

Lateen Sail Regatta 2017

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The 20th regatta of traditional boats, such as sailing-boats, *gajetas*¹, and *leuts*² on lateen sail drive took place at Murter on the Island of Murter on October 1st 2017. The 19th anniversary of



Figure 1.
The start of Murter Regatta.

the regatta, initiated in 1998, and taking place to the present day, was thus marked. It gathered 66 boats from all over Croatia, from Istria to the Island of Hvar. The regatta makes part of the *Lateen Sail Days*, a series of events held in the course of September, concluded with the regatta. Both *Lateen Sail Days* and the regatta are organised by the *Latinsko idro (Lateen Sail) Association* from Murter, aimed at preserving and promoting traditional boats and forms of navigation.

Numerous similar events, marking the navigation tradition and history of naval architecture, with the goal of preserving identity and teaching younger generations, are taking place in the course of the year in other parts of Croatia as well: e.g. Mošćenička Draga, the Islands of Krk, Rab, Pašman, Zlarin, Prvić, Krapanj, Hvar, Murter, etc. Apart from the regatta, Murter hosts many lectures, concerts, literary evenings, and workshops as well. It should be emphasised that the regatta does not promote the spirit of competitiveness, rather the originality and innovation concerning the ship designing solutions. The 20th anniversary of Murter Regatta will take place next year.



Figure 2.
In full sail.

1. *Gajeta*: a traditional half-decked one-mast fishing boat, typical of the Croatian Adriatic coast
2. *Leut*: a type of traditional fishing boat