

PRESS RELEASE

BARCOLANA51 PRESENTED BY GENERALI: FIRST DAY AT SEA

FRANCESCO GHETTINI WINS BARCOLANA NUOTA, SVBG'S WOMEN'S CREW WINS THE ITALIAN U21 CHAMPIONSHIP

BARCOLANA YOUNG: PROTEST UNDER EVALUATION, UPDATES IN ANOTHER PRESS RELEASE

E-SAILING: MORE THAN 3,600 PARTICIPANTS IN THE QUALIFYING TESTS, A NEW RECORD SET EVEN BEFORE THE START

CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME, SANTIAGO LANGE ARRIVES EARLIER: HE WILL BE IN TRIESTE TOMORROW AND ON TUESDAY. HIS LECTIO MAGISTRALIS AT STV ON MONDAY AT 6PM

THE HUMAN SAFETY NET BY GENERALI TAKES CHILDREN ON A SPECIAL GUIDED TOUR OF THE SEA AND THE GULF WITH OLYMPIC CHAMPION (AND SCIENTIST) CHIARA CALLIGARIS

THE BERNETTI REGATTA ANTICIPATES BARCOLANA, PORTOPICCOLO TEMPUS FUGIT WINS, ARCA FONDI SGR DAMAGED

Trieste, 6 October 2019 – 400 swimmers, 240 Optimist class sailors, many young U21 competitors from the Italian Sailing League. And also, more than 1,500 sailors racing in the Bernetti regatta and over 100 children at the event by Generali “The Human Safety Net ti svela il mare” offering a tour of the Gulf this morning aboard the Delfino Verde motorship. The Gulf of Trieste was beautiful today and ahead of Barcolana it is the place where sport, environmental protection and social initiatives meet. Paying the greatest respect to what happened in Trieste last Saturday, after a day of mourning, sportsmen are back at sea “to honour the policemen who lost their lives, through the values of sport and competitive spirit” said **Mitja Gialuz** at the prize-giving ceremony of Barcolana Nuota by Dolomia. In a day in which the Bora wind was blowing, with gusts of 25 knots in the morning, the women's crew of the sailing club Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano won the Italian U21 championship. The Bernetti regatta, organized by sailing club Società Nautica Pietas Julia (SNPJ), saw top players competing ahead of the Barcolana race: with Portopiccolo Tempus Fugit winning the regatta and Arca Fondi SGR withdrawing before the start, the race for Barcolana's line honours is getting very interesting indeed. Finally, Barcolana Nuota by Dolomia was won by Francesco Ghettoni (Italian Navy). Changes were made to the programme and Santiago Lange will arrive in Trieste earlier (tomorrow). The Olympic sailor will be at sea tomorrow and on Tuesday for the 69F foiling tests: the monohull, with a 27.9-knot Bora wind blowing, reached the record speed of 33.9 knots, its highest speed since launch. Santiago Lange will try to set a new record tomorrow, before giving his lectio magistralis (previously scheduled for Thursday) tomorrow at 6 pm at Società Triestina della Vela.

BARCOLANA NUOTA – 400 swimmers were at the start line of a spectacular edition of Barcolana Nuota by Dolomia today. This event – organized by SVBG and Unione Sportiva Triestina Nuoto – has significantly grown this year, especially thanks to the collaboration of Let's Go Triathlon, Barcolana's event partner. Participants came from all over

Italy, from Austria, Slovenia and also Finland in order to participate in the 1,300-metre group swim that goes from Molo IV to Scala Reale, in the waters off Piazza Unità. Barcolana Nuota is a great sea celebration and a relevant event for the world of sport as well as a story of self-sacrifice, self-challenge and effort, which makes it all the more important on a difficult day for the city, after the tragedy that struck Trieste. Swimmers had a mourning sign on their hands, next to their identification number. On a beautiful, sunny and windy day, 400 professional and amateur swimmers were at sea, to participate in this unique event. The victory was scored by Francesco Ghettni (Italian Navy), who was protagonist in the 2018 Capri-Napoli competition (a 36 km swim) with his record, and winner of the Santa Fe – Coronda Marathon last February, along the Coronda river in Argentina, in a 57 km swim. In Trieste, the swimmer took only 11'23" to cross the finish line, supported by a cheering crowd along the Rive seafront. Marco Urbani arrived in second place (11'45"), just like in the last edition, and the Slovenian San Rihter arrived third (12'00").

