

PRESS RELEASE

BARCOLANA BY BIKE – LIVE THE SAILING CELEBRATION ON TWO WHEELS

The third edition of the non-competitive bicycle ride during the Autumn Cup, organized in collaboration with Muggia's Town Council, GAL Carso and several associations related to the world of the bike

Trieste, 1 October 2019 – Cycling to Barcolana. Also bike enthusiasts have their own “version” of the event, which has almost become a tradition. Barcolana by Bike was presented today in Muggia: the non-competitive bicycle ride, in its third edition, will take place on land on 13 October, like the world's largest regatta. After the prologue – the ride will start from the city centre of Trieste and stretch along Muggia's seafront, with its finish line in Lazzaretto where bikers will be able to admire the spectacular view of the racing boats.

Organized in collaboration with Muggia's Town Council, GAL Carso and with the participation of the associations Bora.La, Ulisse FIAB and Compagnie del Carnevale, this event aims to promote Muggia's seafront and share an entertaining moment, with the first part of the regatta in the background. Starting their ride at 10.30 am from the seafront, amateur cyclists will arrive in Lazzaretto in time to see the boats rounding the first mark.

*“When an event reaches its third edition – stated the chairman of the sailing club Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano (SVBG), **Mitja Gialuz** – it's right to say that it works and that it creates added value to Barcolana's long and inclusive calendar. Muggia is important for us: with regard to sailing, the town gives us many sailors and shipowners, and, with regard to the sporting spirit and to entertainment, it is the right place to enjoy the view on the regatta at the first mark – Barcolana by Bike is the best way to do that, in true Barcolana style. If you're not sailing, you can reach us in Muggia by bike: see you all, on land and at sea, at the first mark!”*

Laura Marzi, Muggia's mayor, said: *“Muggia and Trieste are part of the same beautiful gulf and we could not but embrace an event like Barcolana, which increases the value of this gulf significantly by enhancing its beauty worldwide as an economic driving force. For our town, Barcolana by Bike is beyond doubt a promotional and unique event, which gives the chance to discover our territory and enjoy the sailing event on a bike, a symbol of sustainability like the sailing boat.”*

THE PROGRAMME: Barcolana by Bike will begin with its preparation phase at 8.30 am on Sunday 13 October. There will be a first meeting for participants in Piazza Unità, near the FVG Info Point, and a relay race organized by FiabUlisce Trieste. The group will then head to Nereo Rocco Stadium and reach the second meeting point, from which they will start their ride to Muggia.

The official start of the event is scheduled for 10.30 am, at the same time as the Autumn Cup: with its start line in Muggia, the bicycle ride will stretch along the renewed seafront of Muggia up to Lazzaretto. From there, cyclists will enjoy the view of the boats rounding the first mark (located off Punta Sottile). Barcolana by Bike will head back to Trieste and will end near the Aquarium, where participants will be able to enjoy the Barcolana Village. Along the entire course, entertainment awaits the participants. You can take part in the event by signing up at the Infopoint in Muggia or at bora.la or galcarso.eu websites.

BARCOLANA ONLINE SHOP: As part of this “bike world”, the project “PIEGA BARCOLANA” is active this year to. Barcolana’s official foldable electric bike is purchasable at Barcolana Village and online at www.barcolana.it.

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