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### BARCOLANA PRESENTED BY GENERALI DAY 7

**SANTI LANGE TAKES THE 69F ON THE BARCOLANA REGATTA COURSE: WANING BORA WIND, AND THE GREAT CHAMPION HAS FUN ALONG THE 13-MILE COURSE ON THE 69F FOILS**

**BARCOLANA'S COMMITMENT FOR SOCIAL AWARENESS AND INTEGRATION: THE THIRD SECTOR GETS ON BOARD TO PROMOTE SPORT AND INTEGRATION**

**AHEAD OF THE EXCITING WEEKEND, THE FVG COORDINATED PLAN FOR TRANSPORT SERVICES IS IN PLACE: DISCOUNTS AND "SMART" SYSTEMS WILL MAKE IT EASY FOR TOURISTS TO REACH TRIESTE**

**GO TO BARCOLANA FROM SLOVENIA BY KEMPINSKI & MK GROUP: EVENT PRESENTATION IN PORTOROSE**

**THE REGATTA IS EXPECTING VICKY SONG: THE FIRST CHINESE SAILOR HAS REACHED TRIESTE TODAY AND WILL JOIN BARCOLANA TOMORROW. HER PRESENCE IS AIMED AT PROMOTING BARCOLANA IN THE FAR EAST AND GETTING TO KNOW "MADE IN ITALY SAILING"**

*Trieste, 8 October 2019* – The Nacra 17 gold medallist at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, **Santi Lange**, was up early this morning to experience "Barcolana in advance and solo". Despite not being able to join the regatta on Sunday, he reached Trieste yesterday, had a chat with about a hundred sailors and athletes at the yacht club Società Triestina della Vela and then immediately took to the sea on Barcolana's foil monohull, the 69F – he could not resist the temptation! This morning at 7.30 am, with the last gusts of wind, he went out to sea in Barcola for a "solo" experience of the race course. *"Barcolana is in my heart – he stated – I can't make it this year, this is the way it is, but in the future I will not miss this event. The Gulf is amazing and I have a recollection of the Bora wind when I experienced it back in 1982 at the world Europa class championship in Monfalcone"*.

Today, also Slovenian sailors have started to get ready in the Gulf ahead of Go To Barcolana by Kempinski & MK Group. This a great regatta organized with the help of Slovenian yacht clubs in Italy which will live in Portorose Bay first and then the Gulf of Trieste. *"This event is a tradition that increases in popularity every year – stated SVBG chairman Mitja Gialuz – it is like an imaginary bridge connecting the two sides of the Gulf, an event based on friendship and sport. We can't wait to welcome you here in Trieste"*.

The Tuesday before the Barcolana race has always been dedicated to social awareness and integration. This year too, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October has been a day filled with initiatives on land and at sea involving the third sector, a day of regattas and activities focused on social issues. There were regattas organized by "Polisportiva Fuori c'entro", the traditional "Fuorivento Trophy" and tests on Arpege boats. The prize-giving ceremonies were held in the afternoon (starting at 5.00 pm) at the yacht club Società Triestina della Vela, followed by a concert by Calicanto Band. That's when the crews and charities were matched for the regatta by night to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Every year the UFOs that race in Barcolana by Night do so on behalf of a Charity Organisation whom they help reach their goal.

The Organizing Committee, in association with Trieste's Town Council, has decided to cancel the traditional firework display that is held every year on Saturday night (on 12th October this year) following the tragic event that unfolded last Friday in Trieste. This decision has been taken to pay our respect to the victims, their families and the police. Barcolana organizers have also been informed by police forces (Guardia di Finanza, Carabinieri and Polizia) that they will not be present at Barcolana Village, as a sign of respect.

**ENTRIES** – Registrations continue at Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano with 1358 entries registered at 5.00 pm today, including 5 mega yachts, 6 super maxis and 22 maxis.

