

PRESS RELEASE

BARCOLANA51 PRESENTED BY GENERALI: THE BORA WIND IS BLOWING TODAY

SANTI LANGE ARRIVES IN TRIESTE, OVER 1,200 ENTRIES TO BARCOLANA

THE GREAT SEA CELEBRATION BRINGS SAILING TO ROZZOL MELARA

Trieste, 7 October 2019 – The Bora wind, Santiago Lange and the wonderful story of his sporting career and places where you wouldn't expect to find Barcolana. These have been today's key features of the festival. Today a strong Bora wind was blowing. 69F tests at sea didn't take place but Santiago Lange told us about sailing on land during his lectio magistralis. Today was also the day in which the "sea reached" Rozzol Melara, a district on the outskirts of Trieste, with the second edition of the event "A regatta of people". Last year, in a four-sided area, a city in the city, a large mural brought the sea in the concrete of that area. Barcolana celebrates the community again this year with an event organized in collaboration with Associazione Culturale Melara, Circolo Auser "Pino Zahara", the School District "Iqbal Masih", the micro-area of Melara, Youth Club "Anna Frank", Portierato Sociale di Melara, the pensioners' trade union SPI CGIL Sindacato Pensionati Italiani, the neighborhood association and Melart association. The celebrations lasted one hour and a half and included talks (and songs) about the sea and its safeguarding from plastic, and the inauguration of art installations created on the spot. At the same, entries have done very well indeed: the mark of the 1,200 participants was rounded this morning.

SANTI LANGE IN BARCOLANA – Gold medalist, American Cup racer, ocean sailor, innovation enthusiast: 3 days earlier than scheduled, the Nacra 17 gold medallist at the Rio Olympics Santi Lange arrived in Barcolana today. Endorsing the 69F foiling project in Trieste, this afternoon the great Argentinian sailor met the members of the sailing academies and the sailing enthusiasts of Società Triestina della Vela for a wide-ranging question time, about his Olympic sailing experience, the future of the American Cup and foiling, and about the next Olympic games. Weather permitting, Lange will be aboard the 69F tomorrow at dawn to race Barcolana's course and test the speed of the small foil monohull on the 13-mile course in the Gulf. "Barcolana is in my heart – said Lange today – I saw hundreds of these pictures shot from above, with two thousand boats and Trieste's lighthouse. I wish I could stay here all week and race the regatta on Sunday, but I have to go back to Argentina. Now that I'm back in Trieste, many years after I arrived here from England sailing in the Europa class, I promise I'll be back as soon as possible." Lange was often in Trieste forty years ago, when he was training with the Europa class and studying Naval Architecture at the University of Southampton. Since then, Lange has won the Olympics, participated in the American Cup and in round-the-world sailing tours, won in many open sea sailing categories: "Sailing has always been great fun to me – said the great champion – everyone who loves and respects the sea is part of a big family." Lange told us about foiling and its future developments: "foiling is basically a new technology that will become even more

simple and popular, as it happened in the past with kitesurfs and snowboards in skiing: we only need time to improve the learning curve, it's a great chance to live a new experience, at any age, we all need to have fun at sea, as much as possible and always, either if we are sailing just for fun or to train for the Olympics."

E-SAILING – The Barcolana e-sailing tournament continues: at the moment, 8,173 e-sailors are involved worldwide in the virtual qualifying tests. The event is open to everyone, worldwide and at the same time: until 11 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 until October 11, in order to enter the final. On Thursday 10 October at Barcolana's Infopoint, the e-sailing Academy will kick off: with the sailing simulator virtual regatta, experts will be there to give sailors and e-sport enthusiasts advice on how to apply the virtual regatta rules, to be ready to take part in the qualifications.

DESPAR – "La Tribù del Gusto" kicks off today in Trieste: educational activities on the environment, food and digital literacy will be part of the initiative promoted by Despar(Barcolana's Gold Sponsor) "aboard" a truck.. In the true Barcolana spirit, la Tribù del Gusto will be hosted in Piazza Unità, close to the boats berthed ahead of the great sea celebrations and from the Barcolana store, inaugurated less than a year ago. In the truck, some engaging lessons will be given free of charge from today until Saturday 12 October providing simple and useful information. If you want to participate in the "mini-courses", you need to sign up at www.despar.it/barcolana (35 places available for each course).

WHAT'S ON TOMORROW – Keeping up with the tradition, "Barcolana per il sociale" will take place on the Tuesday before the regatta. There will be many initiatives on land and at sea that will involve the non-profit sector in important regattas and events. At sea there will be regattas organized by Polisportiva Fuoric'entro, the traditional "Fuorivento" Trophy and the races on the "Arpege" monohulls. In the afternoon, from 5 pm in Cavana, there will be the prize-giving ceremony for the regattas and the concert of the Calicanto Band, connecting crews and non-profit associations for Barcolana by Night on Saturday 12 October. Like in past editions, a draw will pair each Association with a UFO Class crew racing in Barcolana By Night that will promote them and take them to the finish line. Weather permitting, Lange will be aboard the 69F tomorrow morning to race Barcolana's course and test the speed of the small foil monohull on the 13-mile course in the Gulf.