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THE OCEAN TO OCEAN RIB ADVENTURE BY SERGIO DAVÌ HAS OFFICIALLY STARTED.

Solo sea crossing from Palermo to Los Angeles by rigid inflatable boat.

It should have left on November 21st, but the dangerous weather conditions in the Mediterranean Sea had forbidden to the famous sicilian skipper to start his new solo adventure.

At last today December 15th, at 12.00 am (Italy local time), Sergio Davì with his *Aretusa Explorer* released the moorings from Marina Arenella in Palermo, greated by sponsors, press, friends and other people, to start his "*Ocean to Ocean RIB Adventure*".

The first scheduled stopover is Mallorca (Balearic Islands) where the captain (with his boat) will be welcomed by Yann Crul, owner and port manager of the Marina Cala d'Or, after one day sailing and 500 nautical miles.

On board a Nuova Jolly Prince 38cc RIB (about 11 meters long), powered by two Suzuki DF300B dual prop outboards and equipped with the best Simrad marine electronics and C-Map electronic cartography, the brave captain **will try to reach Los Angeles, sailing mainly solo**, along a route that has already been partially traveled. Once again the captain will stop in Balearic Islands, Gibraltar, Canary Islands and Cape Verde; he will cross the Atlantic Ocean trying to land in French Guiana and then continue towards Caribbean Islands, Colombia and Panama; once he will have sailed the Canal of Panama he will continue towards Guatemala, Mexico and then California.

Over 10,000 nautical miles and about three months of travel, with some guests of honor on board for a couple of trips, including Massimo Nalli (president of Suzuki Italia), Carlos Santaella Martinez (aftersales manager at Movil Motors Importador Suzuki por España), Ruben Rabadan Gallardo (corporate manager outboard marine division in Suzuki Motor de Mexico), Stefano Germani (Financial Manager of I-Tronik).







As we all know, this adventure is supported by **very important scientific partnerships for conducting research about the relationship between anthropic impact and the health of the marine ecosystem**. In particular, captain Davi during his adventure will carry out samplings of marine waters that will be analyzed by researchers from the IZS Sicily and the ATeN Center of the University of Palermo to detect the presence of microplastics and heavy metals. Furthermore, the captain will take pictures of marine and terrestrial fauna for the IZS Piedmont, Liguria and Valle d'Aosta to detect behavioral and healthy aspects.

To keep updated about the *Ocean to Ocean RIB Adventure* it will be enough following Sergio Davì Adventures on Facebook and @sergiodavi_adventures on Instagram.

Then, it's possible to follow *real time* the captain and his *Aretusa Explorer* by the following LiveTracker made by SGS Tracking: <u>http://www.sgstracking.com/live/index.html?id=263</u>.

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