

**CROWDSOURCED BATHYMETRY**

**International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and Yacht Club de Monaco (YCM) enter cooperation**



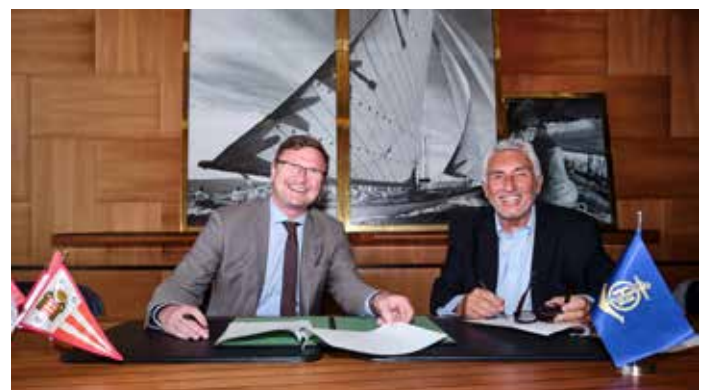
(From left) Thomas de Brouwer, Member of the YCM Management Committee; Bernard d'Alessandri, YCM Secretary General; Jamie McMichael-Phillips, Seabed 2030 Project Director; HE Giulio Alaimo, Ambassador of Italy; Rear Admiral Luigi Sinapi, Director of IHO; Céline Caron-Dagioni, Councillor of Government-Minister of Equipment, Environment and Urbanism; Alfredo Giacon; Frédéric Genta, Interministerial Delegate for Attractiveness and Digital Transition; Olivier Wenden, Vice-President of the Albert II of Monaco Foundation; Claudia Batthyany, Project Manager Monaco Capital of Advanced Yachting

As part of the 'Monaco Capital of Advanced Yachting' initiative - which promotes a responsible future for the yachting industry focussing on innovation, progress and sustainability - the official signing of a Letter of Cooperation between the Yacht Club de Monaco (YCM) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) took place on July 6. The two organisations have agreed to work together to improve our knowledge of the ocean and cooperate on the **crowdsourced bathymetry initiative**.

Crowdsourced bathymetry (CSB) activities are central to Seabed 2030's mission of a complete map of the ocean floor by the end of the decade, and the project provides data loggers in support of this.

Alfredo Giacon, a journalist and skipper, has been leading ocean protection missions for 12 years on board *Jancri*. In May this year he departed Port Canaveral for an Atlantic crossing finishing in Monaco on July 22 - *Jancri* was equipped with data loggers, provided by Seabed 2030, for crowdsourced bathymetry data collection on its voyage.

At an event marking *Jancri*'s arrival, YCM promoted the use of data loggers to its members to encourage contributions to Seabed 2030.



Dr Mathias Jonas, IHO Secretary General (left) and Bernard D'Alessandri, Secretary General of YCM, sign the Letter of Cooperation



Alfredo Giacon holds a Seabed 2030 flag on board *Jancri*

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