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Imperia Winter Regatta 2006

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A Perfect Final Day

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The ISAF Grade 3 Imperia Winter Regatta wrapped over the weekend with the 470, 420 and L'Equipe fleets completing their three days of racing.

'A perfect day for sailing!' the Jury chairman, Wolfgang STENZ, (GER) said at the end of the last day of Imperia Winter Regatta 2006 yesterday.



After the bad weather today was a bright sunshine day and an Easterly wind started to blow early in the morning up to 19/20 knots allowing to complete the program: at the end of the day some more four races had been sailed.

All the best internationally ranked teams held onto the leadership of the 470 fleets. In the male division, Gabrio ZANDONÁ and Andrea TRANI (ITA) were the winners of three of the six races winning and topped the overall leaderboard ahead of two other Italian teams, DUBBINI brothers, second and Francesco BERTONE and Simone MALAGUGINI, third.

In 470 female division the winner was again an Italian team, Giulia CONTI and Giovanna MICOL three times as well first across the finishing line: se won as well the overall results ahead of a fleet of 54 boats. They were followed by two Finnish crews, Maria SAARIKALLIO and Jasmine LEHTONEN in second place and Hanna SAARI and Mikaela WULFF in third.

Of the 86 boats in the 420 fleet, victory again went to an Italian crew in the open division. Mancinelli SCOTTI and Lorenzo DE FELICE won the overall ahead of Hans-Christian HASSELMANN and Moritez ROJEK (GER), second, and Robin CNUDDLE and KERHASCOET (FRA) third.

Nina KEIJZER and Annaloes VAN VEEN (NED) finished in the first position in 420 female division followed by Lina LUTZ and Lisa FRISCH (GER) second and Chiara ZIGLIOLI and Maura PRIVILEGGIO (ITA) third.

The 2006 Imperia Winter Regatta has been perfectly directed by the International Jury with Wolfgang STENZ (GER) chairman, Nino SCHMUELI (ISR), Erich MICHEL (AUT), Founette PAUTHIER (FRA) and Giorgio FORNACIARI (ITA).

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Motoplanet, area store of DUCATI, the company established in 1926 and producing sport motorbikes featuring powerful 'desmodromics' engines, innovative design and vanguard technology will be present at IWR with brand new model 1098 from 8th to 10th December exhibit on the area where the boats will be parked ashore, on the harbour.

The IWR event has the contribution of the Sport, Tourism and Events Council of the town, the patronage of the local governments and the cooperation of the Coast Guard, Imperia Mare (tourist harbour of Imperia), and LNI Imperia.

Technical sponsors of the event are Outreach Communication, Business Design, ICS (Internet Communication Solutions), Ingemar, North Sails Italia.

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