**BARCOLANA VILLAGE** – The Village will be open to the public tomorrow. However, today many fun activities were already held by sponsors and partners in Piazza dell'Unità and in the area stretching from the quay Molo Audace and the Maritime Congress Centre (Stazione Marittima). There were courses offered by the University of Coffee that take you along the coffee routes and help you understand the complexity and beauty hidden behind a coffee cup. These courses, which started last Saturday and will continue until 13th October, are held from 12 pm to 6.45 pm. They are free of charge; you only need to book at the illycaffè stand.

**SANTI LANGE AND THE 69F** – Ten minutes to sail the first leg. This is how long it took the 69F sailed by the Nacra 17 olympic gold Santi Lange to sail the first leg of the Barcolana race course. The champion, who met sailors for a chat on sailing at STV yesterday, took to the sea early this morning (at 7.30 am) to exploit the waning Bora wind on the 13-mile race course. With Lange's magic touch, the 69F sailed at a speed of up to 30 knots at first, almost reaching the record time of previous days when the wind was stronger. But today conditions were not optimal and did not allow him to complete the course because the wind waned as soon as the sun started to rise. The record-breaking time of 10 minutes for the first leg at a max speed of 25.43 goes down in history anyway, showing the excellent performance of the small monohull. In the meantime, the free tests aboard the 69F available for sailors from the Gulf have all been booked up until Saturday. *"It's been a success - stated SVBG chairman Mitja Gialuz -. Listening to Santi Lange yesterday at his conference at STV was educational and inspirational. It was great to see him fly on the foils in our Gulf".* Many sailors hope to rank in the list of the fastest sailors in the Gulf, which will be used to reward the KING and QUEEN of speed. If you want to follow their traces in the Gulf click on this link: [https://www.kwindoo.com/tracking/13722-barcolana-fun-foiling-edition?race\\_id=17596](https://www.kwindoo.com/tracking/13722-barcolana-fun-foiling-edition?race_id=17596)

**E-SAILING** – Barcolana's virtual regatta tournament continues. Over 8000 e-sailors have joined the event. Until 12th October, e-sailing and Barcolana enthusiasts will compete in a real tournament with short windward/leeward courses aboard the virtual version of J70 monohulls. The e-sailing Academy will be opened on Thursday 10th October at the Infopoint – two international e-sailing experts will be there to teach sailors and e-sport lovers the rules of virtual regattas, so that they can join the qualifying races if they wish.

**LOGISTICS, EVERYTHING IS READY FOR THE LONG WEEKEND: BARCOLANA STARTS WITH A JOURNEY** – FVG Region, Barcolana, Trieste Town Council, and transport service providers (Trenitalia, Trieste Trasporti, APT, Trieste Airport, Ferrovie Udine-Cividale and Autovie Venete) are all ready to provide a coordinated service for visitors who will be reaching Trieste in the coming days to follow and enjoy the regatta.

Coordinated by the Regional Transport Department, organizers have defined a mobility plan aimed at improving the journey of those travelling to Barcolana, reducing the number of cars and traffic jams in the city centre.

**TRAINS** – Trains first: Trenitalia has recently increased the number of regional trains adding 46 extra regional trains, of which 22 will be travelling on Sunday 13 October only - 13 more than last year. It will also be easier to reach Barcolana51 from outside the region, with major connections from and to Venezia through Portogruaro or Udine/Gorizia and also from and to Ljubljana (available from September 2018) and from and to Austria (Mi.Co.Tra. train).

**TRIESTE AIRPORT CAR PARK AT A REDUCED PRICE** – If you want to reach Trieste by car, from Friday 11 October at 1 pm there will be up to 1,600 parking spaces available at Trieste Airport at a special cost of €3 a day. Thanks to the improved service, a direct connection from the new Trieste Airport bus and train station will take you quickly to the city centre. A greater number of buses of APT Gorizia will be running during the weekend and the same return ticket will be valid on trains and buses.

**PRICE REDUCTION ALSO FOR CAMPER VANS AT TRIESTE AIRPORT** – You can benefit from the same service even if you travel in a camper van: 50 camper van parking spaces are available from Friday at 1 pm to Sunday at a cost of €10 a day. Once the van is parked at the airport, visitors can reach Trieste on the frequent train and bus shuttle service, using the same ticket for both trains and buses.

