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ZACA the Errol Flynn golf course in Porto Santo Stefano

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Zaca moored at the dock of Pilarella in Porto Santo Stefano

A piece of sailing history has just arrived at Argentario, the ZACA dream ship belonging to Errol Flynn, a legendary actor and US director who died in 1959. The legendary golfer of 36 meters and 124 tons, who has navigated through almost eighty years of history from an extraordinary adventure to the other, often stopping at the historic pier of Pilarella of Porto Santo Stefano.

ZACA, "Indian Peace", is built in 1928 on the eve of the Great Depression for San Francisco's banker and industrial Templeton Crockett, who used the long-haul boat in the south of the

Pacific. In the Second World War it is required by the US Navy and painted in gray as a battleship is renamed IX-73 and patrolled at 500 miles off Eureka. In 1945, it was bought by famous actor Errol Flynn and became a movie set for "The Lady of Shanghai" with Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth. He then sails to the Mediterranean with a Jamaican crew, arriving at the Palma Mallorca Mall, where Errol Flynn and his third wife Patrice Wymore live on board.



The commanding writer Daniele Busetto on the stern of ZACA



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After the death of the American star in 1959, ZACA remained in the boatyard of the Balearic Islands and later was taken by the millionaire Freddie Tinsley in France to be sold, and the yacht stripped of all this value left abandoned at Bernard Voisin's yard in Villefranche, a yard claiming ownership over the non-payment of rent / rent, until 1987 when Coussins Phillip English buys it but the deal ends in court. The boat, still abandoned, is finally bought in 1991 by the Italian businessman Roberto Memmo, current owner. The presence of yachts of this type at Argentario is the testimony of the historical prestige that has the Tuscan landing in the environment of the international Yachting.

ZACA returns for the second year at Argentario Naval Shipyard, which can count for over 100 years of history on the best crafts that one year has made one of the most renowned in the world for important extraordinary maintenance work.

The commanding writer Daniele Busetto, author of these lines, had the pleasure of knowing the story of ZACA thanks to friendship with Bruno Dal Piaz, former colleague of Marina for so many

years skipper of the mythical gull.