

AEGEAN AND COSTA NAVARINO UNITE FOR SUCCESSFUL AEGEAN MESSINIA PRO-AM

284 golfers enjoy international event across three of the four courses at Costa Navarino

Sept 21, 2022 – 71 teams comprising of professional, amateur and celebrity golfers from 26 countries, united at Europe's newest golf destination from September 14-17, to participate in the [Aegean Messinia Pro-Am](#), co-organized by [AEGEAN](#) and [Costa Navarino](#).

The tournament builds further on the vision of AEGEAN's founder Theodore Vassilakis and Costa Navarino's founder Captain Vassilis Constantakopoulos, to grow the game of golf in Greece.

The event marked the first time that the two new José María Olazábal-designed courses at [Navarino Hills](#) – the world's first International Olympic Academy Golf Course and The Hills Course – were used in competition, since opening in February.

After some memorable individual and team play under sunny September skies, PGA of Austria Professional, Georg Schultes took top professional honours following the conclusion of the 54-hole tournament, which also featured [The Dunes Course](#).

Schultes, who took victory with a winning score of 10-under-par, said: "It's amazing to win. This week has been so easy for us all, thanks to the organisers who took care of us so well. My team of amateurs have really loved their time here – the views from some of these holes are amazing."

The Team Pro-Am event honours were taken by the team of PGA of Greece Professional, Christos Nikopoulos, and teammates, Maksym Kutkovskyy, Maryna Kutkovska and Aris Vovos with a total of 263 points (-47) after a battle that came down to the very last hole of the event.

As well as enjoying golf across three of Costa Navarino's four signature 18-hole golf courses, the pro-am offered the opportunity for the players to forge new friendships by day and night at an array of events.

As part of a rich programme of evening events, participants enjoyed the breathtaking sunset views from The Hills Clubhouse during the 'All in One' themed welcome cocktail and danced the night away at the theme party night 'Let's Swing Again' with a live swing band. The final 'May the Fore be with You' dinner and prize-giving ceremony, was hosted by top television and radio presenter Kate Mason and Ian Randell, chief executive of the CPG.

The event was sanctioned by the Confederation of Professional Golf (CPG) and held under the auspices of the PGAs of Greece and the Hellenic Golf Federation.

Alpha Private Bank and Athens International Airport were the event's gold sponsors, Volvo-VELMAR sponsored the 'Hole-in-one' trophy, while AerCap and Korres supported as silver sponsors and Vodafone Business, Coca Cola 3E, AMVYX-Jose Cuervo and Pratt & Whitney were the tournament's bronze sponsors. Other supporters included Autohellas-Hertz, Taylormade, Pages, Gallagher, MyTransfer, Vourakis, Glenmuir, Karaververis, Kokotos Wines, MEVGAL, Melissokomiki, Miran, Siambis, Navarino Icons, Athi Rodi and Argo Travel.

■ For further details visit <https://www.aegeanmessiniaproam.com/>

To view a video of the Aegean Messinia Pro-Am, please go to <https://youtu.be/sIKP3Uebdig>

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About AEGEAN

AEGEAN is Greece's largest airline and a member of Star Alliance, the world's strongest global airline alliance. AEGEAN and its subsidiary Olympic Air in 2019 carried 15 million passengers and the 2022 network covers 156 destinations (31 domestic and 125 international) to 42 countries. The company has been honored, for the 10th consecutive year and 11th time in the last 12 years, with the 2021 Skytrax World Airline award, as the Best Regional Airline in Europe. AEGEAN, has recently received, a 4-star award from Skytrax (4-Star COVID 19 Arline Safety Rating), as it was certified that from the beginning of the pandemic and with the same commitment until today, is implementing the highest standards and best practices proposed by the World Health Organization, ICAO and IATA for the protection of passengers and crew.

About Costa Navarino

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breath-taking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history. Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It comprises five distinct sites featuring five-star deluxe hotels, luxury private residences, and a total of four signature golf courses. Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino, as well as to the luxury private properties Costa Navarino Residences. Navarino Waterfront is home to the upscale, vibrant W Costa Navarino, while the Navarino Agora is scheduled to open in 2023. Navarino Bay is set to welcome the Mandarin Oriental, Costa Navarino in 2023.

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