

PRESS RELEASE

BARCOLANA, 1300 PROVISIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Of these, 1105 completed the procedure and the rest have until midnight on Saturday to submit all required info

HEALTH: SUMMIT YESTERDAY IN THE REGION WITH VICE-PRESIDENT RICCARDI TO READY ANTI-COVID MEASURES LEADING UP TO BARCOLANA 52

+++++DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS THE "YOUNG" CANCELLED ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH+++++

GENOVA-TRIESTE REGATTA 2020: DEPARTURE TONIGHT AT 9PM FOR OVER 13,000 E-SAILORS IN THE LONG REGATTA BETWEEN THE BOAT SHOW AND BARCOLANA (LIVE ON FACEBOOK AT 8:15PM)

Trieste, 1 October 2020 - There are 1300 crews on the provisional list of participants for Barcolana52; of these, about 200 must, in order to be admitted, complete the registration with information that is currently missing, and must do so by midnight on Saturday October 3. At midnight on Wednesday September 30, the deadline for signing up for Barcolana, a choice linked to the organization of such a particular edition, has expired, giving an unprecedented "early picture" of the participants, which will now have to be examined in detail in view of the regatta scheduled for October 11.

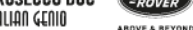
BARCOLANA YOUNG - Meanwhile, this afternoon, the Società Velica of Barcola and Grignano decided - because of the weather warning and the forecast with very strong scirocco and libeccio winds - to cancel the "Young", scheduled for Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th of October and dedicated to the Optimist class. *"To the young athletes of Barcolana Young"* - commented President **Mitja Gialuz** - *"I want to say that I am very sorry, but the conditions are really prohibitive for Saturday, and even on Sunday the wind of libeccio would make the organization of the event very complex. We are sailors, and we know when it is necessary to stay in port, and strong scirocco and strong libeccio wind in Trieste are definitely not adequate conditions for a nice and safe Optimist regatta"*.

GENOVA-TRIESTE REGATTA 2020 - Meanwhile, the first edition of the Genoa-Trieste regatta 2020 kicks off this evening at 9 p.m. Italian time on virtualregatta.com for the first edition of the Genoa-Trieste regatta 2020, which has had an unexpected success in terms of subscribers. The e-sailing event sees more than 13,000 digital sailors for its start and connects the Genoa Boat Show, inaugurated today, and the Barcolana.

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Returning instead to Barcolana, Gialuz wanted to comment on the result of the registrations:

*"In the meantime we want to say thank you"- said the president of the Società Velica of Barcola and Grignano, **Mitja Gialuz** – "thanks to all the owners who, with their registration, are supporting the event, and have responded in the best way to our choice to be there, to organize Barcolana again in this complex year. As we said from the beginning, last July, ours was not a race for numbers, but such a consistent, solid response is a source of pride for us. It is not the number that matters, but it is the message that this number sends us: there are 1,300 shipowners, as many crews who want to move forward, want to find a way to be at sea, together but distanced, having the will to search together and find a new normal. The appeal I ask to everyone is that of the highest responsibility: in the coming days, the shipowners will have to complete their crew lists".*

REFINEMENT OF REGISTRATIONS - From an organizational point of view, registrations are closed from today, and for all owners who have already registered but have not completed all the information, there will be ways to do so until Saturday, October 3.

RESPECT THE CREW LIST - *"In this Barcolana"* - said **Gialuz** again – *"we will be very strict in verifying the correspondence between the lists of crews and the people on board during the event. To this end, we are working with the Regatta Committee and the International Jury to prepare an effective system of controls at sea. This is the respect of a fundamental sports rule, but that this year has a particular value, as a key way of preventing the spread of Covid"*. For this reason, the organizing committee has decided to allow the owners to perfect the registration, by Saturday, October 3rd, by entering all the information related to the people who will be on board during the Barcolana.

SANITARY MEASURES - Meanwhile, yesterday afternoon a meeting was held at the headquarters of the Regional Health Council, in the presence of the Vice-President of the FVG Region Riccardo Riccardi, to take stock of all the health procedures necessary to organize a safe Barcolana on land and at sea.

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