**BACK TO THE AIRPORT BY TRAIN OR BUS FROM TRIESTE** – Thanks to an agreement between Trenitalia and APT Gorizia, you can use the same ticket on trains and APT buses, and also change the mode of transport on the way: all the trains leaving from Trieste will take you to Trieste Airport, either directly (trains to Venice) or switching from train to bus at Monfalcone station (trains to Udine). This means that, on your journey back, you can take any of the trains leaving from Trieste Centrale: if you take a train to Venice, just get off at Trieste Airport; if you take a train to Udine, just get off at Monfalcone station and catch the special shuttle bus, with departures scheduled according to the train timetable, that will take you to Trieste Airport car park.

**TRIESTE TRASPORTI BUS TICKETS AT THE SPECIAL COST OF €1 FOR PARK AND RIDE USERS** – If you want to go to Trieste by car, you will find updated traffic information on the motorway display monitors posted by Autovie Venete. Once in Trieste, you will find a park and ride system offered by Trieste's bus service provider Trieste Trasporti: you can leave your car in a car park on the outskirts and reach the city centre by bus with a single (and limited edition!) daily ticket at a cost of €1. Park and ride car parks are located at: Barcola-Bovedo, Barcola-Piazzale 11 settembre, Quadrivio Opicina, Chiarbola (sports hall), Montedoro. Once the car is parked, daily tickets can be purchased there from Trieste Trasporti staff at a cost of €1– Friday 11 October from 3 to 8 pm, Saturday 12 October from 10 am to 8 pm and Sunday from 8.30 am to 8 pm – in order to reach the city centre by bus. The largest car park is at Montedoro shopping centre: the shuttle bus to Barcolana, number 20, takes 20 minutes to reach the city centre.

**TRIESTE TRASPORTI ELECTRIC SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE TO BARCOLA** – For Barcolana, Trieste Trasporti has developed a shuttle bus service connecting Piazza Tommaseo and park Bovedo from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, for those going to the SVBG registration office from the city centre.

**WHAT'S ON TOMORROW: THE VILLAGE OPENS AND VICKY SONG JOINS US** – The grand opening of the entire Barcolana Village marks the start of 5 fun-filled days. Over two hundred stands packed with stalls of every kind bringing together sponsors and exhibitors will welcome visitors to the great Barcolana festival, offering activities, freebies, information and much more from 10 am to 10 pm every day until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

In the meantime, this year's super testimonial has reached Trieste. Vicky Long, the first Chinese sailor to join the event, will help us give publicity to our regatta worldwide. In the next few days Vicky Song will be busy promoting

Chinese sailing in Europe and also Barcolana and Trieste in China. On Friday she will be a key guest at the first edition of Generali Sea Talk together with Dee Caffari. The Talk with the two popular sailors, scheduled for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, will focus on sailing as a metaphor of the relationship between man and the environment and as an ideal space for cultural and human integration. Dee Caffari and Vicky Song will talk about their own experiences and commitment to support diversity in an increasingly open and inclusive society and they will discuss the importance of defending our seas and their ecosystems. The meeting will take place in Palazzo Berlam, the newly refurbished headquarters of Generali located along Trieste's seafront. This iconic venue for the local community has been recently renovated under a project by world famous architect Mario Bellini. Other events scheduled for tomorrow include a press conference at 4.30 pm at the Infopoint in Piazza Unità to introduce a new special trophy and the Chinese sailor Vicky Song.

**ROAD TRAFFIC** – Temporary ruling 797/2019 on Road Traffic rules that the following roads will be closed to traffic **from 14:00 on Friday 11.10.2019 to 17:00 on Sunday 13.10.2019 until necessary:** riva Del Mandracchio, riva Caduti Per l'Italianità and riva Tre Novembre, in the stretch between the crossroads with via Mercato Vecchio and the crossroads with piazza Nicol Tommaseo.

**THE SHIP VESPUCCI IN TRIESTE FOR BARCOLANA** – The ship will be open to the public on the following days:

- Thursday 10 October: from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm;
- Friday 11 October: from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm; - Saturday 12 October: from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm; - Sunday 13 October: from 09.30 am to 1.00 pm.

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