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J24 World Championships 2018 and J24 Italian Open will take place at Fraglia Vela Riva, Garda Lake

Online the new site dedicated to the event, all useful news.

Riva del Garda. Works are going on to organize the J24 World Championship 2018 which will take place in the waters of Garda Lake from 24th to 31st August, in the same race course that from 30th May to 3rd June will also host the 38th Open J24 National Championship, an excellent opportunity to test the race course and the organization.

Exactly ten years after Cannigione, therefore, the prestigious event returns to Italy: a great satisfaction for the Italian Class and for all the J24 crews, which rewards the work and the efforts of these years.

Ten races are scheduled during which many talented crews will take part, not only attracted by the extraordinary race field, dominated by constant and sustained winds called "Peler" and "Ora", but also by the splendid scenery of Riva del Garda - which is located in the northern part of Garda Lake, the so-called Garda Trentino, in a narrow gorge near the Dolomites- and the renowned organizational skills of the Fraglia Vela Riva, one of the most prestigious sailing clubs in Italy.

The J24 is one of the most loved and popular Monotype Classes in the world with 50,000 sailors and over 5,000 boats in almost 40 countries, with a dynamic competitive activity both at Italian and International level.

"After the last November tour of the Club, the members of the World Council Meeting recognized the suitability of the structures and appreciated the professional competence of the Fraglia Vela Riva.- so explained the President of the Italian Class J24, Pietro Diamanti -Moreover it was decided that at the J24 World Championship 2018 the participation will be limited to 80 boats.

In the period between the National Open Championship and the J24 World Championship 2018 the boats on the carts can be left at the Circolo Vela Arco (info@circolovelarco.com) in a fenced yard. For more information, contact Matteo (+39 0464 505086) for a total cost of € 150.00. "

For better following the J24 World Championship 2018, for downloading the race announcement and useful information it was created a site entirely dedicated to the World (www.j24worlds2018.it) and a Facebook page (J/24 World Championship 2018), which will be joined by the sites of the Fraglia della Vela Riva (www.fragliavelariva.it) and the Italian J24 (www.j24.it).

The Italian Fleet, as host nation, has the right to have, besides the 24 pre-selected boats, other boats for the 2017 Italian champion, for a female crew and for an Under 25, and two boats choosed by the Italian Class. The Italian crews selected up to now are the Marina Militare with Bonanno Ignazio as national champion 2017, the shipowners Pietro Diamanti, Massimo Frigerio, Marco Stefanoni with the helmsman Francesco Bertone, Fabio De Rossi, Massimo Mariotti with Francesco Cruciani, Eugenia De Giacomo, Ruggero Spreafico, Roberta Banfo with Luca Macchiarini, Fabio Apollonio, Gianni Riccobono, Paolo Rinaldi, Vincenzo Mercuri with Angelo Crepoli, the CV Arzachena with Aurelio Bini, Mariolino Di Fraia, LN Olbia with Marco Frulio, Mauro Benfatto with Fabio Mazzoni, Roberto Dessy with Davide Schintu, Francesca Focardi with Dario Luciani, Luca Gaglione, Massimo Ruggiero with Giuseppe Miglietta, Francesco Mastropiero with Tony Mancina and Sandro Negro. To complete the Italian J24 Class Fleet will be the Andrea Fronti women's team and Matteo Bertolotti's Under 25 team. The Council of the Class has also decided to assign one of the two wild cards to Giuliano Catarozzi, while the second one will be made available to the host club for one of its members. The other two places, still to be assigned, will be awarded according to the ranking of the first stage of the 2018 National Circuit, namely the Gulf Anzio and Neptune Trophy.

After the Winter Championships which have hardly engaged our Fleets in numerous racing fields, it is restarting the 2018 National Circuit. It is divided into eight rounds from April to early December, and will assign as usual the J24 Trophy to the best Skipper/Shipowner and the Perpetual Challenge Trophy Francesco Ciccolo. Also this year will be the waters in front of Anzio-Nettuno to host the opening stage, the Anzio and Nettuno Trophy, which will be organized from 6th to 8th April by the Yacht Club Nettuno. After the opening round has been archived, the National Circuit will continue with the National Regatta organized from April 30th to May 1st by the Italian Navy League section of Livorno within the "International Sailing Academy and City of Livorno 2018 Sailing Week". Soon after, the attention of all Italian and foreign crews will certainly be turned to one of the most anticipated events of the season: the National Open Championship. The fourth stage of the National Circuit J24 is a pleasant reconfirmation: on September 29th and 30th, again on Garda Lake, the traditional Italian Cup will be held by the Circolo Nautico Brenzone. We will continue with the National Regatta at the Amici della Vela Sailing Club in the waters of Cervia on October 13th and 14th. For the sixth run, however, the J24 fleet will move to Marina di Carrara where, on 27th and 28th October, the local Club Nautico Marina di Carrara will organize the National Regatta. Also the seventh stage is a novelty: the trip to the beautiful Golfo Aranci where on 10th and 11th November, the Olbia Section of the Italian Navy League will host the National Regatta. The 2018 Circuit will end with the Pugliese reconfirmation of the National Regatta in the welcoming harbor of Mar Grande proposed on December 1st and 2nd by the Sailing Club Ondabuena Academy of Taranto.

"The J24 Class represents a piece of the Sail History and proves to be always very lively and widespread throughout the world - commented the President of Fraglia Vela Riva, Giancarlo Mirandola - after hosting the National Championships in Riva del

Garda in 1999 and in 2009 it is really an honor to be able to organize the World Cup and the National Championship in the same year. "

Official technical sponsor of the J24 World Championship 2018, will be Alce Nero, the brand of over one thousand farmers and organic beekeepers active since the 70s in Italy and worldwide. They will provide all the teams with special food boxes for the whole period of the event. Over 300 references by Alce Nero are available in 30 Countries (Europe, Asia, America) and online at: www.alcenero.com

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