

Rally d'Italia Sardegna

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RALLY D'ITALIA SARDEGNA 2008 IS READY

The Itinerary of the fifth edition of the Rally d'Italia Sardegna is on line: the 2008 edition of the Rally Event is on line on www.rallyitaliasardegna.com. The race, that will take place on May 15th – 18th, is the sixth Leg of the 2008 WRC and the third event of the Super 1600 World Championship.

The Head Quarters will be in Olbia, while the Starting and the Arrival Ceremony will be organised in the charming location of Porto Cervo. The Italian Leg of the World Rally Championship, organised by the Automobile Club d'Italia, will develop through three Legs and 17 Special Stages.

The new Itinerary will be similar to the last editions, but many technical difficulties have been introduced. "The Itinerary has been renewed – says Carlo Cassina, the Itinerary Co-ordinator. All the Special Stages will be raced through the Monte Acuto area, inside the forestry site. The race will continue to be very technically selective. All the three legs will be raced on similar roads but many changes have been introduced: the first racing day, for example, will start by a new edition of the Monte Corvos stage, in the nearby of Buddusò; going on with the second Special Stage that will be developed inside the forest of Crastazza, in the nearby of Bitti (Nuoro). This Stage will be longer, in its final part, than the last edition. The third chrono, the Terranova' s one, has been planned on the old Terranova and Monte Olia' s road crossing the SS 389 as always"

"The second racing day – continues Cassina – will start with the Punta Pianedda Stage, that will start and arrive in the nearby of the Loelle' s nuraghe. It will be a very fast stage raced inside the Loelle site but driven through some new roads without forgetting the classical passage close to the plantation of cork-trees in the Buddusò area. No changes have been introduced in the second chrono, that will be characterised, as last edition, by the spectacular Monte Lerno's jump, while the third chrono will be raced in the Su Filigosu area. The final Leg has been modified: the two Special Stages of Monte Olia and Sorilis will be characterised by a medium average speed.

The last chrono will be completely new and will take place in the Liscia Ruja area, the fascinating and enchanting scenario of the Cala di Volpe's Gulf"

354 km, on a total amount of 1.045 km of racing roads, will be timed and hosted by the territory of the Sardinian Forestry Board, fundamental partner of the Organisation, while the provinces involved in the event will be three: Olbia-Tempio, Nuoro e Sassari. The Service Park, located in Olbia – Cala Saccaia – will be operative at the beginning, at half way and at the end of each Leg. The Head Quarter and the Press Room will be hosted at the Hotel Melià, as it was last year.

"One of the most important changes is the fact that, for the first time, the Race will be totally developed in the same area – says the Clerk of the Course Lucio De Mori – between Monte Lerno, Monte Acuto and Monte Olia surroundings. This is very important because it allows the Organisation to manage better all the race's details. In addition spectators will not have to move too much on the territory in order to follow the race itself".

THE RACE IDENTIKIT

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THE LEGS

1 st Leg – Friday, 16th May 2008 - 6 SS for a total of 377,20 km, which 132,40 timed.

2 nd Leg – Saturday, 17th May 2008 - 6 SS for a total amount of 404,40 km, which 133,80 timed

3 rd Leg – Sunday, 18th May 2008 - 5 SS for a total amount of 263,50 km, which 87,50 timed.

THE SPECIAL STAGES

1 st LEG

S.S. 1/4 Monte Corvos km 17,50

S.S. 2/5 Crastazza km 33,50

S.S. 3/6 Terranova km 15,20

2 nd LEG

S.S. 7/10 Punta Pianedda (Loelle) km 18,20

S.S. 8/11 Monte Lerno km 29,30

S.S. 9/12 Su Filigosu km 19,40

3 rd LEG

S.S. 13/16 Monte Olia km 21

S.S. 14/16 Sorilis km 21

S.S. 17 Liscia Ruja km 3,50

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