

## PRESS RELEASE

**THE BARCOLANA53 PRESENTED BY GENERALI HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN LAUNCHED VIA THE TRADITIONAL FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY IN THE SVBG**

**TODAY THE MELGES24 REGATTA AND THE PORTOPICCOLO MAXI RACE 2021 @BARCOLANA HAVE BEGUN**

**TOMORROW THE LONG-AWAITED BARCOLANA YOUNG WILL TAKE PLACE**

*Trieste, October 1st 2021* – With the traditional flag-raising ceremony, which took place at noon today, **Barcolana53 presented by Generali has officially begun**. At the headquarters of the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano, to the sound of the fanfare, the club's pennant, the Italian flag and the European were hoisted up, and now the celebrations can truly begin.

*"We have worked for an entire year – commented the chairman of the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano, Mitja Gialuz – to get to today, the launching of the Barcolana53 presented by Generali. An edition that renews tradition, but guides us towards new routes, both on land and at sea. In a single day, today, the Barcolana returns and returns renewed: the first goal achieved was to see the large number of boats getting ready and arriving from all over Europe. We have sailors representing 20 different countries and it is an honour for us. A huge thank you goes to the big crew of the Barcolana, to the members of the SVBG, the Institutions, the sponsors and to all the sailors who will participate in this edition. It will be a colourful Barcolana, after the dullness of Covid".*

**CONVENTION IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE** – This afternoon, at the initiative of the Coast Guard of Trieste, the first institutional appointment will be held at the headquarters of the Port Authority with the conference **"Trieste Marittima tra passato e presente"**, which marks the beginning of the new routes of this edition, drawing attention to its history and the Navy's role in the area. The event has united people who are passionate about the sea, who have built an economy around it, and it also means looking together at a future which, now more than ever, passes by the sea and is linked to the sea.

**At sea, with the Bora decreasing, the first races of Melges24 and Portopiccolo Maxi Race 2021 @Barcolana took place.**

**MELGES 24 @BARCOLANA** - Organized in partnership with the Società Triestina Sport del Mare, the first day saw three windward/leeward races: at the top of the provisional ranking is **Melgina of Paolo Brescia for Yacht Club Italiano** (Simon Sivitz Kosuta, Jas Farneti, Riccardo Tonini, Jan Bassi) with two first places and one second place, followed by **Skorpios of Alberto Venuti** (Antonio Masoli, Andrea Micalli, Tito Rodda, Francesco Zovi – temporary first position for the Corinthian category with a fourth, a fifth and a seventh place) and by **Arkanoé by Montura of Sergio Caramel** (Portodimare).

**PORTOPICCOLO MAXI RACE 2021 @BARCOLANA** - In Portopiccolo, after the competitors' briefing, the six yachts of the Portopiccolo Maxi Race @Barcolana competed in a triangular race circuit of 9 miles. Gentle wind at the start with 10-12 knots, decreasing later to 6. Tomorrow a new race is scheduled, whereas on Sunday the regatta will take place as the 50th edition of the Bernetti, organized by the Società Nautica Pietas Julia. There are six boats

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competing in the regatta, in **order of arrival**: Arca Sgr of Furio Benussi, Anywave-Safilens of Alberto Leghissa, Anemos of Marco Bono, E-Vai of Gabriele Lualdi, Pegaso of Massimo Boccolini, Brava of Francesco Pison.

**During the afternoon, the central part of the Villaggio Barcolana opened to the public:** Piazza dell'Unità hosts the Gold Sponsors and the Institutions, the Info-point which sees the institutional presence of the presenting partner, Generali, with the project Women in Sailing, and the Prosecco Doc lounge furnished by Calligaris. The central part of the Village will be open tomorrow from 10am to 10.30pm, on Sunday from 10am to 9.30pm, from next Monday to next Wednesday from 12pm to 8pm, on Thursday 7th October from 10am to 10pm, on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th from 10am to 11pm, while on Sunday 10th from 9am to 8pm.

**BARCOLANA YOUNG** – There is nothing “small” about Barcolana Young, other than the age of the sailors, born between 2006 and 2012. As for the rest, it is a big event, full of enthusiasm, competition and a desire to have fun. This year too, it is up to the young sailors of the Optimist Class to inaugurate the week of regattas organized by the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano, descending into the water from the Molo IV – the operating base of the event supported by the Fondazione CR Trieste – and providing the public with the marvellous sight of hundreds of “young sails” not far from Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia. **There are 220 young sailors registered for the event, from 24 different sailing clubs and representing five different Countries**, including teams from Ukraine, Slovakia and Greece. **The program foresees the briefing (online) on Saturday morning, followed by the first races at sea for both the Cadets and the Juniors.** The weather forecast promises well, with perfect sea breezes for the regattas of the young sailors.

**COOP AT THE BARCOLANA** – The Coop is offering its visitors an immersive experience at its stand, simulating the life of fish besieged by plastic. It has also installed along the Riva Mandracchio, one of the latest Seabins of the “**Un mare di idee per le nostre acque**” campaign, aimed at recovering tons of plastic at sea. Furthermore, it is racing in the largest sailing regatta in Europe with two teams: the professional Anywave (already a partner in this campaign and promoter of the on-board Ecological Manager role) and the first crew composed exclusively of shop assistants or managers of various sectors, all strictly Coop employees, captained by the first Italian winner of the Mini Transat, Ambrogio Beccaria.

**THE BARCOLANA TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL POLICE FOR SAFE NAVIGATION** – The Sala Luttazzi of the Magazzino 26, on the morning of October 6th (9.30 – 11.30), will host a meeting dedicated to students of the lower middle school and high school, aiming to train them in correct online navigation. The event is organized by the Local Police Department and the FVG Communication Department and the regional school board. There will be an exceptional guest, a representative of regional athletes participating in Tokyo's Olympics and Paralympics. It will be possible to follow the event in streaming.

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