

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA CANOTTAGGIO

COASTAL ROWING DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

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PRESS RELEASE June 2, 2008 : Coastal Rowing sets sail in June !!

Summer is at the door and, after three years of progressive increase in popularity, Coastal Rowing in Italy is starting its most important season in this Olympic period. The culmination of the season will be in Sanremo the 17-19 of October with the FISA World Championships for Clubs, the first worlds assigned by FISA to Italy after the unforgettable World Championships held in Milan in 2003.



Coastal Rowing was born on the sunny beaches of the Cote d'Azur between Marseille and Monaco, where Prince Albert and his family participate, and then expanded into the tempestuous seas of the French Atlantic, until its adoption by FISA as an international open-water category with the hopes of seeing it grow to a worldwide (even Olympic) class after the Worlds held in Cannes ('07), Sanremo ('08) and Plymouth ('09).

Waves three metres high. Force 5 seas, and gusts of wind up to 80 km/h are the outer limits of caution required by this sport, where watertight, self-bailing boats derived from sailboat hulls nonetheless maintain correct rowing technique, rigging, and requirements of stamina. The boats, at 1, 2 or 4 seats with cox, are built to be put to sea directly from the beach or gravel shore and to easily find harbour in sheltered coves should the need arise. This class of rowing allows for highly competitive senior racing but also amatorial, tourism-based, and masters rowing, along the coasts and lakes of Europe.

In June the races began right away with a total of three events during the long "Holiday of the Italian Republic" weekend:

June 1st – Levante Trophy in Bari

June 2nd- Bellagio Rowing Club's Centenary Regatta

And for the first time in Italy's rowing world: Rowing&Tourism in Sanremo from the 31st May to the 2nd June.



The two regattas in Puglia organized by the regional rowing president Triggiani and the one on Lake Como by the former champion Enrico Gandola received enthusiasm and participants from all over Italy.

A great beginning to the season!

In Sanremo the 25 rowing-tourists with 5 4x+ coastal rowing shells visited the shores of the "Riviera dei Fiori", rowing between La Mortola and San Lorenzo

New Marina and met the arrival of the beautiful tall ship "Amerigo Vespucci" as it came into the harbour of Sanremo.

"Rowing&Tourism in Sanremo marks the beginning of a new way to enjoy rowing and the sea, open to all, novices and experts – say Renato Alberti, a local lawyer and VP of the National Rowing Federation – and in particular the Riviera dei Fiori, which boasts the soon-to-be-completed 24 km cycle path and the 20 nautical mile sea path which connects the harbours of Ventimiglia, Bordighera, Ospedaletti, Portosole, Aregai, San Lorenzo and Imperia.

"The challenge and the goal is tie rowing, environmentally-friendly activity *par excellence*, to the development of the "Highway of the Seas" project and to the increment along the coasts of Italy of non-commercial motor- and sailboat harbours and activities.

The next appointments on the Coastal Rowing Calendar in June, in order of increasing competitiveness:

June 8th – Amalfi - Historical Maritime Republics Regatta

June 8th – The Istria Rowing Tour

June 16th – Regatta in “Sciù Mà”, Genova Maritime Expo

June 19th to 26th – Raid Genova – Rome

June 19th – 21st – Raid Genova – Giraglia (Cape Corse) – Portofino

To find out more about Coastal Rowing or these events, for participants and spectators, follow the below links:

Renato Alberti

Coastal Rowing links for Italy:

Official Italian Rowing Federation page (with many photos available for download):

<http://www.canottaggio.org/coastal/coastal.html>

FISA's World Coastal Rowing Challenge page:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=35085>

Website for the Sanremo Rowing club with links to coastal rowing videos on YouTube:

www.canottierisanremo.com

Program of the Rowing&Tourism events in Saremo with boat rent & accommodations:

http://www.canottaggio.org/coastal/2008/Remo&turismo%20a%20Sanremo_Campus%20Olona%202008.pdf

italian version, next time in English, Deuchland & Franch version on www.canottierisanremo.com

Raid Genova Roma:

http://www.canottaggio.org/coastal/2008/raid_GE-RO/Regolamento%20di%20Partecipazione.pdf

<http://raid.informare.it/ProgettoRisorse.htm>

Raid Genova Corsica:

<http://www.canottaggio.org/coastal/2008/I%20Traversata%20Genova%20Giraglia%20Portofino%2027.5.2008.pdf>

Beautiful photos of Coastal Rowing taken during the Prince Albert Challenge in Montecarlo (Monaco):

<http://www.aviron-monaco.com>

Regatta results 1st & 2nd June on

www.canottaggio.org

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