

The Mini Transat fleet already sails to Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

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The fleet of the Mini Transat La Boulangère departed this Sunday, 1 October, from the port of La Rochelle, in the West of France, under a "persistent drizzle", as the organization of a test that concentrates the attention of the International sailing in these dates. The popular Mini-Transat, dating consolidated from the seventies, gathers in the present edition about eighty boats that for the first time will stop in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, second stage of a regatta that concludes in November in Le Marín (Martinique) , and which unites these three cities of great tradition in the world of navigation.

The organizers are expecting a first round of competition that "will not be at rest at all", for boats of 6.50 meters in length governed by solo sailors, who expect to face in these next dates a corridor of strong winds once exceeded the Cape Finisterre. From 8 October (estimated date, variable according to the weather), competitors will start arriving in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, just in the year in which the Atlantic City 2017 has been designated by the European Commission on the Atlantic Arc.

After the departure in La Rochelle, Erwan Le Méné (Rousseau Clôtures), Ian Lipinski (Griffon.fr) and Arthur Léopold-Léger (Luna) stood out in the category of prototypes, while in the series took advantage of Clarisse Crémer (TBS) , German Kerlévéo (Astrolabio Expediciones) and Frédéric Moreau (Auguste Petit and Co). Up to three ships had to return to port to repair damages caused in the first maneuvers. However, the characteristics of such a demanding regatta still give the skippers the opportunity to regain ground along a route that in total exceeds 4,000 nautical miles.

The city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria has been present in these dates in La Rochelle, with an informative stand of the destination at the pier. An information point in which competitors and followers have been able to know more about the first scale of the race before crossing the Atlantic. In addition, until La Rochelle moved to be present at the outing of the city of Mar del Ayuntamiento of the capital of Gran Canaria, José Eduardo Ramírez, who stressed "the importance for the city to host an event of these characteristics, which are pending the world of Nautical and provides us with a great international projection.

The Mini-Transat is the fourth international regatta that Las Palmas de Gran Canaria hosts in 2017, after the already celebrated Rendez-Vous Tall Ships and Discoveries Race Los Alisios. In November will be the turn of the Atlantic Rally for Cruises: the ARC, consolidated for more than two decades in the capital of Gran Canaria. Earlier in the month, Mini-Transat navigators set sail for the Caribbean.