

Hi All

Keith Gordon and I had a very full day in Genova this week with the aim of making contact with the organising yacht club for our 2019 Worlds which will take place between the 12th and 18th October. Elena Polo and Nicole David from the Italian NCA joined us there and we enjoyed a very good reception from the organising committee and came away very enthusiastic for the event.

The Yacht Club Italiano is the most prestigious yacht club in Italy and the clubhouse and facilities are fabulous. All very professional and they have huge backing from the Genova Commune who are providing fifty percent of the large budget to stage the event. Genova itself is a very old city and the beautiful Ligurian countryside gives great opportunities for exploration during the event for sailors and supporters. The marina and yacht club are central to the city.

Our 'Worlds Village' is a short way from the yacht club premises and is housed inside the huge exhibition centre that is alongside the marina where our boats will be berthed. Berthing will be against fingers coming off the floating dock that is anchored to the marina side so is very stable. Along this huge length there is capacity for over 100 2.4s with any disabled sailor being moored side on to the stable floating dock and there will be personal hoist possibilities for any sailor requiring it.

Every part of the 'Village' is fully accessible with smooth concrete over the outside area and lifts within the building for access to separate rooms for secretariat, jury, race officials plus a room with chairs and tables for our AGM on the Sunday.

The club is very aware of our measurement needs and will be allocating eleven people to perform this from the Saturday to Monday. This measurement process will be very efficiently performed and will allow quick and hassle free launching of the boats within the measurement timeframe.

There are huge concrete areas for parking of vehicles and trailers which will be open from the 11th October, Friday but before that may coincide with the Genova Boat Show breakdown so arrival before that date will not be possible.

Part of this area and very close to the main Village building has a high canopy under which motorhomes can be stationed and the cost of this will only be to cover electricity and water provision payable onsite.

Within the 'Village' will be toilets and shower facilities.

The club have rescue ribs allocated as one rib per ten boats and this will be done in conjunction with the waterborne Red Cross. There is provision with the coastguard to signal a disaster scenario at any point with possible helicopter evacuation.

The yacht club have a very long and renowned history of staging international events and the Olympic qualification event in April there is a good example of this.

Luigi Monaco who is running the technical side, NOR, SIs etc, is also acting as race officer. He has forty years experience of race organising so we can be sure of good racing.

There will be food availability in the 'Village' during the whole event and there will be pasta offered within the entry fee at the end of sailing each day together with prizes for the winners of each days racing.

The Friday dinner and prizegiving will take place in the beautiful yacht club with 140 years of history attaching.

Entry fee has been set at 350 euros and coach boats at 130 euros. These will include all

social events and the Worlds polo shirt. Additional supporters may be included in the social events at 60 euros

There is an initial notice on <https://www.yachtclubitaliano.it/.../campionato-del-mondo-cla...>

Very shortly the NOR will be issued online on the yacht club website and this will make entry possible with payment taken either by bank transfer, card or Paypal. Please make sure your entry is made as soon as possible as organisation is dependent on knowing sailor and supporter numbers early in the process.

There will be an opening ceremony including the hoisting of country flags and we will be asking NCAs to provide their country flag.

There is about a half hour sail to the racing area which is outside any commercial shipping areas and accords the possibility to be viewed from the main promenade as a spectacle for the city. There is also a possibility that a boat will be provided to take spectators on the water.

We have ten races planned plus the practice race from the Monday through to the Friday and we can be sure of a worthy world champion once again.

All in all it seems to me that we will have a fantastic event and we will continue to liaise with the club over the coming months to assure success.

Any comments please come back to me.

This is a World Championship not to miss.

Best wishes

Steve

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