



FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Toscolano Maderno.....Thursday, May 21st, 2009.....Only a week remaining until the FUN OPEN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 begins. Based on the fairly encouraging number of currently registered participants, C.V. Toscolano Maderno, the organizing sailing club, together with its FUN Class collaborators, are expecting a satisfying turnout. Up to today's count, there are about 25-28 boats enrolled, duplicating the success of the FUN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP organized at Riva del Garda last September. The level of enthusiasm for this event is demonstrated also by the caliber of its participants. At the top of the list: Roberto Spata and Fabio Mazzoni; followed by Gianni Torboli, Massimo "Cicio" Canali, Adriano Vitali, Marc Redaelli (President of the Italian FUN Class); Roberto Benedetti, Sara Poci, Giovanni Panzera and the Azzi brothers, Goffredo and Alberto. No doubt there will also be some last-minute surprise additions!

All of the national fleets are involved in collaborating towards the creation of a great event: from Garda's fleet, headed by Italian National Advisors Paolo Tagliani, Goffredo Azzi and Giorgio Noleppi; to the Lario fleet headed by Massimo "Cicio" Canali; to that of Trasimeno (recently under the direction of the talented Flavio Buonagurelli). Lastly, due to their dedicated efforts during the year 2008, the Funtasma crew of Marco Lozza and Stefania Armanelli will be present in Toscolano beginning Friday May 29th. The Funtasma is the first boat to represent this newborn Sebino fleet.

Meanwhile, on the international front, there will also be 2 crews from France and 2 crews from Germany participating: testimony to the growing enthusiasm for the FUN sailing class.

Sponsors of the event are Venturelli (www.venturelli-italia.it), Camping Belvedere (www.camping-belvedere.it), Villa Pasini (www.villapasini.it), Siderurgica Bresciana Spa (www.siderurgicabresciana.net), Terra e Mare.net (www.terraemare.net), Elettrica Paulistana (www.eletricapaulistana.com).

Main sponsor of the Toscolano Maderno Sailing Club is Sempla.it (www.sempla.it).

Beginning May 29th, press releases, scores and rankings, and photos will be posted on the websites www.cvtmaderno.com, www.classefun.it and www.fungarda.it.

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