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Sailors and spectators were blown away by the majestic mountain ranges and tall cypress trees that lined Wednesday's racecourse. PRO Ariane Mainemare started the costal race in a 12 knot north west wind just to the east of Corfu. The 80 degree temperatures and sunshine made for the perfect t-shirt weather sailors beg for.

All five boats got off to a clean start in a small swell and building breeze. After racing to the first windward mark, it was *MOMO* who lead the pack back towards Corfu and around the north side of the island. Close behind, Proteus navigator Andrea Visintini described the race, "This was a special day for all navigators because it was a new venue. There were unknowns, and on top of that the wind was shifting and different on both sides of the course." He continued, "We knew that on the costal races, if we managed to get ahead on the first upwind there would be a good chance of keeping the lead. We were close to achieving that but *MOMO* was faster and sailed an exceptional race." Between the exciting scenery and active sail changes, everyone returned to the dock happy and tired.

Today's "Taste of Corfu" began with drummers from the Ensembles of the Philharmonic Society of Corfu, the talented group of musicians played on behalf of the Hotel Corfu Palace. Located in the heart of Corfu, the hotel is described as an 'old time classic choice'! Hotel manager Alexandros Anemogiannis was delighted to serve sandwiches, locally produced beer and a delicious kumquat liquor. As sailors ate they listened to a traditional band with Greek guitars, bouzouki and relaxed after another full day of racing!

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