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BARCOLANA YOUNG: THE WINNERS ARE LISA VUCETTI OF THE SVBG AMONG THE JUNIORS, AND CRISTIAN CASTELLAN OF THE CIRCOLO VELA MUGGIA AMONG THE CADETS

BARCOLANA NUOTA AND THE GREAT CELEBRATION OF THE 283 OPEN WATER SWIMMERS: THE WINNERS ARE MARCO URBANI AND MARZIA DI GIOVANNI

ANEMOS II ALLIANZ IS THE WINNER OF THE 50th TROFEO BERNETTI AND CLOSES THE PORTOPICCOLO MAXI RACE @BARCOLANA IN THIRD PLACE. IN THE OVERALL STANDINGS FIRST ARCA SGR BEFORE ANYWAVE SAFILENS

Trieste, October 3rd 2021 – The first weekend saw hundreds of boats and three hundred swimmers: the Barcolana is in full swing, concluding its first events at sea, with the Villaggio already highly attended, and obtaining the first sporting results. The Barcolana is now one week away, and there are already over 1,400 registrations, with many of the well-known sailors spotted at sea on the occasion of the Portopiccolo Maxi Race 2021 @Barcolana, organized in partnership with the Yacht Club Portopiccolo. “The outcome of the first weekend is one-hundred percent positive: while we wait to welcome all the crews that will participate in the Barcolana, credit must be given to the young ones of the Barcolana Young, a great thank you goes to the many protagonists of the Barcolana Nuota, and the regattas of the Melges 24 and at the Portopiccolo Maxi Race 2021 @Barcolana were exciting and hard-fought”.

BARCOLANA YOUNG – We start from the Barcolana Young, which has drawn up its own final classification based on the results of the two races which took place yesterday. **The lack of wind this morning, due to the upheaval and the risk of thunderstorms, kept the 220 athletes of the Optimist class on land. In the Juniors classification, first place goes to Lisa Vucetti of the SVBG**, who obtained two first places; in second place, Aurora Ambroz of the Circolo Vela di Muggia, thanks to a first and third place within her own battery. Third place, instead, goes to both Enrico Coslovich from Muggia and Giuseppe Montesano (Sirena): they both earned, in fact, two second places in their respective batteries, therefore they shared the third step on the podium. **Among the younger Cadets, first place goes to Cristian Castellan (Circolo della Vela di Muggia)**, followed by Giovanni Montesano of Sirena (3;3) and by the Slovakian Simon Hruska (2;8). Giulio Bolletti (SVOC) from Monfalcone arrived fourth with a fourth and fourteenth position, whereas the first female was awarded sixth place, the Slovene Ajda Gulic Bandelj of Jadro Koper. **An exciting day at the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano for Lisa Vaucetti who, after an “impressive career” in the optimist class, is ready for new challenges and for the change of class:** after the Optimist Team Cup in Berlin, which will conclude the sporting season, she will pass to the 420 class along with Vittorio Bonifacio. In the words of the **Youth Sports Director of the SVBG, Alessandro Bonifacio**: “*A thank you to all the athletes of the Barcolana Young, to our partners, in particular to Fondazione CRTrieste, and to the sailing clubs which have, as every year, believed in this beautiful event. Competing once more in a great celebration that unites the younger and the more expert of the Optimist class, is very satisfying for everybody*”.

BARCOLANA NUOTA – It was a great celebration, an opportunity to meet up again after the pandemic and to compete in the marvellous setting of the Scala Reale, in front of Piazza dell'Unità. **Barcolana Nuota has returned with 283 athletes, the warmth of the public and the enthusiasm of the open water swimmers, who not only had**

to slalom among the buoys, but had to face downpours and thunderstorms. The participants were divided into batteries of 15 swimmers each and into three main groups which rotated in the area of the race in order to comply with all the safety regulations. The protagonists competed in a race course set in the Bacino San Giusto, first swimming alongside the Molo Audace and then returning along Molo Bersaglieri: a kilometre-long swim tackled with joy by many enthusiasts of all ages, starting from Margherita, the youngest, who at nine years of age took on the race course together with her dad. *"The Barcolana Nuota – said the Chairman of the SVBG, Mitja Gialuz – is the Barcolana's sister, sharing its spirit and passion. Today on the starting line there were young girls and boys, enthusiasts, professionals of this sport, people of an advanced age who do not want to miss out on the customary long swim, now almost a tradition in Trieste. We spent time together sharing our great passion for the sea, with or without a boat: a grand celebration, with a truly positive outcome"*. The event, organized in partnership with the Unione Sportiva Triestina Nuoto, sees the male classification as follows: Marco Urbani in first position, having completed the course in 9 minutes and 48 seconds, followed by Andrea Marcato (10'21"), Massimiliano Clagnan (10'40"), Edoardo Bidoggia (10'41") and Agostino Laudicina (10'43"). Among the women, the first position goes to Marzia Di Giovanni, 3km open water Vice-World Champion (11'16"), followed by Vanessa Andreetta (11'39"), in third place Silvia Canazza (11'42"), in fourth place Arianna Davide (11'50") and a fifth for Nicole Dori (11'55").

