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# NEWSLETTER

Malta Cruising Club news and forthcoming events



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## Club News



Really good fun yesterday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Dingli for the annual Quiz Night!

Ten teams took part and the winning team, “*The three sailors + wives*”, represented here by **Carmel Abela** took the 1st Prize for the night, seen here with the rest of the Committee of the Club from left to right, Victor Taliana, the Commodore Johann Cuschieri, Charles Borg Barthet, Austin Calleja and Patrick Genovese. Congratulations also to teams “*Young at Heart*” and “*King*” who ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the Quiz.



## Sette Giugno Marina di Ragusa Cruise 2023

The Committee of the Club will be meeting shortly to draw up a programme of Club cruises for this summer, stretching from the beginning of June till September 2023.

The next organised cruise this year however, is the annual Sette Giugno Cruise and today we are launching the full program of the **Falken Tyres Sette Giugno Marina di Ragusa Cruise 2023** which will take place between Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

This year we are breaking from tradition and shifting our Sette Giugno Cruise to Marina di Ragusa rather than Pozzallo. The reason for this is that the number of boats participating in this cruise continues to increase from year to year and Pozzallo Marina does not have the space to berth all the boats crossing over from Malta. We will miss our friends in Pozzallo, but we had no other option other than to look for another larger marina in the South of Sicily.

Moreover, the new management at **Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa** made us a most welcoming offer of providing us with three nights berthing in Marina di Ragusa to all boats taking part in the Falken Tyres Marina di Ragusa Cruise 2023. We are most grateful for this generous offer, and we would like to thank the management of the marina on behalf of all members of the Club. So, for this year, the Sette Giugno Cruise is sailing to Marina di Ragusa!

The title sponsors for this event will, once again, be **Falken Tyres** who, together with their local agents, Standard Group of Santa Venera, will be providing participating boats with flags, T-Shirts, caps and other Falken promotional material to identify the boats and the crew participating in this event.

1. Booking for this event should be made on a form attached to this email sent out to all members. The form should be filled in and either emailed back to the Club Hon Secretary on [maltacruisingclub@gmail.com](mailto:maltacruisingclub@gmail.com) or sent by post to the address indicated. No other form of booking will be accepted.
2. Booking must be accompanied by payment of Euro 80 per crew member on board the boat, including the skipper, (children aged 12 or less pay Euro 40) and the amount due should be paid to the cashier of the Club either by Internet Bank Transfer or by cheque to the indicated address (details on the form). **Bookings should reach us (whether by post or email) by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.** In the event that you are unable to travel to Sicily on those dates due to unforeseen circumstances or because of weather, the Club will refund you the money if cancellation is received by the Club 48 hours before departure.

3. The Euro 80 per person payment will cover all the events associated with this cruise, that is:
  - a) The BBQ at the Skipper's briefing on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May
  - b) Berthing fees at Marina di Ragusa for 3 nights (but not W&E)
  - c) Welcome drink and nibbles on pontoon on 4<sup>th</sup> June
  - d) Dinner at Sabor Restaurant on 5<sup>th</sup> June
  - e) Tour by coach to Tenuta Bastonaca + Lunch on the 6<sup>th</sup> June
  
4. On arrival, boats will be required to call at the Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa office and register their boats as usual. Skippers who require the use of the pontoon water and electricity facilities would also need to acquire the appropriate token from the office to access the amenities. Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa will ask for a deposit for the token and will charge for usage of water and electricity.
  
5. Members who would like to leave Malta for Marina di Ragusa before Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 or would like to extend their stay in Marina di Ragusa beyond Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 can do so by contacting Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa individually and ask them for an extended stay. Boats will be charged separately for berthing fees for their extended stay and have to settle the bill with Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa directly.
  
6. On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 19:00 hrs a briefing for all skippers who have mailed/sent a booking form for this event (as indicated in [1] above) will take place at the Falken Tyres local agent Standard Group in Santa Venera. Flags, T-shirts and caps for the skippers and crew will be distributed at this briefing. The briefing will be followed by a Barbeque at the same premises fully sponsored by Standard Ltd. Skippers may be accompanied by their spouses/partners or one member of their crew. **But please only one person with the skipper.** Full details can be found in "Important Information" below.

**We therefore encourage all members who intend to join us this year to Marina di Ragusa to fill in the application form (a copy of which is attached to this email) as soon as possible and send it either via email or if paying by cheque to the address indicated on the booking form. Bookings will be taken up to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Once we receive your form and payment, we will confirm your booking by email and call you for the briefing meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.**

We are very eager to hold this event once again and we are sure that the skippers and crew that will participate will enjoy their stay in Sicily.

Austin Calleja

Hon Secretary



## Sette Giugno Marina di Ragusa Cruise 2023

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### **Sunday 4th June 2023**

06:00 / 07:00 hrs - Boats' departure from Malta according to the cruising speed of the boat.

14:00 / 15:00 hrs – Arrival at Marina di Ragusa

19:30 hrs – Welcome Drinks and nibbles on the Pontoon

*We invite all the skippers of the participating boats and all their crews to a welcome drink and some nibbles on the pontoon at the Marina. The service will be provided by a local Sicilian outside caterer.*

#### **Monday 5th June 2023**

10:30 hrs – Visit to the Maintenance Facilities of Marina di Ragusa.

