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# Venice Hospitality Challenge

The Most Exclusive Regatta

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Breathtaking and addictive. Sport, lifestyle, luxury, competitiveness and fun go on stage during the Venice Hospitality Challenge, the Gran Prix sailing of Venice and the best expression of luxury and hospitality in the Serenissima's lagoon. Organized by Yacht Club Venice with the support of Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A., Marina Yachting, Marina Sant'Elena and Moët & Chandon, this exclusive competition is the unique race where maxi yachts compete in a city circuit. The third edition took place the last 15 October

and the winner was Nuovo Maxi Jena, for the second time, skippered by Mitja Kosmina for The Gritti Palace Hotel, who received the Doge's hat made by Seguso Vetri d'Arte glass factory. In the second place Adriatic Europe, with Dusan Puh as skipper for the Hotel Danieli. Third place went to Pendragon VI, skippered by Lorenzo Bodini for Hilton Molino Stucky, on the podium since the first edition. In total ten teams, guided by skipper with international reputation. Eight teams representing the luxurious Venetian Hotels – the

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others are Belmond Hotel Cipriani, The Westin Europa & Regina, SINA Centurion Palace, JW Marriott, Cà Sagredo Hotel, a ninth vessel for Falisia Hotel Porto Piccolo, and Il Moro of Venice on behalf of the city. The race, which started from San Mark's Square, passed through the Lido and then back to Giudecca Island finishing to San Mark's basin again. The slack wind from the beginning, made the race more difficult than expected and skippers demonstrated a great technique and good knowledge of the currents. We enjoyed the show on board of AnyWave, the sailing boat of the prestigious Belmond Hotel Cipriani, the iconic hotel on

the edge of Venice's picturesque lagoon. Built by Soleri Composite and designed by the prestigious 'German Frers' studio in year 2000 and completely revamped in year 2015, AnyWave features a full hull's construction in carbon fibre and is equipped with an innovative canting keel system to increase the boat performances, while a bowsprit allow to mount an impressive 450m2 kite. In charge of a very professional and close-knit team of sailors is Alberto Leghissa, skipper and crew manager, who won 3 World titles, 3 European title, 1 Mediterranean title and various other international awards. ♦ [www.venicehospitalitychallenge.it](http://www.venicehospitalitychallenge.it)



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