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OVER 1,700 ENTRIES REACHED FOR BARCOLANA57 PRESENTED BY GENERALI

BARCOLANA SEA SUMMIT: SECOND DAY OF EVENTS CONCLUDED WITH THE SHOW “FIUMI SCOMPARI” FEATURING PAOLINI, FRESU AND BADHAN

BARCOLANA MAXI AND SOLARIS: RACES CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF WIND

FREE CITY CENTRE CAR PARK INAUGURATED, OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

Trieste, 9 October 2025 – A completely still day on the Gulf of Trieste. The total absence of wind forced organisers to cancel today's scheduled races: the **Barcolana Maxi – Portopiccolo Trophy**, the **Barcolana Solaris Adriatic Cup**, and the **Este24 European Championship**. Nevertheless, the day remained lively thanks to numerous onshore events, starting with the *Barcolana Sea Summit*, which continued to attract a large audience, particularly for the theatre performance “*Fiumi Scomparsi*” and other high-level content focusing on the sea, sustainability, and culture. Meanwhile, the *Autumn Cup* registration office has been working non-stop, and as of today, over 1,700 boats have registered for Sunday's regatta.

BARCOLANA SEA SUMMIT: “FIUMI SCOMPARI” AT THE GENERALI CONVENTION CENTRE - An intense second day unfolded at the Generali Convention Centre, where the *Barcolana Sea Summit* placed the protection of water resources, the marine environment, and active citizenship at the heart of the discussion.

The evening featured an extraordinary turnout for the theatrical performance “*Fiumi Scomparsi*”, starring **Marco Paolini**, **Paolo Fresu**, and **Rajeev Badhan**, produced in partnership with AcegasApsAmga. The show offered an emotional journey through memory, voice, music, and imagery, rediscovering the deep connection between Trieste and the waterways that once flowed through the city but have since disappeared beneath urban expansion.

On stage, Marco Paolini intertwined theatrical storytelling with evocative visuals, bringing the lost rivers back to life and offering a critical reflection on the relationship between humans and the environment. His narration was accompanied by the intense and evocative trumpet sounds of Paolo Fresu, which heightened the emotional atmosphere. The direction by Rajeev Badhan orchestrated the show's visual and narrative structure, integrating interviews and video projections that interacted in real time with the live performance.

Tomorrow, the Barcolana Sea Summit continues at the Salone di Rappresentanza of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Government in Piazza Unità d'Italia with two key institutional meetings.

The first, scheduled for 9:30 a.m., will focus on “***The National Centre for the Underwater Dimension: The Future of the Underwater Economy Between Research and Innovation***” – a discussion on technological and scientific development in the underwater sector, marking one year since Friuli Venezia Giulia joined the national network. Speakers include Regional Councillor **Alessia Rosolen**, Admiral **Cristiano Nervi** (Director of the Italian Navy CSSN and Head of the National Centre for the Underwater Dimension), **Gabriele Maria Cafaro** (Executive Vice President, Underwater Division,

Fincantieri), **Massimo Cavaliere** (Director General, Anton Dohrn Zoological Station, Naples), **Ketty Segatti** (Director of the Specialist Operating Unit for Research, Innovation, and EU Funds, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region), and **Giorgio Sulligoi** (University of Trieste).

Following this, at 11:30 a.m., the session ***“Underwater: Economy, Defence and Environmental Protection”*** will explore the strategic importance of the underwater sector, which must evolve while maintaining environmental safeguards and balancing the needs of security, research, and sustainability. Journalist **Donatella Bianchi** will moderate a discussion featuring Senator **Roberta Pinotti** (President of the National Centre for the Underwater Dimension Foundation), **Jessica Battle** (WWF Senior Global Ocean Governance and Policy Expert), **Paola Severino** (President of LUISS School of Law and the National School of Administration), and **Pierroberto Folgiero** (CEO and General Manager of Fincantieri).

FREE CAR PARK - Today saw the inauguration of a **free car park** made possible through collaboration between **Barcolana, Coop Alleanza 3.0, Trieste Terminal Passeggeri**, and **Trieste Porto Servizi**.

The facility, open until midnight on Sunday 12 October, is located on the site that recently hosted the *Cirque du Soleil* and offers **399 free parking spaces**, including eight reserved for persons with disabilities. Access is via **Largo Santos**, with the exit located along the Old Port slip road. Trieste Terminal Passeggeri also provides staff to assist with access and maintain order in the area.

SAFETY VILLAGE - The new **Safety Village** was inaugurated this morning in the presence of SVBG President **Mitja Gialuz**, Regional Councillor for Security **Pierpaolo Roberti**, Trieste Mayor **Roberto Dipiazza**, and Prefect **Giuseppe Petronzi**.