*Skippers are invited to visit the boat maintenance facilities at Marina di Ragusa (called Mediterranean Yacht Yard) for a walk-around and to get more information on the services provided there. The new Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa management have recently appointed the established Maltese shipyard Bezzina Group of Marsa to run this facility. It would be interesting to find out what services they can provide.*

19:30 hrs – Dinner at the Sabor Restaurant in Via del Mare 82, Marina di Ragusa

*The official sponsors Falken Tyres Dinner will take place at the Sabor Restaurant at 19:30 hrs. The meal will consist of 4 courses based on local fish and also includes wine and water and coffee. The restaurant is approx. 15-minute walk from the Marina, albeit slightly uphill at some stage. For skippers and crew members who would not like to walk the distance, we will provide transport at Euro 5 per person to the restaurant and back. Senior managers from Falken Tyres (Italia) will be in attendance. Please wear your Falken T-shirts for this event.*

## **Tuesday 6th June 2023**

10:00 hrs – A whole day tour by private coach to Tenuta Bastonaca

*We will be making a visit to Tenuta Bastonaca, a very interesting winery and olive oil producing family business in the unspoilt countryside outside Vittoria. Tenuta Bastonaca was born from the great passion for the wines of Giovanni and Silvana Raniolo. Through their stories you will get to know the philosophy behind the cultivation of sapling vines (a particular wine making process) in the area surrounding Vittoria, their efforts to promote native vines and the desire to innovate by starting the cultivation of vines which are not commonly grown in Sicily. Giovanni and Silvana will lead you through their vineyards and olive groves, they will involve you with their stories linked to traditions, to the territory, but with an eye to innovation. All this while surrounded by the scents of a thousand red rose bushes and vines in full foliage.*

*At the end of the tour, we are invited to a typical Ragusa lunch at the same vineyard: appetizer with local products, traditional pasta first course, grilled meat, organic fruit harvested in the farm and Sicilian cannoli. During the lunch we will be tasting 3 or 4 of their wines particularly the white Grillo and the red Frappato and Nero d'Avola.*

*After lunch the coach will take us back to Marina di Ragusa*

Evening : Free

*Free evening for skippers and crew. There are many restaurants in Marina di Ragusa where you can have a pizza or a plate of pasta in the evening. If you need a recommendation, we suggest:*

*Imperial Restaurant – 0039 3382258219*

*Miramare Restaurant – 0039 0932615445*

*Cibarte Restaurant – 0039 3319186063 or 3348164333*

## **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Boats' departure from Marina di Ragusa back to Malta

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- A briefing will be held for all skippers of participating boats at the offices of the Falken Tyres Agent in Malta (Standard Ltd – Triq il-Kanun, Santa Venera; Website: [www.standard.com.mt](http://www.standard.com.mt)) Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 19:00 hrs.
- At the end of the briefing, Falken Tyres promotional material will be distributed to all skippers and crew of participating boats. It is important that when you book your boat you designate the correct number of crew making the trip to Marina di Ragusa on your boat.

For directions, please follow one of the following links:

<https://youtu.be/G4-hYXmCsOM>

Directions from Marsa

<https://youtu.be/ByXZU4Aiv4c>

Directions from Valletta

[https://youtu.be/KbeIVOowl\\_U](https://youtu.be/KbeIVOowl_U)

Directions from Attard

Sponsorship of the events:



The Briefing Meeting BBQ at Santa Venera is being sponsored by the local agents of Falken Tyres, Standard Group



Porto Turistico  
Marina di Ragusa

The berthing fees at Marina di Ragusa for 3 nights are being sponsored by Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa.



The shore events including the welcome drinks and nibbles on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, the dinner at Marina di Ragusa on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and the tour by coach and lunch at Tenuta Bastonaca on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June are partially sponsored by Falken Tyres.



This event is coordinated by the Committee of the Malta Cruising Club with the help and full cooperation of Falken Tyres, their local agents, Standard Group and Porto Turistico Marina di Ragusa.

## ***Preparation for the trip:***

**Before setting out to sea on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, please make sure that:**

- ✓ **Your boat is seaworthy, mechanically sound and you have enough fuel on board for at least the 52 nautical miles crossing to Marina di Ragusa.**
- ✓ **You have the appropriate life-saving equipment on board for all the persons on board your vessel.**
- ✓ **You have the appropriate navigation instruments in good working order, and more importantly, a fully functional VHF radio.**
- ✓ **You have adequate boat insurance that covers the Italian Territorial waters.**
- ✓ **You have your boat registration and boat insurance documents on board.**
- ✓ **You have personal crew documents (passport or an ID Card in the case of EU nationals) for each crew member on board.**

Please also note that:

All boats taking part in this Cruise, their skippers and crew are participating in this event entirely at their own risk. Skippers and their crew/friends must rely on their ability in dealing with hazards at sea or on land. Any direction given to them by any member or officer of the Malta Cruising Club shall be interpreted as a *bona fide* suggestion and they must decide personally whether to follow that direction or not.

Malta Cruising Club or any member or officer of the Club or its sponsor will not be liable for any loss or damage, action, claim, cost or expenses, which may arise as a consequence of their participation in this event either during the crossings to and from Marina di Ragusa or during the stay in Sicily.

Please appreciate that this event is not a “package tour” put together for financial gain. The Malta Cruising Club’s responsibility is limited to ensuring that the events listed in the official program distributed to the skippers have been booked and will take place as indicated.

By joining the Falken Tyres Sette Giugno Marina di Ragusa Cruise, you confirm that you understand and accept the above and you also accept that you have a responsibility to act in a way that will minimise the likelihood of injury to yourself and others and that your boat and your crew are fit to take part in this event.

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