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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER CINGOLANI FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE BARCOLANA SEA SUMMIT

SEA CHEF: THE RACE OF THE STARRED CHEFS AT SEA, THE FUND-RAISING DINNER ON LAND

RAI AT THE BARCOLANA: FULL COVERAGE OF THE EVENT

10 YEARS OF BARCOLANA FUN WITH SIRAM VEOLIA

Trieste, October 6th 2021 – Waiting for the wind on Friday for the performances of kitesurf and the spectacular Waszps, today the starred crews of the Barcolana Sea Chef, who will be in the kitchens this evening preparing the fund-raising dinner scheduled at Harry's Piccolo Restaurant Bistrò, were competing out at sea.

This afternoon the Barcolana Sea Summit was inaugurated, the first edition of the event which tackles matters such as popularizing science and the political, economic and social studies dedicated to the sustainability of the sea.

BARCOLANA SEA CHEF – It was the team Davide De Pra – Matteo Metullio of Harry's Piccolo Restaurant Bistrò, who won the first edition of the Barcolana Sea Chef. The Sirocco wind, at 8 knots, challenged the chefs who were competing in a triangle race aboard the glorious G34s. The regatta was formed by three crews: second place went to the "team Ceraudo", the third to that composed by Nino Rossi and Giacomo Sacchetto. The chefs competed with some of the best "*women in sailing*" of the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano (Jamila Cerdeira, Michela Stefani, Carlotta Omari, Silvia Versolatto, Jana Germani e Giorgia Bertuzzi). In the afternoon, the chefs took off their oilskins and slipped back into their *Toque Blanches* in order to prepare the menu for the event.

BARCOLANA FUN SIRAM VEOLIA – Scheduled for Friday morning, weather conditions permitting, is the Barcolana Fun Siram Veolia, the event that celebrates acrobatic and speed sailing sports, bringing to the Gulf of Trieste spectacular races and performances among the best kite surfers worldwide and the regattas of the Waszp monotype, a hybrid of sailing and windsurf.

The event will see the kite surfers perform along the Molo Audace, in Trieste, with jumps and tricks which will culminate in the "downwind" challenge, between Trieste, Miramare and Marina Julia: a test of endurance with the wind in their sails starting from Piazza dell'Unità, in the heart of Trieste, ready to truly start when the Bora wind gets stronger. Ruggero Tita, the Olympic champion, winner of the historic Gold Medal of the Nacra 17 at the Tokyo Olympics 2020, will take part in the event, performing on Saturday morning, challenging the waves aboard a Moth. This year, furthermore, thanks to Siram Veolia, the Barcolana offers its own "**Waszp Academy**", giving the young sailing athletes the chance to try, free of charge and with the support of the technicians, the small Waszp monotype, an unusual vessel that glides on the water: the search for speed and the use of technology to challenge the sea's limits.

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INAUGURATION OF THE BARCOLANA SEA SUMMIT – Opening Day for the Barcolana Sea Summit, the event which tackles matters such as popularizing science and political, economic and social studies dedicated to the sustainability of the sea and of the aquatic ecosystems, organized as part of the Barcolana53 presented by Generali.

To inaugurate this first edition, in addition to the local institutions, **the minister for the Ecological Transition Roberto Cingolani** will give a speech on the relation between the health of the sea and the politics for ecological transition.

The summit will talk about different subjects along new routes of study and popularization: the state of health of the Mediterranean, the role of science diplomacy in sustaining innovative and integrated politics on the safeguarding of the sea, the circular economy in the nautical world, the future of the Port-Cities in the prospect of ecological transition thanks to the economic boost of the Recovery Plan, the key role of Trieste in international relations with Mitteleuropa and with the InCE Countries also on the environmental front and, finally, the centrality of businesses in applying politics of sustainability.

COOP AT THE SEA SUMMIT – over 14 tons of plastic have already been collected thanks to the seabins installed all around Italy. Another 8 and a half tons of virgin plastic not utilized, in adherence to the UE Pledging campaign (in three years). Certification for sustainable and antibiotic-free fishing in addition to being the first campaign for the reduction of plastic bag use, initiated already back in 1986. These are the stages and numbers of Coop's commitment to our seas, presented on October 7th at 11am by the Coop Italia Managing Director, Maura Latini, and at 4pm by the Quality Director, Renata Pascarelli, and on October 8th by the Marketing and Private Brands Director of Coop Italia, Paolo Bonsignore.

TOMORROW AT THE BARCOLANA – UN MARE DI RACCONTI – In the evening, in the Sala Luttazzi of the Magazzino 26, the meetings of Barcolana un mare di racconti will proceed: at 6pm with “La grande bellezza delle balene” by Silvia Bottani, among the authors of the splendid volume “The Whale Theory” created by the artist Claudia Losi together with several other Italian and foreign authors. At 7pm, instead, there will be Mauro Covacich, one of the most nationally loved authors from Trieste, with “Correre non è soltanto correre” where he will talk about his relationship between literature and his passion for running.

TOMORROW AT THE BARCOLANA – SEA SUMMIT – Day two for the Barcolana Sea Summit, on Thursday October 7th, which will go over the routes of science, science diplomacy for the sea, and the role of companies in the development of sustainable projects.

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