



FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Toscolano Maderno...Sunday May 31, 2009...It's been an extraordinary day for the Fun class! Beginning with a light southerly breeze which lasted until around 10 am, the weather morphed into a more challenging amphitheater, with black clouds glooming over Pizzocolo. Definitely a memorable day for the Fun fleet, and one can imagine that Toscolano Maderno's sailing club president, Alcide Morani, wouldn't mind having exciting weather conditions like that all the time!

First race's warning signal took place at 1:30 pm under strong downpouring rain. Intense southwesterly Ander wind, about 8 –9 miles-per-second, blew across the regattaspace. Five – four – one – zero – go! The Fun fleet is off to a racing start! There's a buoy positioned in front of Toscolano's Cartiere. Close haul those sails! Immediately, an outrageous tailwind hits the fleet! Now, here's something fun to exploit for sure! First crew to the finish line: Adriano Barzaghi with Roberto Spata as tactician. Second, Piccola Peste with Sara Poci; third Funtasie with Glade Mathieu.

Shifts and morphs of wind in the second race: the wind is still southerly, but towards the end of the race begins to feel like the northeasterly Vinessa wind. Finally the rain subsides, but still the weather conditions remain challenging. White Funk with Massimo "Cicio" Canali at the helm dominates the second race (not to mention also the temporary overall rankings). Second-place finish for Wanderfun 3 with the Azzi brothers and Giovanni de Giuli; third place of the second race for Lucifero, steered by the legendary Gianni Torboli.

Scores and rankings, up to and including the fifth race, demonstrate: on top, White Funk with Massimo "Cicio" Canali; second Piccola Peste with Sara Poci; third Wanderfun 3 with the Azzi brothers and Giovanni de Giuli.

Meanwhile, on a sad note, Fundango (Picher-Orlandi crew) encountered difficulties towards the end of the second race. The raging Pèler northerly wind, which arrived strongly towards the end of that race, caused their mast to break.

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