



FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Toscolano Maderno ...Saturday, May 30, 2009...The Fun Class continues to amaze! This racing keelboat design, now over 20 years old, came about by way of the team-genius of Joubert & Nivel. One might think the Fun is getting old & forgotten. What a surprise to learn that, with northern Garda's waterspace celebrating the Asso 99 Italian Championship at Riva del Garda (11 crews sailing), and the J24 Italian Championship at Riva del Garda (28 crews competing) the "humble" Italian Fun Class event actually trumps the others, in terms of numbers, with its 34 boats on the starting line!

First day's competition, characterized by a southeasterly wind blowing at 6 – 7 miles-per-second, was packed with action and variety. Of the day's 3 races, first-place finishes were divided between three different boats: White Funk, Piccola Peste and Funtarei. In order to better comprehend the high level of technical skill expressed by the 2009 FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP's helmsmen, not to mention the cunning possessed by its strategists, let's take a look at the top 10 in today's overall rankings: Massimo "Cicio" Canali, helmsman of White Funk: in first position in the temporary overall scores, Adriano Vitali with his boat Cavalcastelle: in second; Roberto Benedetti with Piccola Peste (owner Sara Poci) in third. In fourth position: Fabio Mazzoni with Funtarei; Alberto Azzi, fifth, with Wanderful 3; Furfunte with Roberto Spata as strategist in sixth; Lucifero in seventh position with Gianni Torboli at the helm. Marco Radaelli in eighth place with his Dulcis in Fondo; 2008's outgoing champion boat, Sillage, in ninth position with Romano Dolciami at the helm; Giovanni Panzera in tenth position with his boat Somiachefun.

Tomorrow another 3 races with warning signal at 1 pm. All of the Italian fleets are involved in this 2009 event: 9 boats from Lario (northern Lake Como), 16 from Lake Garda, 1 from Lake Iseo (Funtasma – ITA 289 – Lozza Armanelli); 2 Fun from France and 1 German Fun.

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