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Trieste, 9 October 2019 – Young, cheerful and curious to know what world's largest regatta looks like. Vicky Song arrived in Trieste today: she's the first Chinese woman to sail around the world and the first Chinese sailor participating in Barcolana. *"I've heard so much about Barcolana – said Vicky Song – sailing is a quite new to China, we've been practicing it as a sport for almost 20 years by now. Chinese regattas were three in total ten years ago, but now they are about a hundred every year: we're growing at a fast pace".*

Vicky Song has clear ideas about Barcolana: "I've heard so much about this regatta: its entry into the Guinness World Record as world's largest regatta has made it even more popular and, as a Chinese sailor, I'm very curious. Sailing in China has become increasingly popular in the last few years: we see Barcolana as an event that can inspire us, also thanks to new and stronger relations between Italy and China.

THE TROPHY FOR THE LAST TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE – Barcolana has presented a new trophy this afternoon, that will be added in this edition. The trophy will go to the last sailor to cross Barcolana's finish line, who will receive it during the prize-giving ceremony. "This trophy matches with Barcolana's tradition and spirit – stated SVBG chairman Mitja Gialuz – and it was meant to reward the commitment of those who participate in the regatta with its original spirit, those who want to be here and have fun, but also participate and cross the finish line within the time limit, in a true competitive spirit. Everyone wins the regatta but the last one; but actually, also the last one "beats" the time-limit. We usually focus on the top of the place lists, but Barcolana's message is wider: we now ask Barcolana's public to suggest a proper name for this trophy. It is a symbol, a fourth prize that adds up to the those we give to the first three of each category, regatta and cruise. It pays a symbolical homage to participation rather than to the frantic race for victory and it is dedicated to all the people that invest their energies, time and enthusiasm to participate in Barcolana: without them, the top winners would be winners of a common regatta. I hope we can rely on the support of the skippers of the sailboats racing for the first place, united in this project to add value to participation." In the meantime, the Fast and Furio team will return their trophy back to the organizing committee in a special ceremony.

BARCOLANA VILLAGE'S GRAND OPENING – The grand opening of the entire Barcolana Village marks the start of 5 fun-filled days along the Rive seafront. Over two hundred stands packed with stalls of every kind will be open to the public from today until Sunday 13th October. Opening times for the coming days are the following: Barcolana Village will be open tomorrow from 10 am to 10 pm, on Friday 11 October from 10 am to 12 am, on Saturday the great celebrations will start at 9 am and finish at 12 am, lastly, on Sunday, the village will be open from 9 am to 8 pm, when Barcolana51 will officially end.

ENTRIES – On the fourth day of registration, already 1491 boats have registered. It's a highly positive trend, that is outnumbering that of the 2017 edition, when the registration process closed with 2101 registered boats. SVBG chairman Mitja Gialuz stated: "We're not focusing on numbers to try to set a new record, but we're doing so in order to guarantee a warm welcome, care and quality events to this edition's participants."

BARCOLANA MIXED OFFSHORE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BY NASTRO ROSA – And after the foil, a traditional 30-foot hull lands in Barcolana, but with an innovative program that will lead up to the 2024 Olympics. On Friday 11 October, the Barcolana will host the arrival of the first edition of the Barcolana Nastro Rosa Mixed Offshore European Championship, the European championship that launches seven mixed crews that will face, for the first time, the new Olympic specialty that will be tested in Paris 2024, a regatta offshore on a 30-foot keeled hull, in a small crew consisting of a man and a woman. The European Championship, with the patronage of Eurosaf, the European Sailing Federation and the FIV, starts on Wednesday 9 October from Venice to reach Trieste after 187 miles of navigation: the arrival will be in front of Barcola, and the hulls will participate on Sunday at the Barcolana with the same crews enriched with additional people on board. The event is organized by SSI and Barcolana, with the Nastro Rosa brand, the event that will soon collect the legacy of the Giro d'Italia. Competing for the title, seven teams from Austria, Belgium, France, Australia, Italy, Spain and the USA: tracking to follow the regatta, www.ssi.events/tracking-nastrorosa-offshore.

The crews in the race:

Team Austria - Lisa Berger and Christian Kargl
 Team Belgium - Jonas Gerckens and Sophie Faguet
 Team France - Mathilde Geron and Pierre Leboucher
 Team Australia - Alberto Sonino and Liz Wardley
 Team Italy - Andrea Pendibene and Giovanna Valsecchi
 Team Spain - Guillermo Altadill and Ana Santamaria
 Team USA - Peter Beker and Barbara Karpinska

E-SAILING – 4018 skippers are participating in the e-sailing virtual regattas at the moment. Sailing enthusiasts are growing in number worldwide, ahead the last qualifying tests

ROAD TRAFFIC – Trieste's Town Council has recently published a ruling on Road Traffic rules during the day of Barcolana. Above all, roads along the Rive or near Piazza Unità will be closed to traffic for all vehicles from 2 pm on Friday 11 and until 5 pm on Sunday 13 (until necessary): namely, 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. In this way, Piazza Unità will be directly connected to Barcolana Village and safety will be guaranteed to the public. A greater number of local buses of Trieste Trasporti will be running. If you want to go to Trieste by car, you will find updated traffic information on the motorway display monitors and you will find a park and ride system: thanks to Trieste Trasporti, you can leave your car in one of the 6 car parks in 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, Chiabola (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.

For Barcolana, Trieste Trasporti has developed an electric shuttle bus service connecting Piazza Tommaseo and Piazzale 11 settembre in Barcola (with stops at park Bovedo), for those going to the SVBG registration office from the city centre (service available from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October).

