

Italian Coastal Rowing Press Release June 5, 2008



A great season of Coastal Rowing started in Italy the first weekend of June and it will end in October with the World Rowing Coastal Championships for Clubs in Sanremo. Three great promotional events took place in Bari, Bellagio and, of course, Sanremo.

We had a very interesting Rowing&Travel tour all over the coast of our sunny "Riviera dei Fiori" in **Sanremo**, on board of five coastal rowing boats 4x+. These will be the official boats of the World Coastal Rowing Championships next October 18, 2008. 25 rowing tourists from Olona Rowing Club - Milano, led by Sergio Passetti, rowed for 3 days along our coast from Santo Stefano al Mare to Bordighera. The logistics base was on a nice sandy shore near the Sanremo Rowing Club with a special guest: the Amerigo Vespucci, flagship of our Navy.
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On Sunday, June 1st, **Bari** hosted a very important event for Italian rowing: the 1st **Levante's Trophy**, a coastal rowing race in the marvellous seafront of Bari, (foto Bari). Nine crews, two races for two different categories, "senior" and "master", passers-by and fans enjoying the sunny day on the Adriatic sea lightly ruffled by the wind. This particular kind of rowing, practised into the open sea, could be a great opportunity for a region like Puglia, without natural basins. The success of this

event, won by LNI Brindisi's and CUS Bari's team, has eventually proved it. www.ficpuugia.it

Bellagio, Lake of Como, is a place where it's not difficult to find a rowing world champion while you are walking in one of the most admired and fashionable area of the world. The Unione Sportiva Bellagina (1) celebrated 100 Years since its foundation with The Centenary Regatta. More than 140 athletes took part on Monday, June 2nd, at the regattas on Coastal Rowing (4x+) boats, Jole 4+, typical Lariana boats (4x+) and the Lucia boats (foto Bellagio). Several tourists and cultural events (such as the Centenary Parade, the historical photographic exhibition, free tour of museums and villas) made very interesting and funny to participate for the family of the rowers, too. A very good way to enjoy rowing! www.canottaggioolombardia.it



(1) In the last 22 Years more than 6 Bellagio's citizens have won a world championships regatta. Starting from Igor Pesciulli and Alberto Belgeri in 1986 (double scull heavyweight) through Enrico Gandola in 1987 and 1988 (double scull lightweight) and Franco Sancassani in 1996/1997/1998/1999/2004 (quadruple scull lw) 2006 (eight lw) and Elisabetta Sancassani in 2005 (double scull u23) finishing with Daniele Gilardoni 1999/2001/2002/2003/ 2004/2005/ 2006/2007 (quadruple scull lw) www.danielegilardoni.com .

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