

BARCOLANA ON A GRAND SOLEIL 43 TO JOIN THE ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

IN COWES TO PROMOTE TRIESTE AND COLLIO WINES FOR THREE DAYS

Cowes (UK), 28 June 2019 – It will be the Magic Dragon – Paul Jones' Grand Soleil 43 - that will take Barcolana Round the Island, competing in the unique regatta in Cowes (UK). This is the first event of the twinning agreement between Barcolana and the Island Sailing Club, aimed at creating an alliance between the two great international regattas famed for their tradition, love for the sea, commitment to safeguard our oceans and interest in building new relations stemming from a shared passion for the sea and sailing.

The first act will be played tomorrow, Saturday 29th June, in the UK in the Solent. Just after 6 a.m. over 1,200 boats of every shape and size – from “folkboats” to large catamarans – will join the 50-mile race round the Isle of Wight. Changing tides, strong currents and the outstanding cliffs The Needles are the backdrop of the famed race which Barcolana will join aboard Magic Dragon that will bear the logo of the Collio Wines Consortium. It will be a great adventure right from the start as it can take up to two hours to set off depending on the type of yacht you have. When the starting gun is fired by the Club, thousands of crews will begin a long challenge that will keep them busy until the end of the day.

On land, a Barcolana stand will be promoting Trieste's regatta and the Collio wines, presenting tourist packages, offering Collio wine tasting to British yachtsmen and journalists following the event.

Mitja Gialuz stated: *“We are honoured and also a bit excited. We have been studying navigation in the Solent for days now to be ready when we are welcomed aboard a boat of local experts, to enjoy this regatta with a true sailing spirit. We will join sailing with tradition and promotion, presenting Barcolana and Collio Wines, supported by the Chamber of Commerce Venezia Giulia. It will all be a wonderful adventure that is strategic for Barcolana. We are ideally taking all Barcolana competitors with us and we are really pleased that we are part of this event”*. After publishing the first video on the Barcolana YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/sFSc8UTUQCM>), more stories will be told about Barcolana and its participation in the Round the Island Race, which will be posted on social media and reported by the popular Italian TV documentary programme Rai Uno Linea Blu.

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