

The city welcomes Spanish sailors in the Mini Transat

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The legendary Mini Transat La Boulangère 2017 solo race has already taken Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. The dock of the Vela Latina Canaria with its new berths occupied by these 81 sailboats of 6.5 meters of length, that have sailed from La Rochelle, while its crew prepares for the second stage of this hardest transoceanic test. On November 1, the capital will fire the sailors who will cross the Atlantic to Le Marin, on the Caribbean island of Martinique.

The councilor of the City of the Sea of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, José Eduardo Ramírez, maintained this weekend a meeting with Spanish sailors participating in the regatta. Among the sailors are two of the 11 women who are part of the 80 participants: the Catalan Pilar Pasanau and the Lanzaroteña Marta Güemes that, in this first stage of the race, which sailed from La Rochelle (France) last 1 October, seeks the challenge of crossing the Atlantic to Le Marin (Martinique).

Pilar Pasanau, Guillermo Cañardo, Marc Miró Rubio, Marta Gemes and Pablo Torres Barragan compose the Spanish representation in the regatta, along with David Alonso, the fastest national sailor to comply with this first stage. The vessels of the Mini Transat, boats 6.50 meters in length governed by solo sailors, will remain in the capital of Gran Canaria until November.

David Alonso spent 10 days, 13 hours and 50 seconds in the Mini Series with his Blue Oscar. Pablo Torres took 11 days, 7 hours, 35 minutes and 52 seconds with his prototype Bicho II-Puerto Sherry. The Lanzaroteña Marta Guemes, in the Class Mini Series with Artelia had a record of 11 days, 12 hours, 29 minutes and 29 seconds. Guillermo Cañardo with the Open Arms arrived with a Mini 650 Series with which he invested 11 days, 20 hours, 38 minutes and 35 seconds. An hour later Pilar Pasanau crossed the finish line with the prototype Sailone-Peter Punk, after 11 days, 21 hours and 34 seconds. Finally, Marc Miro with the Mini Series Alfin, had a time of something more than 12 days.

The councilor of Ciudad de Mar welcomed the Spanish sailors to the city and attended the Sports Pier with the sportsmen and the chairman of the Mini-Transat committee, Patrick Maurin.

The Spanish participation, six stories in a mythical race

David Alonso (ESP 810 / Blue Oscar), a former navigator of the Spanish Navy school ship Juan Sebastián El Cano, already has four transatlantic crossings behind him. Based in Moreira (Valencia), Alonso embarks on this adventure on board his 6.50 with the intention of standing up to the best in the race.

Guillermo Cañardo (ESP 657 / Open Arms) is an emergency doctor, an NGO militant who patrols the coast of Libya to watch over the lives of refugees seeking to escape poverty. Accustomed to extreme situations, his personal history is enriched now with the adventure of the Mini Transat.

Marta Güemes (ESP 591 / Artelia) arrives home in this first stage of the Mini Transat 2017. The lanzaroteña takes two years preparing the test, looking for a challenge to grow in the sport and in the personal. Engineer based in Grenoble, is one of the 11 women who compete in this 2017 edition of the test.

Marc Miró Rubio (ESP 371 / Alfin), officer of the Merchant Marine, is passionate about the sea and nature. A professional skipper who has been thoroughly prepared to enjoy a contemporary odyssey: the epic Mini Transat.

Pilar Pasanau (ESP 240 / Sail One Peter Puck) is another of the women who sail in this Mini: a veteran who already knows the regatta, and that returns to participate in its condition of proud solo navigator. An athlete with a loyal spirit inspired by the Mini.

Pablo Torres Barragan (ESP 431 / Bicho II port sherry) pursues the dream of its participation in the Mini Transat for more debt due decade. Naval architect by profession, this Sevillian navigator stands out for his confidence in facing challenges such as this transatlantic regatta.