

Success for Fidelity: German sailing boat wins ADAC Trophy at the Barcolana 56 again

Trieste, Italy / Munich, Germany, December 3, 2024 – Fidelity, the sailing boat from Ultrasail UG, as the first German boat to cross the finish line at the Barcolana 56, secured victory for the second time of the prestigious ADAC Trophy. This year, the traditional Barcolana event, the world's largest sailing regatta organized in Trieste once a year, took place in ideal weather conditions on the Adriatic Sea. The Fidelity, a stylish maxi class sailing boat, beat more than 1,500 other sailing boats from international owners and, above all, left all other German competitors behind. With 131st place in the overall ranking of over 1,700 registered boats, this was a real success. The ADAC Trophy was handed over by Piero Zecchini in a festive ceremony in Trieste on 1 December 2024.



The Barcolana, which takes place every year on the second Sunday in October, is not only a festival for sailing enthusiasts, but is also considered the largest sailing regatta in the world. Thousands of sailors, professionals and amateurs of various boat classes and nationalities, meet in the bay off Trieste to choose the best in their field in a spectacular competition on the Adriatic.

The ADAC Trophy, a special prize that has been awarded as part of the Barcolana since 2019, recognises the fastest German boat to the finish line and is intended to strengthen the international commitment of German sailors. The winner's trophy is a sea-blue cup, which is awarded as a 'challenge cup' every year. For the second time, Dr. Oliver Giebler, skipper and one of the managing directors of Ultrasail, received the cup from Piero Zecchini, Direttore Evento Barcolana, in the award ceremony for Barcolana 56.



“To have won the ADAC Trophy again after 2021 is a great moment – not just for me as skipper, but for the whole crew. Sailing is a team sport and never stands for the performance of individuals, but always for whether a team works,” says Oliver Giebler. “That's exactly what we stimulate in a playful way throughout the year in our team-building trainings on the Fidelity – passion, goal-orientation and teamwork.”



His business partner Wolfgang Kirschner is also delighted with the success: “The Barcolana is a unique competition that makes every sailor's heart beat faster. We are proud that our Fidelity was part of the fastest seven per cent of all the boats that started. Fidelity, a ketch from a British shipyard that we completely refitted a few years ago, is an elegant beauty that is perfect for team events and sailing trips with friends lasting several

days, but is rather the opposite of a racing boat.”

By winning the ADAC Trophy 2024, the Fidelity is an example of German sailing, but also of the cross-border sporting spirit and harmonious coexistence that makes the ‘three-country region’ in the north-east of Italy so attractive.

About Ultrasail:

Ultrasail UG, a company based in the greater Munich area, offers sailing charter trips and team-building training on the two-masted Fidelity sailing yacht. The two managing directors, Dr. Oliver Giebler and Wolfgang Kirschner, are extremely experienced sailors who have succeeded in bringing out and reinterpreting the classic maritime charm of the Fidelity during its core refurbishment. A proven team of experienced skippers is ready to take the Fidelity, which has its home port in the Bay of Trieste, out on team-building events or charter trips.

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