and writers such as Adamantios Korais, Emmanouil Roidis and Alexandre Mavrokordatos. Visit the eleven-century old Castle dominating the port, in which there is the tomb of Kara Ali, the Egyptian admiral who ordered the massacre at Chios in 1822. The most famous local product is mastic. Known throughout the world, mastic is an appellation d'origine contrôlée product growing only in the South of Chios, where it has been raised since the 8th-7th century A.D. This natural product is cultivated entirely by hand and is nowadays used in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and cosmetics.



SKYROS ~ The largest of the Sporades islands

Only three and a half hours away from Athens lies the southernmost island of Sporades. Several myths of Greek Mythology referring to legendary heroes such as Lykomedes, Theseus, Achilles and Neoptolemus, are connected with the island of

Skyros. A plethora of conquerors left behind their traces over the centuries, which is perfectly illustrated on the island's traditions, customs and architecture. Whether you are an action lover or desperate for carefree moments under the sun, Skyros has a unique experience to offer to each one of you! Upon reaching the island, you will encounter the scenic Port of Linaria. Only ten km far you will find the beautiful Chóra, amphitheatrically built around a Byzantine castle that occupies the site of the ancient citadel (acropolis). Walking through the cobbled alleys, one can admire the Skyrian houses with their unique architecture; their flat roofs is a typical example of traditional island architecture, yet featuring local elements, particularly as far as interior decoration is concerned.



Thursday July 13th 2017

19:00 Skipper's Meeting at historical Greek Battleship "AVEROF"
 20:30 Welcome Ceremony at Battleship "AVEROF"

Friday July 14th 2017

1st Offshore Race: Faliro – Syros

Start: From Faliro bay at 18:00 hrs.
 (Time Limit: Saturday, July 15 at 19:00 hrs)
 Course: **ORCi category:** Faliro - Kythnos to port - Serifopoula to port – Ermoupoli.
 Distance: 85,5 n.m.
ORC Club category: Faliro - Syros to port - Ermoupoli.
 Distance: 76,0 n.m.

Sunday July 16th 2017

21:00 Social events and Prize Giving Ceremony for 1st leg

Monday July 17th 2017

2nd Offshore Race: Syros - Chios

Start: Outside of Ermpoupoli port at 10:00 hrs.
 (Time Limit: Tuesday, July 18 at 14:00 hrs)
 Course: **ORCi category:** Syros - Dilos to port - Tragonisi to port - Venetiko to port - Chios.
 Distance: 93,5 n.m.
ORC Club category: Faliro - Venetiko to port - Chios.
 Distance: 84,0 n.m.
 In case of strong winds, ORCi course will be the same with ORC Club

Tuesday July 18th 2017

23:00 Bar party (Drink offered)



Wednesday July 19th 2017

13:00 Beach party at Bella Vista beach
21:00 Social events and Prize Giving Ceremony for 2nd leg

Thursday July 20th 2017

3rd Offshore Race: Chios - Skyros

Start: Outside of Chios port at 10:00 hrs.
(Time Limit: Friday, July 21 at 14:00 hrs)

Course: **ORCi category:** Chios - Passas isl. & Rock to port -
Vamvakas cape to port - Skyros.
Distance: 100,0 n.m.

ORC Club category: Chios - Vamvakas cape to port - Skyros.
Distance: 94,0 n.m.

Friday July 21st 2017

Beach party

Saturday July 22nd 2017

11:00 Coastal Race
21:00 Social events and Prize Giving Ceremony
for 3rd leg & Coastal race

Monday July 24th 2017

21:00 Prize Giving Ceremony at the
Aegean Naval Command, Piraeus.



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some of our past events

2016. FALIRO - SYROS (SCORING GATE) - PATMOS - KOUFONISIA (SCORING GATE) - MILOS - SOUNIO

2015. FALIRO - AG. DIMITRIOS - KYTHNOS (SCORING GATE) - PIPERI isl to port - KYTHNOS to port - SOUNIO

2014. FALIRO - MILOS - ASTYPALAIA - IOS - SOUNIO

2013. FALIRO - SYROS - PATMOS - KOUFONISI - SOUNIO

2012. FALIRO - CHANIA - MILOS - SOUNIO

2011. FALIRO - AMORGOS - SAMOS (PITHAGORIO) - INOUSES - SOUNIO

2010. FALIRO - PAROS - NISIROS - KOUFONISI - SOUNIO

and many more, dating back to 1964!

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