“This is, in some ways, a historic moment,” stated Mitja Gialuz, **President of the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano**, *“as it’s the first time the Barcolana Village includes an area entirely dedicated to safety and law enforcement. The idea was born at the end of August, through strong collaboration among all parties involved. I often say that during Barcolana, the commitment of our law enforcement agencies goes far beyond their duty, and I want to sincerely thank everyone for the work they’ll be doing over the coming days.”*

The stands feature all major law enforcement and public safety institutions engaged in prevention and protection: **the Army, State Police, Carabinieri, Guardia di Finanza, Penitentiary Police, Coast Guard, Fire Brigade, Customs Agency, Italian Navy, Local Police, and ACI 4 Safety FVG**.

For the first time, Barcolana dedicates an entire section of its village to safety culture, offering demonstrations, informational activities, and educational programmes for citizens and families. **Road safety** is also a major focus through the **4Safety FVG** project, promoted by ACI and supported by the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, featuring driving simulators, experiential routes, and meetings with experts.

VIDEOMAPPING SHOW “AN OCEAN SONG” - Debuting this evening at 8:00 p.m., the videomapping performance **“An Ocean Song”** – presented by the **Schmidt Ocean Institute and Deep Blue Racing Team** – will be projected every half-hour until 11:30 p.m. The immersive show celebrates the beauty and fragility of the oceans, featuring underwater footage from depths of up to 4,500 metres. Some showings will be narrated by actors **Claudio Santamaria and Greta Scarano**.

FONDAZIONE AQUILEIA STAND INAUGURATED - Also open from today is the “**Aquileia, Gateway to the Mediterranean**” stand, promoted by **Fondazione Aquileia** – a Gold Sponsor of Barcolana – in collaboration with the Municipality and leading cultural institutions of the region.

Tomorrow, Thursday 9 October at 6:30 p.m., the official inauguration will take place on the Rive, opposite Piazza Unità. The evening will continue at **7:30 p.m.** in the square with an evocative videomapping projection on the hull of the **Solaris 40**, created in partnership with **Solaris Yachts**, blending Roman history with contemporary nautical design.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS – FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

1. Barcolana Sea Summit – National Centre for the Underwater Dimension: The Future of the Underwater Economy Between Research and Innovation – 9:30 a.m., Regional Government Palace, Salone di Rappresentanza
2. Barcolana Women in Sailing by Generali – 10:00 a.m., Gulf of Trieste
3. Barcolana Tri-Este24 – European Championship – 10:00 a.m., Gulf of Trieste
4. Flavours of the Gulf and Sustainability: A Recipe for Barcolana – 10:00 a.m., IAL FVG - Tourism & Hospitality Centre
5. SOS Humanity Photo Exhibition – Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean – 10:00 a.m., Knulp
6. Presentation of the 2026 Italian Navy Calendar – 10:30 a.m., Ridotto Hall, Victor de Sabata Room
7. Barcolana Solaris Adriatic Cup – 10:30 a.m., Portopiccolo
8. Barcolana Sea Summit – Underwater: Economy, Defence and Environmental Protection – 11:30 a.m., Regional Government Palace, *Salone di Rappresentanza*
9. 20 Works for 20 Regions: INPS Artistic Heritage in Friuli Venezia Giulia – 12:00 p.m., Lelio Luttazzi Hall
10. Barcolana Armatori – Italian Naval League – 2:00 p.m., Gulf of Trieste
11. Barcolana – A Sea of Stories – from 4:30 p.m., *Magazzino delle Idee*, Conference Room
12. Students and Choir of the United World College of the Adriatic – 5:00 p.m., Cavana Stage and Via del Sale
13. Barcolana Classic Owners' Cocktail – 6:00 p.m., Yacht Club Adriaco
14. Barcolana Tri-Este24 Night Challenge – European Championship – 6:00 p.m., Gulf of Trieste
15. Davide Besana Meets His Readers and Doodles Their Copies – 6:00 p.m., Sala Veruda
16. Barcolana Trophy Handover Ceremony – 6:00 p.m., Barcolana Village Info Point
17. Barcolana Maxi – Portopiccolo Trophy Awards Ceremony – 6:30 p.m., Anywave Stand, Barcolana Village
18. “Fantasy” Restoration – A Rare 1914 Example – 7:00 p.m., Palazzo Gopceovich, Sala Balzen
19. Barcolana Solaris Adriatic Cup Awards Ceremony – 7:30 p.m., Puro Beach Club, Portopiccolo
20. “An Ocean’s Song” Videomapping Show – from 8:00 p.m., *Piazza Unità*

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