

PRESS RELEASE

BARCOLANA FUN BY SIRAM VEOLIA FOILING EDITION

THE FOIL MONOHULL 69F ARRIVES IN TRIESTE: SPEED RACES AND A SPECIAL TESTIMONIAL, THE OLYMPIC CHAMPION SANTIAGO LANGE

Trieste, 2 October 2019 – Barcolana FUN makes a comeback, with its events, ideas and experimentation, bringing high-speed and adrenaline-charged sailing to Barcolana51 presented by Generali. Supported by SIRAM VEOLIA also this year, the 2019 edition of Barcolana FUN includes a not to be missed “Special Edition” for the world of foiling, with a special testimonial.

The 69F yacht, the first foil monohull for crews, arrives in Barcolana: a 6.9-metre sailboat that can fly on water with 3 people aboard. Launched almost a year ago in Italy, this revolutionary monohull, will be one of the protagonists of Barcolana, from 5 to 12 October, with many free initiatives open to the public, in the true spirit of the event: sail aboard this innovative sailboat and get to know one of the greatest and most popular sailing Olympic champions worldwide.

SANTIAGO LANGE IN BARCOLANA – The Nacra17 gold medallist at the 2016 Rio Olympics, Santiago Lange, will be endorsing the 69F project and will arrive in Trieste on Thursday 10 October: the great sailing champion is ready to embrace the true spirit of the event of Trieste and to make everyone try and be familiar with foiling thanks to the 69F Sailing Academy project.

LANGE’S LECTIO MAGISTRALIS – Santiago Lange will give a lectio magistralis about sailing, to tell us about his passion for sailing, his interest in foils, his will to make everybody fly on water thanks to the 69F Sailing Academy - the first and innovative foil monohull sailing academy; but also to tell us about his Olympic experience and his life. The event is open to all sailing enthusiasts and will take place on Thursday 10 October at 6 pm at Società Triestina della vela: a unique chance to know the man who achieved a heroic feat. Born in 1961, Santi Lange won the Nacra 17 gold medal at the Rio Olympics, together with Cecilia Carranza Saroli: not only was he the “oldest” sailor participating in the Olympics, but also his two sons were taking part in the same competition. Less than a year before the Olympic competition, Lange was diagnosed with cancer. Nine months before obtaining the gold medal (in an unforgettable medal race, with only one point more than the Australian team), he underwent surgery to have part of his lung removed. During his recovery he was training for the Olympic games. Lange represented Argentina in the Olympics also in 1988, 1996, 2000, 2008 winning the Tornado bronze medal twice. The four-time (Snipe and Tornado) world champion participated both in the Volvo Ocean Race and in the American Cup.

THE 69F IN PIAZZA UNITÀ – 69F arrives in Barcolana on 5 October: two 69F yachts will be in Trieste, the first will be “hoisted” in Piazza Unità, at the heart of Village Barcolana, to show all sailing enthusiasts its special foils and revolutionary hull; the other one will be in the sea, at the sailing club Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano.

TRY 69F FOR FREE – From 5 to 12 October, sailing enthusiasts can try to fly on the water's surface aboard a 69F together with the experts of the 69F Sailing Academy, the first and innovative foil monohull sailing academy, directed by Santi Lange. If you're an expert sailor and want to participate, bring your waterproof sailing jacket and sign up following the instructions at www.barcolana.it/Fun or send an email to regate@svbg.it. Sailors from the yacht clubs' racing teams can participate in a speed race: they can choose the moment with the strongest wind according to the weather forecast, as well as race solo or with another person, and sail as fast as they can on the foils. Every day, those who will be able to reach the top sailing speed on the foils for 3 seconds will be at the top of a special ranking, that will then name the **KING AND QUEEN OF SPEED** in the Gulf of Trieste, a much desired title among the sailing, windsurf and kitesurf enthusiasts who compete against each other the whole year in both competitive and non-competitive races.

RACE TIME RECORD FOR THE BARCOLANA REGATTA COURSE – Only 6.9 metre long, the 69F doesn't fear Barcolana's maxi yachts and is indeed sure it can challenge these protagonists of Trieste's regatta, promoting the whole world of sailing. It's a sort of David vs. Goliath kind of battle: will the small 69F take less time than the maxi yachts to cross Barcolana's finish line? On Thursday 10 October, time t.b.a. according to weather conditions, the 69F will race the Barcolana regatta, competing on a 13-mile course.