ONE OCEAN FOUNDATION – One Ocean arrives in Barcolana today, the foundation that shares Barcolana’s commitment towards safeguarding the sea from plastic and from any form of pollution. One Ocean will be at sailing club Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano to share and get the Charta Smeralda signed by the shipowners waiting to register for Barcolana, who will then share their commitment with their crew. You can sign it as well at: <https://www.1ocean.org/charta-smeralda/>

Riccardo Bonadeo, One Ocean Foundation’s vice-president and commodore of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, will be in Trieste to race the regatta aboard the 100’ Arca SGR maxi by Furio Benussi, the Foundation’s sponsored ship. The whole team, winner of the last three editions of the Regatta, embraced One Ocean’s mission in full, at Barcolana and the daily life of each team member. 40 children and teenagers will be aboard Arca SGR on Saturday morning for a lesson on the safeguarding of the sea by One Ocean. Commodore Bonadeo is expected aboard the Amerigo Vespucci tall ship for the presentation of the Regatta of the Italian Navy Academy, an event that has always been close to One Ocean Foundation and Charta Smeralda.

WHAT’S ON TOMORROW – The Italian Navy tall ship Amerigo Vespucci will arrive tomorrow in Trieste and will be berthed in Trieste until Sunday 13 October: a long weekend for the public of Barcolana, with events and guided tours. Coming from Salerno, the ship Vespucci is expected to reach Trieste in early morning. In the afternoon at 5.30 pm, the ceremony for the return of the Barcolana trophy will take place: Furio Benussi, head of last edition’s winning team, will hand it to SVBG chairman Mitja Gialuz. At the same ceremony, the “Last are first” trophy will be presented by SVBG, a new prize given to the last to cross Barcolana’s finish line.

THE SHIP VESPUCCI ARRIVES IN TRIESTE – From 10 to 13 October, the Amerigo Vespucci tall ship will be berthed in Trieste’s port for its 19th time, during Barcolana51, the international regatta traditionally raced in the Gulf of Trieste, in its 51st edition this year.

The ship will be open to the public on the following days:

Thursday 10 October: from 4.00 pm to 8.30 pm;

Friday 11 October: from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm (schools only) and from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm;

Saturday 12 October: from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm;

Sunday 13 October: from 08.30 am to 1.00 pm.

RAI IN BARCOLANA – Rai (Italian national public broadcasting company) makes a comeback aboard Barcolana to tell the feelings, the charm and the protagonists of world’s largest international regatta, organized by the sailing club Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano (SVBG). Rai will stay in Trieste during the whole event and Rai Sport will broadcast the closing regatta from a special studio located in the Village next Sunday (13 October). Giulio Guazzini will host the live broadcast on the regatta, aired on Rai Sport+ HD and Rai3, together with TGR journalists (TG Regione, Rai’s brand for regional news programmes). The live broadcast can be watched also on Rai Play (Rai’s online broadcasting platform) and will be rebroadcast worldwide by Rai Italia.

The day before the regatta (Saturday 12 October), the Italian documentary “Linea Blu” (aired on Rai1) will come back to Barcolana with a special live broadcasting from the stage located in Piazza Unità. Donatella Bianchi and her guests will tell us the spectacular regatta and the never-ending relation between men and the sea. And also, Rai1 will spotlight the

port of Trieste with interviews and reports of its programmes “UnoMattina” (aired on Friday 11 October, live from Piazza Unità) and “Vita in diretta”.

Many cultural and sports side events will anticipate the final regatta in Trieste. Rai’s extensive television, radio and media coverage includes reports, interviews and live broadcasts about the event, aired during national and regional television news programmes on Rai1, Rai Sport, Rainews24, TGR, Rai Friuli Venezia Giulia and radio broadcast on Radio1, Radio2 and Rai Radio Live. The latter will broadcast in-depth programmes on the unique relation between Trieste’s community, sea and sailing: Rai’s regional head office (Italian section) will broadcast regional programmes, aired both in the morning and in the afternoon, together with Radio1 from Barcolana, focusing everyday on a sea related theme (ranging from work opportunities to safety).

A detailed and impactful media coverage would be provided by the television news programmes on Friday 11 October, “Tg2 Italia” will be broadcast live from Rai’s stand together with a special slot on the travelling programme “Si viaggiare” after the conclusion of the regatta.

You can live Barcolana’s atmosphere and get to know the protagonists of the great celebrations listening to the special edition of the radio programme “Tutti Nudi”, hosted by Pippo Lorusso, Antonio Mezzancella and Dj Osso and broadcast live from Piazza Unità, on Saturday and Sunday from 1.45 pm to 4 pm: a 2-hours ironic and playful programme on one of Italy’s oldest and most interesting events. Once the live broadcasts are finished, Barcolana Village will dance with a dj set by Rai Radio 2, on Saturday from 4 pm to 6 pm and on Sunday from 10 am to 12 pm. You can follow Barcolana51 also on the radio streaming platform at RaiPlayRadio.it/Radio2, on RaiPlayRadio App and through the contents on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter @RaiRadio2.

Rai Radio1 radio channel will entirely focus on Barcolana with the radio programmes “Radio di bordo” (at 10.05 am) and “L’aria che respiri”, the programme about environment aired every Saturday at 6.05 am and hosted by Germana Brizzolari, that will talk about the good practices at sea. Live broadcasts will be aired during the sporting weekend of Radio1.

The special studio located in the Village will also host a Slovenian office: in the weekend, three radio events will guest three Slovenian writers who have included Barcolana and Trieste in their works, and the Slovenian participants in the regatta, protagonists of this friendly competition against the sailors from Friuli Venezia Giulia.

Like in past editions, Rai will participate in Barcolana: a crew will race aboard a boat exposing symbols of Rai and Radio2.

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