

## **FOGLIZZO LEATHER AND THOMAS MERCER PARTNER TO CREATE A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE GREENWICH MARINE CHRONOMETER**

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Thomas Mercer and Foglizzo Leather are pleased to announce the release of their latest collaboration - a special edition of the Greenwich, the new Thomas Mercer marine chronometer.

Founded 1921 in Turin, the Foglizzo brand is a world leader in the design and development of high quality leathers for clients who require exclusivity and individual customization. Building on the experience gained from its long heritage of crafting leather for the restoration of antique cars, today the Italian company supplies exclusive high quality leather to the yachting, aviation, motor and residential interior design industries.

Established in London in 1858, Thomas Mercer is a name forever synonymous with the marine chronometer, the timekeeper invented for determining longitude at sea. Today the company diligently and proudly upholds the tradition of British clock-making by manufacturing exclusive marine and table chronometers that grace the interiors of the finest yachts and residences.

Inspired by the beautiful marine chronometers jealously guarded today in Flamsteed House at the Royal Observatory, and once upon a time used in ships' wheelhouses to navigate, explore and map the world, the Greenwich vaunts a fine cabinet veneered in Macassar ebony with inlays in satinwood. Its traditionally finished silvered dial boasts two distinctive apertures displaying the intricate mechanism featuring the sine-qua-non specifications of a marine chronometer: chain-fusee drive and spring detent escapement.

This special execution is enriched with a truly beautiful map, painstakingly crafted by Foglizzo and depicting the Atlantic Challenge, the legendary ocean crossing made by Sir Francis Chichester in 1971, in which he broke the solo sailing speed barrier of 200 nautical miles a day, navigating his Gipsy Moth V and using Thomas Mercer chronometer no. 23543 for calculating longitude.

### **Thomas Mercer**

“It has been a great pleasure assisting Thomas Mercer in his new project.” says Paolo Foglizzo, partner of Foglizzo Leather. “Foglizzo Leather is always ready to collaborate, inspire and be inspired by the creativity that surrounds Thomas Mercer with its passion for innovation, craftsmanship, impeccable style and quality without compromise. Every project has its own challenges, and we share together with Thomas Mercer the desire to honour a glorious past reinventing the future.”

“It is indeed an honour to collaborate again with Foglizzo Leather.” says Thomas Mercer’s CEO Alessandro Quintavalle. “Sharing the same quest for excellence as well as the values of innovation, expertise and craftsmanship, their incomparable touch will indisputably enhance the stature of this Greenwich timekeeper. The map is deeply entrenched in our heritage, as it symbolises not only the spirit of adventure, but also the determining of longitude at sea which was first made possible thanks to the marine chronometer, and the mastery of Foglizzo best displays it to such advantage.”

The new-born masterpiece enjoyed its exclusive world premiere during the Monaco Yacht Show 2017, held from the 27th to the 30th of September.

### Thomas Mercer