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## ULYSSE NARDIN BECOMES OFFICIAL TIMING PARTNER OF THE OCEAN RACE

The countdown is on! With one year to go to the start of leg one of  
The Ocean Race 2022-23, Ulysse Nardin confirmed as Official Timing Partner

**14 January 2022/1000 CET** -- The first leg of the 14th edition of The Ocean Race will start on 15 January 2023 from Alicante, Spain. With just one year to go to the start gun for leg one, the countdown is on and Ulysse Nardin, the pioneering Swiss watch manufacturer, has become the official timekeeper of the Race.

Ulysse Nardin has strong links to the maritime world, dating back to its founding in 1846. From the original inspiration of exploration that led to the creation of their first marine chronometer, to the nautical inspirations of their contemporary creations, Ulysse Nardin has always maintained a close relationship with the ocean.

In its role as Official Timing Partner of The Ocean Race, Ulysse Nardin will be responsible for all official race timings, including start countdowns, leg timings and finishes.

Additionally, Ulysse Nardin will be at the heart of the 24-hour Speed Challenge. During racing, each boat in both the one-design VO65 class and the flying, foiling IMOCA class, is constantly monitored via Race Control. A rolling, 24-hour distance record is maintained throughout the leg and the boat in each class with the top distance covered in each leg wins the speed challenge.

In the 2017-18 edition of the Race, Team AkzoNobel set a new 24-hour distance record for the event - the mark to beat is 602.51 nautical miles (1,116 km), or an average speed of an incredible 25.1 knots (46.5 km/h).

Beyond its role as Official Timing Partner, Ulysse Nardin is also the Time to Act partner of The Ocean Race, committing to the responsible use and conservation of the world's ocean.

*"The sea has always been part of our world and exploration has always been our spearhead,"* said Patrick Pruniaux, CEO of Ulysse Nardin.

*"Every day, Ulysse Nardin pushes the limits in all fields: technique, design and innovation. Now we are also bringing the same intensity to bear on sustainability."*

*"As sailors, we have absolute respect for the ocean and we have found these same values in Ulysse Nardin, who has a long heritage with sailors and the sea,"* said Richard Brisius, Race Chairman of The Ocean Race.

*"We have asked them to be our timekeepers. In addition to the sporting aspect of our partnership, Ulysse Nardin will help us to respect the pace of the sustainable initiatives that we are putting in place. Through our Racing with Purpose programme <https://www.theoceanrace.com/en/sustainability.html>, developed in collaboration with founding partner 11th Hour Racing, we are involved in a race to restore our blue planet. A Ulysse Nardin watch is a timepiece of excellence, which by nature has a sustainable future, handed down from generation to generation."*

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## THE OCEAN RACE 2022-23 2023 STOPOVER DATES

| Stopover<br>Fly-by | Distance<br>Nautical Miles | Arrivals<br>ETA       | Race Village<br>Opens ALL TBC | In-Port<br>Race | Leg<br>Start  |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Alicante</b>    |                            | Assembly              | Jan-07                        | Jan-08          | Jan-15        |
| <b>Cabo Verde</b>  | 1.900                      | Jan-22                | Jan-20                        | -               | Jan-25        |
| <b>Cape Town</b>   | 4.600                      | Feb-09                | Feb-05                        | Feb-24          | Feb-26/27 TBC |
| <b>Itajaí</b>      | 12.750                     | Apr-01                | Mar-29                        | Apr-21          | Apr-23        |
| <b>Newport</b>     | 5.550                      | May-10                | May-13                        | May-20          | May-21        |
| <b>Aarhus</b>      | 3.500                      | May-30                | May-29                        | Jun-04          | Jun-08        |
| Kiel Fly-by        | -                          | Jun-09                | -                             | -               | -             |
| <b>The Hague</b>   | 800                        | Jun-11                | Jun-10                        | Jun 13/14       | Jun-15        |
| <b>Genova</b>      | 2.200                      | Jun-25                | Jun-24                        | Jul-01          | -             |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>31.300</b>              | <b>Nautical Miles</b> |                               |                 |               |

## Partnership video





## THE MANUFACTURE OF FREEDOM

Ulysse Nardin is the Pioneering Manufacture inspired by the sea and delivering innovative timepieces to free spirits.

Founded by Mr. Ulysse Nardin in 1846 and a House of the international luxury group Kering since November 2014, Ulysse Nardin has written some of the most beautiful chapters in the history of Fine Watchmaking. The brand owes its reputation to its ties with the nautical world: its on-board marine chronometers are among the most reliable ever designed and remain very popular with collectors all over the world. A pioneer in cutting-edge technologies and the use of innovative materials such as silicon, Ulysse Nardin is one of the few manufactures with the in-house expertise necessary to produce its own high-precision components and movements. An exceptional level of horological excellence has earned it a spot in the exclusive circle of Swiss watchmaking: the Fondation de la Haute Horlogerie.

Ulysse Nardin is taking action in two main ways to help conserve the oceans: reducing marine plastic pollution and developing scientific knowledge in shark conservation, animals which are its emblem. Today, from Le Locle and La Chaux-de-Fonds in Switzerland, Ulysse Nardin continues its quest for watchmaking perfection around four pillars: Marine, Diver, Blast and Freak.



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Since 1973, The Ocean Race has provided the ultimate test of a team and a human adventure like no other. Over four decades it has kept an almost mythical hold over some of the greatest sailors and been the proving ground for the legends of our sport.

The last edition of the race was the closest in history, with three teams virtually tied, approaching the finish line. After 126 days of racing spread across 11 legs, the winning margin for Charles Caudrelier's Dongfeng Race Team was only 16 minutes. The top three teams were separated by just four points.

The next edition of The Ocean Race will start from Alicante, Spain in January 2023 and will finish in Genoa, Italy in summer of 2023, visiting 10 iconic, global cities.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IN THE OCEAN RACE**

We have a proven commitment to sustainability, and with the support and collaboration of 11th Hour Racing, Founding Partner of the Race Sustainability Programme and Premier Partner of The Ocean Race, we are inspiring action and creating tangible outcomes.

Building upon our award-winning legacy in sustainability, our innovative Racing With Purpose programme is acting as a catalyst for positive change and accelerating the application of innovative solutions to help restore ocean health.



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