The female championship was won by Arianna Davide from Vicenza (12'38"), at her first Barcolana Nuota, the second place was scored by Gaia Capitanio (12'39"), a waterpolo player from Pallanuoto Trieste who recently won the beauty contest Miss Trieste, and the third by Elisa Mammi (12'53") from the Italian Coast Guard, gold-medallist at the Mediterranean Games last August. *"What a competition – said the winner, the Genoese Francesco Ghettni – I swim 5 hours a day and I participate in international competitions, I don't have much time anymore to go back to the origins, to these contests where professionals and amateurs meet. Let me thank the Italian Navy for choosing me for this event, it was great and moving at the same time to be here today, to pay homage with my presence."*

Like in past editions, Trieste's harbourmaster joined the event: admiral **Luca Sancilio** participated for his third time. "As I do every year, with my presence I want to show that sport should be done always, safely, at any age and with the right spirit. Being at sea for me is a sort of tradition, this year too, at this beautiful event that has grown a lot." This special competition was highly satisfying for all the participants, who were supported by a large crowd cheering them all along the Rive seafront. The great celebrations took place both on land and at sea, with a prize-giving ceremony in the presence of all the participants and with many prizes, in front of the large sardine Alice, symbol of this year's Barcolana.

BARCOLANA FUN SIRAM BY VEOLIA – The sailing club Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano wins again the Italian U21 championship, but this year with the wonderful women's team of Michela Stefani, Jamila Cerdeira, Alice Linussi, Maria Vittoria Marchesini and Irene Brambilla. During the regattas, organized by SVBG for the Italian Sailing League aboard J70 monohulls of Legavela Servizi, the local women's crew took the lead, beating all the men's crews. 15 tests took place today, with the Bora wind blowing. SVBG's women's crew outran sailing club Club Velico Crotone, arrived in second place, and SVBG's men's crew, arrived in third place. In the afternoon, the prize-giving ceremony took place at Portopiccolo.

FIRST PREDICTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S CREWS AND SAILBOATS AND UPDATES ON ENTRIES

Like in past editions, the Bernetti regatta, organized by SNPJ and raced in the Gulf today, allowed to make some initial win predictions for each category racing in Barcolana51 by Generali to be held next Sunday. At the start of the Bernetti regatta, strong Bora wind gusts challenged the crews. Portopiccolo Tempus Fugit made a great debut, winning the regatta after a fearless start, whereas Arca Fondi SGR couldn't sail due to damage to the yacht: it's all down to the boat's age, but the problem will be solved very soon, says the team.

Portopiccolo Tempus Fugit reached a 21.5-knot speed on a broad reach along the 15-mile course. Skippers Ludde Ingvall and Enrico Zennaro are satisfied. At the Bernetti regatta, Anywave Safilens of Alberto Leghissa arrived in second place and Adriatic Europa of Dusan Puh in third place.

ENTRIES – At 6 pm today, 1132 boats entered the regatta.

THE HUMAN SAFETY NET TI SVELA IL MARE - More than 100 people (children and their families) participated in the first edition of “The Human Safety Net ti svela il mare” by Generali, a project for the children of Villaggio per Crescere and the families living in the micro-areas of Trieste. Sponsored and created thanks to Generali’s global project for communities, the project included a special “sailing and sea lesson” in the Gulf, aboard a motorship. The tour of the Gulf of Trieste, from Muggia to Duino and back, was guided by the Olympic sailor (new mother and applied geology university researcher) Chiara Calligaris, who shared with the families of Trieste her sailing know-how, her passion for the sea and her deep scientific knowledge. “The Human Safety Net ti svela il mare” included popular science activities on the health of the marine ecosystem, in order to make children more familiar with the sea.

