**Venice Boat Show 2021**

**The Art of Shipbuilding returns to the Arsenale**

**from May 29th to June 6th 2021**

Venice is getting ready for the new edition of its Boat Show, with the announcement of the dates for 2021 by the Mayor of the lagoon city *Luigi Brugnaro*. From May 29 to June 6, with the novelty of the articulation in two weekends, the Venice Boat Show, entered in the group of events dedicated to boating, will animate the old Arsenal bringing the excellence of Italian and international boating to the city. It will be an opportunity to experience first-hand the industrial and artisan skills of the best lagoon shipyards and restart the nautical sector.

"*The novelty of the next edition will be the presence of a section dedicated to sailing boats, and of the particular focus, already anticipated in the 2019 edition, on the theme of hybrid, electric and innovative engines, starting from Venice and its lagoon the challenge for sustainability* - explains Brugnaro - *The 2021 edition confirms its setting as an event with a transversal approach to boating and a strong cultural vocation, as the place that welcomes it deserves: the Arsenale of Venice, a symbol of the military power of the Serenissima and heart of its shipbuilding industry. An appointment that is part of the rich calendar of celebrations for the 1,600th anniversary of the foundation of Venice*".

An incomparable historical context, in the heart of Venice, consisting of a water basin of 50,000 square meters, and fully restored ancient pavilions, spaces characterized by Istrian stone columns and large and bright vaults, for a total surface area of over 10,000 meters with new spaces recovered by the Municipality.

Not only the display of the best of boating, therefore, but also the culture of the sea in a broad sense. Venice will bring together experts and enthusiasts of the sector to discuss issues related to all aspects of navigation: from the environment to sustainability, to yacht design, accompanied by exhibitions on the themes of boating, the sea and transport.

Designers and planners will also be present in 2021 with the second edition of the international competition for the selection of studies and projects of sustainable boats, promoted by the Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia, the Municipality and Vela spa in collaboration with the main local bodies and institutions.

Finally, there will be entertainment activities for adults and children to make the Venice Boat Show also a great happening for citizens and visitors which, in 2019, brought over 27,000 attendees in 5 days of the event.

In the coming months, the infrastructure works of the Venice Arsenale will continue and particular attention will be paid to the reorganization of the activities with a calendar of collateral initiatives, approaching events to guarantee companies, operators and the public an edition that lives up to the name of Venice and which represents an opportunity for the entire nautical supply chain.

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