

PRESS RELEASE

AFTER THE EVENTS' CANCELLATION OF TODAY, BARCOLANA COMES BACK AT SEA TOMORROW, WITH RESPECT AND SPORTING SPIRIT

240 SAILORS WILL RACE BARCOLANA YOUNG AT 10 AM, THE U21 CHAMPIONSHIP KICKS OFF IN SISTIANA

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BARCOLANA YOUNG – More than 240 children and teenagers registered for Barcolana Young: the regatta was cancelled for today, following the tragic events that unfolded in Trieste, and will take place tomorrow morning, starting at 10 am (earlier than scheduled).

SVBG's organizing club scheduled a briefing for competitors for today at 10 am, calling all participants and coaches. **Mitja Gialuz**, SVBG's chairman, wanted to talk to the young participants himself and ask them to observe a minute's silence.

"Explaining to 240 children and teenagers why we have cancelled the regatta – commented Gialuz – was not easy, but together with Alessio Bonifacio, SVBG's youth sport chief, we decided it was right to. We should teach our young sportsmen to be lawful, to face such tragic events by expressing grief and respect, through sport as well. That's why we called all our young athletes and talked to them."

"Barcolana –Gialuz explained to the young sailors – has decided to follow the city mourning announced by Trieste's mayor, cancelling all the scheduled events for today. It was a difficult decision to make, because we know you, as great sportsmen, would like to be at sea. But as seamen and competitors, you should know that there are moments like this one in which we should express our respect in silence, honouring the people that protect us, guarantee law and order and allows us to freely express ourselves and to do so safely, also through sport. We will be back at sea tomorrow, to honour the policemen who lost their lives, their families and the institutions, through the values of sport and competitive spirit, racing for victory. Let me thank all the boys and girls, their families and coaches that are here today to share our decision. Only together, at sea and on land, we can get through these difficult moments."

The 240 young participants of Barcolana Young will be at sea tomorrow: weather permitting, the regatta will start earlier than scheduled, after 10 am, when the sea will be free after the start of the Bernetti regatta.

BARCOLANA VILLAGE AND THE LARGE SARDINE ALICE – This morning, Barcolana Village woke up to a mournful and silent day. Yesterday's evening (Friday), a SVBG statement asked all exhibitors to follow the city mourning and stop celebrations in the regatta's temporary stands. In the early morning, a large mourning sign was placed on Alice – the large plastic sardine symbolizing this edition -so as to follow the mayor's request and to show that Barcolana's organizing committee stands by the policemen's families, the institutions, the men and women who wear the uniform every day, working for the whole community.

Yesterday preparations continued to set up the stands and the 69F arrived along the Rive seafront: the foil monohull, Barcolana FUN's protagonist, will begin its activities at sea tomorrow (Sunday) .

BARCOLANA CHEF – Also this evening’s event, Barcolana Chef, was cancelled. Barcolana and illy jointly stated that: *“Yesterday a tragedy struck the city of Trieste. Barcolana and illycaffé join the pain and mourning of the city, proclaimed by Mayor Roberto Dipiazza for the day today, Saturday 5 October 2019, and cancel Barcolana Chef as a sign of grief and respect for the families, for the Police and for all men and women of the law enforcements. The proceeds of Barcolana Chef were supposed to be donated to charity: although the event was cancelled, we ask the people who bought the tickets to be with us, close to the families of the two agents who lost their lives, donating the proceeds for initiatives that will follow, in their memory. Of course, ticket refund will be available for those who request it.”*

People who bought tickets and need information can write an email to segreteria@barcolana.it

WHAT’S ON THIS SUNDAY: THE BERNETTI REGATTA, ANTICIPATING BARCOLANA IN THE GULF, THE SWIMMERS OF BARCOLANA NUOTA, BARCOLANA YOUNG AND BARCOLANA FUN – Tomorrow will be a quite important day at sea: participants of Barcolana Young, Barcolana FUN Siram by Veolia (the Italian U21 championship) and those trying to set the speed record on the 69F foiling monohull will be at sea while, with the traditional Bernetti regatta organized by sailing club SN Pietas Julia, the participating teams of the Gulf will anticipate Barcolana. Many of the regatta’s special guests have been announced at the start line. Keeping up with the tradition, the regatta will start at 9,30 am tomorrow (Sunday 6 October), from the Porto Vecchio breakwater opposite Piazza Unità, with finish line located off Sistiana.

BARCOLANA NUOTA – With 400 registered, the much awaited 5th edition of Barcolana Nuota By Dolomia reached its maximum number of participants. The event is an open water swimming competition, on a 1,300-meter course that goes from Molo IV to Scala Reale, visible from land and covered with live commentary. Professional and amateur swimmers, water polo players, divers, triathletes and the Port Authority’s rescue swimmers (included captain Luca Sancilio) are ready to swim: a great challenge for a growing event. Captain Sancilio himself asked both organizers and participants to have a mourning sign on their arms next to their identification number, to remember last Friday’s tragedy and honour it through sport. A briefing for competitors is scheduled at 11,30 am at Molo IV, the competition will start at 12 am and will be followed by a prize-giving ceremony at 2 pm.

UPDATES ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES – 1052 sailors had registered for the Autumn Cup at 5 pm today.