



FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Toscolano Maderno.....Wednesday, May 29, 2009.....The FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 begins Saturday, with warning signal at 1 pm. 35 crews are already registered and prepaid. A fairly important result for the Italian FUN class, headed by president Marco Radaelli, and for the Toscolano Maderno Sailing Club, whose president Alcide Morani is a longtime hard-core “funnista”. And he’s absolutely right to be, it seems, judging by his ability to bring together 35 Fun crews this year. Enormous efforts on the part of the entire National Fun Council (President Redaelli, Vice-President Giorgio Noleppi, Massimo “Cicio” Canali, Alberto Benedetti, Massimo Pardi and Paolo Tagliani), whose enthusiasm mobilized all of the Italian fleets (Garda, Lario, Trasimeno and Iseo) and also international (there will be 2 Fun crews from France, and another 2 from Germany!). Particular merit for the success of this event is due to Paolo, who is also Fun district manager for Lake Garda and its surrounding area.

Two years ago, the 2007 edition of the FUN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, held at Riva del Garda, was already considered a “win” with its 31 registered participants. Basically, with their continued hard work, shared enthusiasm and collaboration, the Toscolano Maderno Sailing Club and the Fun Class have not only maintained that number, but also managed to keep up the slow-but-steady growth of this Class.

The level of enthusiasm for this event is also demonstrated by the caliber of its participating competitors. At the top of the list Roberto Spata and Fabio Manzoni; followed by Gianni Torboli, Massimo “Cicio” Canali, Adriano Vitali, Marco Radaelli (President of the Italian Fun Class Association), Roberto Benedetti, Sara Poci, Giovanni Panzera and the brothers Goffredo and Alberto Azzi. Plenty of entertainment and relax planned to coincide with the event as well: Friday May 29th: opening aperitif at 7 pm at the Sailing Club; Saturday May 30th: outdoor grill on the beach in front of the Sailing Club; Sunday June 1st: dinner for Fun participants and Fun fans at the renowned Villa Pasini Restaurant (one of the national event’s numerous sponsors) in Puegnago del Garda.

Verification of measurements and weights will begin Friday May 29th (from 9 am until 7 pm) and continue into Saturday (from 8:30 am until 10 am). Briefing at 10:30 am, then: all 35 crews to the Lake! A total of 8 races will be held, with a limit of 3 per day. No warning signals will be given

after 4 pm on June 1st, nor after 4 pm on June 2nd, leaving the time open, if necessary, for any make-up races.

The Toscolano Maderno Sailing Club is dedicating much effort to partnering with the many journalists and photographers invited to this nationwide event, in order to capture the excitement of the FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 by image and video.

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Main Sponsor of the organizing sailing club is Sempla.it (www.sempla.it).

Beginning on May 29th, news updates, scores and rankings, and photos can be found on the websites www.cvtmaderno.com, www.classefun.it and www.fungarda.it.

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