PORTOPICCOLO MAXI RACE 2021 @BARCOLANA – The Farr 80 Anemos II Allianz of Marco Bono with Guglielmo Danelon at the helm, won the third race of the Portopiccolo Maxi Race 2021 @Barcolana today, defeating first and foremost the flat calm and then its adversaries. Today's regatta took place as part of the 50th edition of the Trofeo Bernetti, compiling the special ranking among the maxi yachts that participated in the races held on Friday and Saturday. It was a particularly challenging regatta due to the lack of wind: the start was set in front of the Porto Vecchio jetty, cut short at the second buoy in front of Portopiccolo. Arca Sgr of Furio Benussi closed in third position today, having got stuck in the dead calm at Santa Croce, but can be well satisfied with the overall classification, thanks to the two first positions earned during the races held on Friday and Saturday.

The general classification of the Portopiccolo Maxi Race @Barcolana, organized by the Yacht Club Portopiccolo as part of the Barcolana events sees, in fact, Arca Sgr (YCA) in first position, followed by Anywave Safilens (DN Sistiana) of Albero Leghissa, with two second positions, and third Anemos II of Marco Bono (SVBG), respectively third, fourth and first in the first three races. The event terminated with the award ceremony, held in the little square of Portopiccolo. *"It was a pleasure – stated the High Seas Sporting Director, Dean Bassi – organizing this regatta together with the Portopiccolo Yacht Club. It is the first time we have organized an event dedicated solely to the Maxis, so that they can have a chance to practise for next Sunday's regatta and go over some pre-tactical work. We have noticed that nothing can be taken for granted out at sea, therefore there will be even more attention and competitive spirit next Sunday among the great Barcolana protagonists"*.

MELGES 24 @BARCOLANA – Two races – one of which with a shortened course due to the lack of wind – during the last day of the European Sailing Series of the Melges 24 @Barcolana, organized by the Società Triestina Sport del Mare. Even so, the competitive spirit was not missing, in particular between the two crews which were aiming to win. With a second and fifth place today, Black Seal of Richard Thompson (Stefano Cherin, Nigel young, Andrea Tesej, Ewan O'Keefe, Sara Zuppin – Guernsey SC) won the sixth and final stretch of the circuit, tied (but first in the tiebreaker) with Melgina of Paolo Brescia (Simon Sivitz kossuta, Jas Farneti, Riccardo Tonini, Jan Bassi – Yacht Club Italiano), who closes in second position but is the champion of the entire European Sailing Series of the circuit, concluded in Trieste after a total of six rounds. Third place in the regattas of Trieste for the German White Room of Michael Tarabocchia (Sebastian Bueler, Marco Tarabocchia, Michael Tarabocchia, Mathy Thomas – YCC) who is first in the Corinthian – the classification of the non-professionals – a result he obtained also in the general ranking of the European Sailing Series.

TOMORROW IN THE BARCOLANA – The week that leads up to the Barcolana begins. While the SVBG remains open from 9am to 7pm for the pick-up of the gadgets and race numbers – the actual registrations take place online, up until October 9th – the crews of the Go to Barcolana da Ravenna and of the Go to Barcolana from Slovenia are getting ready. At the moment, the weather forecast foresees Bora wind for the journey up the Adriatic and in the Gulf. Tomorrow, October 4th, the Barcolana will inaugurate the event “Barcolana un mare di racconti” at the Magazzino 26 with the first authors presented by Alessandro Mezzena Lona: scheduled for 5.30pm is Cristina Battocletti with “Giorgio Strelher, il ragazzo di Trieste”; 6.30pm the Chairman of the SVBG Mitja Gialuz with “Barcolana the largest sailing race in the world”, published by Harper&Collins; 7pm Alberto Garlini with “Ridere in Guerra con la vita”.

BARCOLANA SEA SUMMIT – The countdown for the Barcolana Sea Summit also begins, the event dedicated to the health of the Mediterranean, which will bring together the public, science, institutions and the business world. **The inaugural day is scheduled for Wednesday October 6th from 5pm at the TCC (Trieste Convention Center).** The guests of the first working session are Andrea Illy, Edo Ronchi and Phoebe Koundouri. For the sailing world, the event will open with a message from the chairman of the World Sailing, Li Qunhai. In order to book your physical seat at the Trieste Convention Center, it is sufficient to visit the following website: www.seasummit.it. It will be also possible to follow the event live on the Youtube channel of the Barcolana.

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