

PRESS RELEASE

BARCOLANA51 PRESENTED BY GENERALI: THE EVENT KICKS OFF IN THE CITY, COMPETITORS ARE GETTING READY TO RACE FOR VICTORY

THE FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY OPENS BARCOLANA, THE LITERARY SPIN-OFF “UN MARE DI RACCONTI” WILL BE INAUGURATED AT 8 PM, THE “SCART” ART EXHIBITION WITH INSTALLATIONS MADE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE KICKS OFF AT 6.30 PM

AT SEA – EVERYBODY IS READY FOR THE 69F: SIGN UP TO TRY THE FOIL MONOHULL THAT FLIES ON THE WATER’S SURFACE

BARCOLANA NUOTA HAS ALREADY SET A NEW RECORD NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

ENTRIES: 790 COMPETITORS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP AT 5 PM

Trieste, 2 October 2019 – With the traditional hoisting of the flag ceremony, which took place today at 12 pm, Barcolana51 presented by Generali has officially started. At the sailing club Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano (SVBG), with the brass-band playing, the burgee, the Italian and the European flag have been hoisted along the seashore: the great celebration can now begin.

“An opening full of excitement and contents – stated SVBG chairman, Mitja Gialuz – Barcolana starts today and kicks off with the first edition of the highly potential literary spin-off and with the “SCART” art exhibition which stems from the great collaboration between Hera Group and FVG Region. Sport-wise, teams are signing up for victory in the regatta on one hand, and on the other more and more people are celebrating this event in the city: for example, we’ve already broken the record of participants of Barcolana Nuota 2018, with 318 registered swimmers so far.”

Two cultural events, hosted in prestigious locations of the city, will be inaugurated during the first day of Barcolana: the SCART art exhibition “The beautiful and useful side of waste”, organized by Barcolana with Hera Group in the Region’s building in Piazza Unità, and “Barcolana un mare di racconti – viaggi e cultura del mare” (Barcolana, a sea of tales – sea journeys and culture), Barcolana’s literary spin-off, organized with Fondazione CRTrieste and Trieste’s Town Council and dedicated to the literature of the sea and travelling, and held at San Giusto castle until 6 October under the direction of Alessandro Mezzena Lona.

RACE FOR VICTORY – Today was an important day for the teams racing for the line honour of the 51st edition of Barcolana. Tempus Fugit presented its project, with Mitja Kosmina as helmsman, Enrico Zennaro as co-skipper and tactician and Ludde Ingvall as co-skipper. As announced, the team will race on the hull that scored a second place in the 50th edition. Furio Benussi has instead revealed on which boat he will sail this year: since Morning Glory is not available for the team, Wild Thing is the hull that last year’s winner will use in the regatta.

NEW CHALLENGES AT SEA: EVERYBODY'S READY TO TRY FOILING AND THE 69F

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 Trieste's event and to let everyone try and be familiar with foiling thanks to the 69F Sailing Academy project.

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THE 69F IN PIAZZA UNITÀ – The 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.

ENTRIES – At SVBG's registration office, many shipowners are still completing their registration to Barcolana. Today at 5 pm, 790 sailors had signed up for the regatta.

"SCART" ART EXHIBITION IS INAUGURATED – In the presence of the President of the FVG Region Massimiliano Fedriga, the SCART art exhibition "The beautiful and useful side of waste" was inaugurated. Its thirty large art installations (representing human and animal figures and many pictures) entirely made from industrial waste will be exhibited in the inner courtyard of Palazzo della Regione until 20 October. The exhibition (free admissions) opens the inner courtyard of Palazzo della Regione to the public (entrance from via del Mercato Vecchio, open from 10 am to 7 pm). The idea is to integrate the Barcolana Village along the Rive seafront with Piazza Unità. The exhibited works of art are part of the SCART project by Hera Group, developed in collaboration with the Fine Arts Academies of Florence, Bologna, Carrara.

BARCOLANA UN MARE DI RACCONTI KICKS OFF – Barcolana's literary spin-off was inaugurated this afternoon. The idea for this new event "comes – explained Mitja Gialuz – "stems from the book published with Giunti for Barcolana50 which includes opinions and points of view on sailing and travelling. Putting that book together was an important, almost magical experience which we wanted to follow up on with the book's editor Alessandro Mezzena Lona who, this year, is director of the literary festival. The 5-day festival will bring together a range of speakers who will talk about the sea and sea culture, in a simple way, embracing everyone". The first speakers to take to the floor will be Italian director Pupi Avati and French writer Catherine Poulain. The latter has lived a first-hand experience at sea – she has worked on fishing boats in Alaska for ten years until the American immigration service detected her and expelled her because she did not have a work permit. Catherine Poulain will be presenting her book "Le Grand Marin" (The Great Sailor) (ed. Neri Pozza). Halfway between a travel story, an informative

novel or mystic research on the relation between man and Nature, the book depicts a minute and stubborn woman who is not afraid of embarking on adventure.

TOMORROW, 3 OCTOBER – Tomorrow, Thursday 3 October, Barcolana remains at land, waiting for the first regattas of the weekend. Other main events include, the inauguration of the art exhibition “Un mare di manifesti” (A sea of posters) at the head office of the local newspaper “Il Piccolo”. The exhibition presents 30 years of Barcolana through graphic design, showing the posters that made the history of Barcolana. Special guest will be Olimpia Zagnoli, the artist who drew this year’s poster. On the second day of the book festival, the protagonists at San Giusto Castle will be Andrea Maggi, Andrea Tarabbia, Olimpia Zagnoli, Pietro Spirito, Luca di Fulvio, Giovanni Modaffari, Franco Farinelli, Sergio Zilli, Riccardo Cepach, Mick Walton. At 10.30 am at Magazzino delle Idee, the art exhibition “L’omino di niente” will be inaugurated: celebrating the 100th anniversary of Gianni Rodari’s birth. This exhibition, organized by the Regional Authority for Cultural Heritage, in collaboration with EMME editions (Trieste), pays tribute to a local writer. This second day will end at 8.30 pm at the Slovene Cultural centre in via Bonafata with the play “Zois_it illuministi globali”, created by the Slovene Civic Theatre in Trieste in collaboration with ZSKD (Union of Slovenian cultural associations) and Miela/Bonawentura Theatre. Lastly, at 9 pm, the documentary “A Planet in the Sea” by Andrea Segre will be shown at Ariston cinema.

EVENTS FOR TOMORROW

12 am – Art exhibition “Un mare di manifesti” inauguration (at “Il Piccolo” newspaper head office)

10.30 am – Art exhibition “L’omino di Niente” (at Magazzino delle Idee)

From 5.30 to 9 pm – Barcolana un mare di racconti (San Giusto Castle / Ariston Cinema)