

International RILEM Conference on

"Synergising expertise towards sustainability and robustness of cement-based materials and concrete structures"

Milos Island, Greece June 14-15-16, 2023

RE: Opportunity for post conference boat tour of Milos island on Saturday 17th June 2023



Dear SynerCrete'23 conference participant,

We are happy to announce the opportunity to participate in a boat tour around Milos island after the conference on Saturday, 17 June. The boat tour is organised for conference participants and their accompanying persons, and offers a unique experience of witnessing the outstanding beauties of Milos island - particularly regions which are inaccessible via land.

Description of the boat tour

The boat tour is designed to take approximately 5 hours (9:00-14:00) and visit via sea the most beautiful spots of Milos island. Milos island is known for its mesmerizing landscapes, volcanic rocks, crystal clear sea water, incredible beaches and swimming spots and very long coastline.

The boat will be specifically chartered for the day <u>only</u> for those associated with SynerCrete'23 conference and their accompanying persons - an unconventional opportunity for socialising and networking! The boat, which is shown in the images below (Figure 1), will be navigated by experienced Captain Stavros, a native of Milos island and captain by profession, carrying out these boat tours in the island for several decades. Captain Stavros will naturally guide us for the entire trip, and the experienced boat crew will be by your side to aid and serve you with whatever you may need for a pleasurable and safe outing. The boat also encompasses toilet facilities and smoking area. Snacks (sandwiches) and refreshments (soft drinks) will be provided during the boat trip. The total cost is **75 Euros**.



Figure 1: Boat that will be employed for the tour, named "Captain Yagos".

The boat is stably built and resistant to moderate waiving thus limiting the possibility of sea sickness. However, some rotational boat movement, i.e. pitch and roll, will be anticipated particularly for winds 4-6 Beaufort scale. Normally, during the period of the planned boat tour the winds are blowing to low intensities, e.g., up to 3 Beaufort scale, thus minimal rotational movement is anticipated.

Figure 2 illustrates the tour route. The tour includes setting off from Adamas port at 09:00 am and disembarkation at Polonia port at 14:00 (red route in Figure 2). From there, the group will embark on coaches and be brought back to Adamas port (orange route in Figure 2) with an arrival time of approximately 14:30.



Figure 2: Routes of boat tour around Milos (red line) and coach route back to Adamas port (orange line).

With the boat tour an amazing opportunity will be given to participants to witness the most mesmerising landscapes, seas and coastlines in Greece in a truly unique experience. Examples of spots to be sailing to are shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3: Few places/landscapes out of those visited during the boat tour.

<u>Requirements for the boat tour to take place</u>

As the conference organisation will be chartering the boat for the day for the sole use of participants of SynerCrete'23 and their accompanying persons, we need to understand the intention for participation.

For the boat tour to take place, <u>at least</u> 100 participants are required and <u>up to</u> 150 can be accepted (first comes first served policy applies).

As such, you are requested to declare your honest intention of participation (for you and any other accompanying persons of yours) through <u>this form</u> by **30th of April**. Participants will be notified of the occurrence of the boat trip by **3rd of May**. Payments shall be then received by **12th of May**. The payments will be handled by Mastermind Group, who are managing the registrations to this conference. The payment could either be completed via bank transfer or paypal and you will be informed of the corresponding procedures accordingly.

If the required number of participants is not envisaged by 30th of April, the boat tour will not take place.

Also, if there are strong winds (more than 6 Beaufort scale) during the planned date of the boat tour, an alternative, wind-free, route at the South part of the island will be carried out.

<u>Summary</u>

- <u>Scope:</u> A unique experience touring Milos island with a boat
- <u>Date/day:</u> Saturday 17th June 2023
- <u>Duration:</u> approx. 5 hours
- <u>Times:</u> 09:00 sailing off from Adamas port; disembark at 14:00 at Polonia port; embark on coaches in Polonia port and arrive 14:30 to back Adamas port
- <u>Cost:</u> 75 euros per person (conference participants and any of their accompanying persons allowed)
- <u>What is included in the price</u>: Boat tour from Adamas port to Polonia port including snacks (sandwiches) and refreshments (water and soft drinks). Coach transportation from Polonia port back to Adamas port
- <u>By when do you have to respond</u>: Through <u>this form</u> by **30th of April** and payments shall be then received by **12th of May**.

We kindly expect a timely response on your behalf, and are fully available for any further clarification through the phone number / e-mail address:

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