

GARGNANO-TOSCOLANO/MADERNO LAKE GARDA-ITALY

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Anybody knows if the catamaran Tornado will celebrate the participation in the London Olympic Games on lake Garda? The decision will be taken in August, a couple of weeks before the World Championship 2009, which will be raced at the beginning of September, into the waters surrounding the villages of Gargnano and Toscolano-Maderno. Nevertheless it will be the return of a great sport event along the shores of the Riviera dei Limoni, the Lombardy side of Benaco.

The last World Championship in this area took place in Gargnano during the 2002, an event reserved to the Federation of blind sailors "Blind Sailing International", while we should go back to 1985 to find an Olympic class with the World Flying Dutchman. On this occasion more than 50 crews will participate in the event. It will be co-organized by two Sailing Clubs :Circolo Vela Gargnano and Circolo Vela Toscolano Maderno, who will give hospitality to the competitors. The same crews will have the opportunity to participate in the 50th edition of the Gorla Trophy (30 August) and 59th Centomiglia-MultiCento (5-6 September). The first Tornado appearance in Italy has been 40 years ago when it won the Centomiglia del Garda in 1969 with the crew composed by Fabio Albarelli, from Torri del Benaco, (bronze at the Mexico Olympics in 1968 with the single Finn) and Gianfranco Oradini, from Arco (who was with Albarelli at the Olympic Games in Canada in 1976). This race is related to another skipper, from the near Lake Iseo, Giorgio Zuccoli, who took part in the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988 with the Tuscan Luca Santella, and in Barcelona in 1992 with Angelo Glisoni. The crew Zuccoli-Glisoni won the world title in Cagliari in 1991. The World race has, right now, the support of the Council of the Regione Lombardia, the Province of Brescia, the Riviera dei Limoni, the Municipality of Toscolano-Maderno. Among the partners there are already "GreenComm Challenge" Lake Garda challenge for America's Cup, "Aria" wi max in Italy", the griffe "Marina Yachting", "Green Wave" technology district Lombard co sponsored by "Wave Group".