

The Consell de Formentera unveiled details today about the 6th BTT Volta Cicloturista and 27th BTT La Mola, two races that will cross the island between 22 and 24 October. Tailor-made for mountain bike enthusiasts (the *bicicleta de todo terreno* in both names signifies "all-terrain bicycle"), the functions are backed by the Formentera Office of Sport in association with the local tourism department, Unisport Consulting and GE Espalmador.

The Volta ("Ride") consists of three stages that pass through distinct parts of the island. Riders will cover 90 kilometres and climb 1,200 metres. As in previous years, riders keen to do so will have the option of participating on Sunday 24 October in BTT La Mola, with departure and arrival in La Mola. A qualifying trial for the Pine Islands MTB Championship (Campionat Pitiús de BTT), it covers 26.6 kilometres and includes a 530-metre altitude climb.

President Juan described October as a "particularly busy month for sports on Formentera", highlighting the nearly five thousand athletes that fixtures this month are expected to draw, and noting that athletes and clubs "can always count on local government support's for sport and organisation of events like these". Vice President and Councillor of Tourism Alejandra Ferrer called to mind numerous Consell-backed events seeking to showcase Formentera's appeal in October and invited participants and companions to enjoy the island. For her part, Councillor Paula Ferrer thanked the organisers and sponsors "for their continued commitment to Formentera as a venue for sporting events".

Also at the presentation were Unisport Consulting's director, Manuel Hernández; Jesús Ferrer from GE Espalmador; and Alex Marí, commercial director of Trasmapi, which sponsors the event.

The first stage of the event starts at 4.00pm on Friday 22 October with a 30K stretch which begins and ends in Sant Francesc. Also starting and ending in Sant Francesc is the 33.5K second stage, which kicks off at 10.00am the next day. The third stage –an alternative to the competition– starts at 11.00am on Sunday in La Mola.

Signups can be completed at www.elitechip.com and will remain open until 21 October. About 50 people have registered to date.

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