

# SAILORS RACE AROUND YERONISOS ISLAND

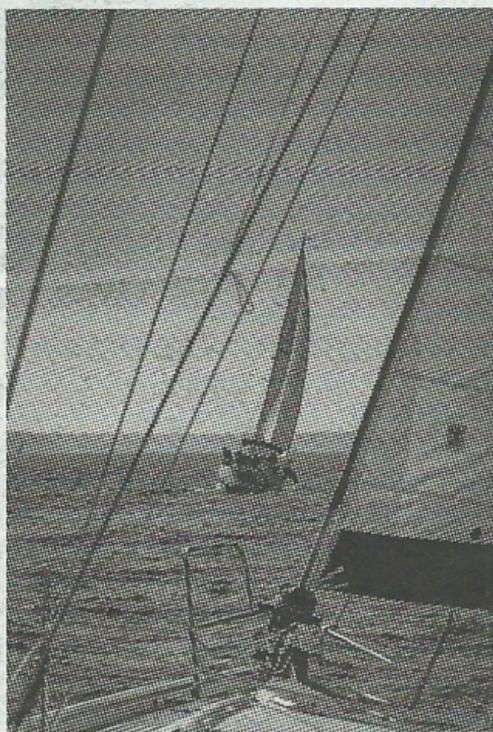
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**Sailors once again took part in the popular annual race around Yeronisos Island, off the Peyia coast in Paphos.**

Also known as 'Holy Island' (and locally as Saint George's island), Yeronisos has been uninhabited since the 15th century, but recent excavations have revealed it once held a sanctuary dedicated to Apollo in the late Hellenistic period.

Ongoing excavations have been taking place at Yeronisos for almost three decades.

Organised by avid sailors Sharon and Kit Whitehouse and volunteers from the Paphos International Sailing Club of which they are both members, the boats set off from Mandoulis beach at Agios Georgios harbour in Peyia.



“Businesses sponsored the participating boats in a bid to raise money for local charities,” said Whitehouse.

The two charities are the Margarita Liasidou foundation and the Paphos autistic association.

The sailor noted that this year's race highlights the celebration of 28 years of archaeological excavations on the historical island.