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BARCOLANA50 : 2 DAYS TO GO - ALL THE EVENTS FOR FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER

INITIATIVES - ENERGY FOR BURLO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
TRIESTE'S TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS THE BARCOLANA50 INITIATIVES

Trieste, 3rd October 2018 – Only 11 days to go to the regatta: Barcolana has already beaten all the records set in 2017 and there are already over 1000 entries.

TRAINING OF THE FORMER REGATTA WINNERS. THE MELGES: AN ALL WOMEN CREW – In the waters of the Gulf of Trieste, the former regatta winners started their training sessions. In the last few days, Spirit of PortoPiccolo sailed from the shipyard to Monfalcone and had its mast-step installed. Since yesterday it has been moored in PortoPiccolo in the mooring post of Furio Benussi's team. Way of Life (ex MaxiJena) has been training for a few days in Koper, on the other side of the Gulf of Trieste. E VAI, the spectacular sailboat owned by Lualdi, was one of the first SuperMaxi sailboats to register and is ready to race in its second Barcolana regatta. SuperMaxi yachts however aren't the only sailboats catching our attention: the category with the highest number of entries so far is the Meteor class, with 59 mono-hulls which are more than 6 m long. The biggest mono-hull of all is Melges 24 which will be sailed by a constellation of Olympic-stars: Giovanna Micol (captain), Giulia Conti, Francesca Clapcich, Flavia Tartaglini, Giulia Pignolo, and Sally Barkow. Melges 24 will be sailing to support Airc, the Italian Association for Cancer Research.

GRAND OPENING CEREMONY. THE EVENTS ON FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER – After one year of hard work, we are almost there: only two days to the start of the Barcolana50 celebrations. On Friday 5th October, the opening of the exhibition by Trieste's Town Council, Samsung, and IKON "C'ero anche'io – La mia Barcolana" ("I was there too – My Barcolana experience") at Salone degli Incanti at 5 p.m. will mark the official kick off of the largest sailing celebration in the world. The next event will be the presentation of the book "Barcolana - Un mare di racconti" ("Barcolana – A sea of stories") by Mitja Gialuz and Alessandro Mezzena Lona, supported by Generali, and published by Giunti at 6 p.m. at Salone degli Incanti. The third event on schedule is the flag-hoisting ceremony of Barcolana FUN by Siram by Veolia, the regatta raced by the Under 19 young sailors from Lega Italiana Vela (Italian Sailing League). At 9 p.m. the theatre Teatro Miela will stage the

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The Frecce Tricolori Airshow will be another special event to mark Barcolana's 50th anniversary. The Italian Air Force aircrafts will fly over the starting line of Barcolana50 to Piazza Unità d'Italia before the start of the regatta.

3:30 p.m. – Caffè degli Specchi
Press conference with the crew of *Tempus Fugit*

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Barcolana 2018 – Energy for Trieste's Children's Hospital Burlo Garofolo

The Gruppo Hera – EstEnergy renewed its partnership with Barcolana. This year the Hera - EstEnergy has organised a charity game for Trieste's Children's Hospital Burlo Garofolo to purchase fundamental diagnostic equipment.

This year Barcolana50, the largest regatta in the world, has decided to foster social inclusion and organise several charity events. The Gruppo Hera – EstEnergy and the other sponsors decided to take part in the charity project for Trieste's Children's Hospital Burlo Garofolo "Io sto con il Burlo" ("I support Burlo").

Visitors and the junior sailors were involved in the "Winch game" designed by Gruppo Hera-EstEnergy as part of the charity project "Io sto con il Burlo" (I support Burlo). The purpose of the game is to spin the winch - the mechanical device used by sailors to wrap ropes – as fast as you can and the higher the number of spins in 30 seconds the higher the donation Gruppo Hera EstEnergy will give to Trieste's Children's Hospital Burlo Garofolo to purchase fundamental diagnostic equipment. The game can be played every day at the group's stand from 6th to 14th October in Piazzetta Barcolana.

"The energy that counts is the one we give to others. That's why we decided to take part in the charity project to support the Hospital Burlo Garofolo, a centre of excellence in our region. We greatly applaud the charity initiatives carried out by Barcolana - an event we will continue to support - to reach out to more people and allow them to help the young patients of this hospital. We are even more convinced that more and more visitors will show up at our stand and take part in our game" – stated Albino Belli, MD of EstEnergy.

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