69F, SPEED RECORD –Portopiccolo Tempus Fugit has sailed on a broad reach at a speed of 21.5 knots with its 100 feet of length, but the small 69F - just over 20 feet long - sailed at a 33.9-knot speed today. It’s not a matter of size, but of project, aerodynamics and, above all, foils. Today, the small monohull broke the speed record for monohulls in the Gulf, as well as its own record since launch, reaching a speed of 33.9 knots, despite Bora wind gusts of 27.9 knots. . Tomorrow, with a stronger Bora, the hull will try to make further progress, by trying to race the Barcolana’s course.

E-SAILING – Already more than 3,600 e-sailors have taken part in the e-barcolana practice races, the e-sailing event of Barcolana51 presented by Generali. The event is open to everyone, worldwide and at the same time: J70 and Star classes practice races are still being run today, and tomorrow the real challenge will begin and will last until 12 October. E-sailing and Barcolana lovers will be able to run in a real race on short windward-leeward courses aboard the virtual version of one-design J70s. Competitors will have the chance to improve their performance to enter the e-barcolana final and win prizes (for the best top 16 e-sailors).

A SEA OF TALES – Last day for “Barcolana – A sea of tales”, Barcolana’s successful book festival and literary spin-off: 5 days of events at San Giusto castle in Trieste. Organized with Fondazione CRTrieste and Trieste Town Council, the protagonists of the last day of the festival were the Corriere della Sera journalist Roberta Scorrane, who took the public on a journey to her homeplace, Abruzzo, with the book “Portami dove sei nata”; Stefania Auci with the novel “I leoni di Sicilia”; Mario Alberti, Luca Enoch, Romeo Toffanetti, who showed four different interpretations of graphic stories, thanks to their imagination and their artistic contribution to Barcolana’s 50th edition book; the 26-year-old Erica Giopp, embarking on her “hitchhiking journey at sea”, where she will sail with the sailors who will give her a “lift” in exchange for help aboard; Alberto Garlini, writer and director of the Pordenonelegge book festival, with his “Il canto dell’ippopotamo”, where he relived his friendship with Pierluigi Cappello, the great poet from Friuli. The festival continued this afternoon with Paolo Malagutti, a writer from Monselice, who in his “L’ultimo Carnevale” depicts a pale and unrecognizable Venice; Giovanni Montanaro, finalist of the 2012 Premio Campiello with the novel “Tutti i colori del mondo”, tells us about another Venice, outside the tourist routes; Erica Bonanni has shown the magic of Trieste in her novels presenting them to the public of this festival; the philosopher Pier Aldo Rovatti analysed the present by focusing on some strange figures, the “egosaurs”; Fabio Raicich and Renato R. Colucci, researchers of the Institute of Marine Science ISMAR-CNR, illustrated the results of their research in the Gulf of Trieste, which confirm that the sea temperature is steadily increasing; Gabriele Musante with his graphic novel “Navigatori straordinari”; Elena Stancanelli who voiced the tragic situation of those who cross the Mediterranean sea looking for freedom, in her book

“Venne alla spiaggia un assassino”. The first edition of the book festival ended with the theatrical reading “Trieste, nel mare – una raccolta di voci, onde e venti” by Gioia Battista, who connected different texts by some of the great writers of Trieste, such as Claudio Magris, Boris Pahor, Pier Antonio Quarantotti Gambini, Claudio Grisancich, Furio Bordon, Jan Morris, Fulvio Tomizza and Stelio Mattioni. At the end of the festival, a conference on Trieste’s nomination for UNESCO Creative City of Literature was held.

WHAT’S ON TOMORROW – At SVBG, 69F foiling tests will continue and the Barcolana Village will be open from 12 am to 8 pm. In the afternoon, Barcolana comes back to Rozzol-Melara, one of Trieste’s most distant districts from the sea: here, last year, a big wall painting was inaugurated to bring the sea to the concrete of that area, and Barcolana will be back there tomorrow to celebrate the festival with its inhabitants. At 6 pm at Società Triestina della Vela, the Nacra17 gold medalist at the 2016 Rio Olympics Santiago Lange will meet the sailors of the Gulf and give a lectio magistralis.