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The Viareggio Bastia Viareggio - Angelo Moratti 2023 Trophy gets closer.

The 2023 edition of the eco-sustainable and plastic-free regatta organized by the Club Nautico Versilia in collaboration with Navigo will take place from 5 to 8 July.

Protagonists of the classic route, safeguarding the ecosystem of the stretch of sea involved, will be the Maxi Yachts and the Class A sailing boats of the new regulation Altura della Fiv.

Viareggio. After last year's 0th edition, the **Viareggio Bastia Viareggio -Angelo Moratti Trophy Trophy** is about to return to Club Nautico Versilia and promises to be increasingly interesting and engaging.

The **eco-sustainable and plastic-free regatta** will be organized **from 5 to 8 July**, under the aegis of the Italian Sailing Federation, by the Club Nautico Versilia with the precious collaboration of Navigo, the Municipality of Viareggio, iCare and U.V.A.I., the patronage of the Province of Lucca and the support of the Viareggio Port Authority.

In this **2023 edition**, on the traditional route **between Versilia and Corsica** - route of the epic VBV, the international offshore tender of Motonautica born in July 1962 a few years after the foundation of the Viareggio association - in full respect of the ecosystem of the stretch of sea involved, in addition to the spectacular **Maxi Yachts**, the **Class A sailing boats of the new regulation Altura della Fiv** (depending on the rating, from 40' to 60') will compete for the Trophy won last year by the GS 56C Paolisissima ridden by Luca and Paola Poli and try to beat the **record of the Maxi 100 Arca SGR** which, helmed by the Trieste skipper Furio Benussi with the Fast and Furio Sailing Team, had crossed the finish line first in Viareggio conquering the line honors after 22 hours 52 minutes and 53 seconds and a little more than 150 miles travelled.

In addition to the historic **Angelo Moratti Trophy** to the winner and the **Straulino Trophy** donated by the honorary President of CNV Roberto Righi for the record holder, numerous **special awards** are expected this year too, including the "City of Viareggio", the "Fideuram", "Comune di Viareggio", "Club Nautico Versilia", and Marevivo Onlus Toscana and Marevivo Sailing Division.

Thanks to the engaging program of side events, the **VBV 2023** will not only be a great moment of sport but also an unmissable appointment with the glamorous activities that will catalyze the attention and interest of professionals, enthusiasts, tourists and the public. Furthermore, the Regatta Village and the Hospitality Area, with the presence of sponsors and industry personalities, meetings on sustainability and technological development in the nautical world and beyond, activities of entertainment for all four days and evenings of the event. It will be a space open to the City and to the tourists who will have the opportunity to approach the world of high-end sailing, also admiring avant-garde boats of yacht design and shipbuilding, led by internationally renowned sailors.

The **Official Main Sponsor** of the event will still be **Fideuram Private Banker** - which has confirmed its support as well as the **public main sponsor iCare, the Viareggio Porto 2020, Navigo and the Marevivo Onlus Association** - but this time it will be joined by **Axa Insurance**, a pleasant and welcome novelty of this edition. The full collaboration with the **Municipal Administration of Viareggio** also continues, reaffirming the attention towards the promotion of Sport and the revitalization of the Versilia town. Last year's supporters will also be protagonists, including CapitaLink, Navalmar Uk Ltd, Omnis Tlc, Grand Hotel Principe di Piemonte, Yacht Broker, Class, Jaguar Dream Land, Land Rover SunCar, PcUp, Porto Lotti, La Orange, Blu, Galliano, Quantum Sails, Millenium and Vannucci Piante.

The program of the **VVB-Trofeo Angelo Moratti 2023**, the updates, the protagonists, the most significant images and useful information to participate in the most awaited event of summer 2023 can be followed on the websites www.vbvrace.it and www.clubnauticoversilia.it and on the social pages -Facebook and Instagram- dedicated to the VBV-Trofeo Angelo Moratti 2023 and to the Club Nautico Versilia.

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The name and path.

Viareggio-Bastia-Viareggio immediately evokes what for thirty years has been the most coveted Trophy for all Motorboaters: in 1992, in what was then its last edition, as also mentioned by the historian of the Club Nautico Versilia, Pio Zerbinati, the Angelo Moratti Trophy was instituted, valid for the Offshore World Cup and assigned to the Achilli crew Motor who completed the race course in the shortest time. Since its first edition, the route has always included the crossing of the Tyrrhenian Sea between Viareggio and Bastia, the main port of eastern Corsica, but now this classic route would cross the Sanctuary of the Cetaceans, born in 1999 thanks to an international treaty between France (French Riviera and Corsica), the Principality of Monaco and Italy (Liguria, Tuscany and northern Sardinia), compromising the ecosystem of the stretch of sea involved. And it is from the full respect for the sea that last year, 60 years after the first edition and 30 after the last Powerboating offshore race, we wanted to start again, reserving however the event in the world of sailing.

The idea.

The idea of reliving the legendary VBV came last year to a group of friends linked by the same passion for the sea, sailing and Viareggio: Filippo Terzani and the two owners of the maxiyacht MOMI 80, Nicola Minardi de Michetti and Angelomario Moratti, nephew of Angel. To give this prestigious regatta a new and unprecedented eco-sustainable identity, the three friends and the Club Nautico Versilia have immediately thought of the world of sailing making the Regatta PlasticFree.

The Zero edition: winners and events 2022.

It was the Grand Soleil 56C Paolissima sailed by Luca and Paola Poli that won the VBV IRC and ORC categories Angelo Moratti Trophy 2022. In the IRC ranking, the bearer of the Paolissima organizing club had preceded the maxiyacht Momi 80 rigged by Nicola Minardi de Michetti (helmsman) and Angelomario Moratti (second also in ORC) and the Davidson70 Pendragon VI armed and helmed by Nicola Paoleschi from Viareggio who, in real time, had managed to get just ten minutes from the maxi 100 Arca SGR helmed by the Trieste skipper Furio Benussi with the Fast and Furio Sailing Team which, after 22 hours 52 minutes and 53 seconds and just over 150 miles covered, he had crossed the finish line first in Viareggio, winning the line honors and the first reference record of the regatta.

The Regatta Committee was chaired by Riccardo Incerti Vecchi assisted by Alessandra Virdis, Beatrice Bolletti, Stefano Giusti, Silvio dell'Innocenti and Matteo Chimenti (Protest Committee).

The awards ceremony held during the gala dinner with the delivery of the coveted Trophies (the historic Angelo Moratti Trophy to the winner and the Straulino Trophy donated by the CNV Honorary President Roberto Righi for the record holder) and special prizes including the "Città di Viareggio" presented to Carlo Borlenghi "for his contribution to the dissemination of the sport of sailing through his images", the "Fideuram Award for technological innovation in the development of the Flying Nikka project" went to Roberto Lacorte, the special Prize of the Municipality of Viareggio at the commander Beppe Balducci and those of the Club Nautico Versilia to the Moratti family and the Commander of the Port Authority of Viareggio Alessandro Russian. The photographic contest organized by Marevivo Onlus Toscana and Marevivo Divisione Vela for the best photograph of a marine species taken during the sailing crossing it had instead gone to the crew of the Momi 80 awarded by Carlo Borlenghi. Success also for the collateral events organized in the hospitality area set up in front of the Club Nautico Versilia: the conference on sustainability and the presentation of the book "Big Mama, the Mother of all Waves" created by La Stampa journalist Fabio Pozzo and by the surfer Hugo Vau who rode a 35m wave in Nazarè.

