

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MELGES 24 GENOVA 2029



YACHT CLUB ITALIANO



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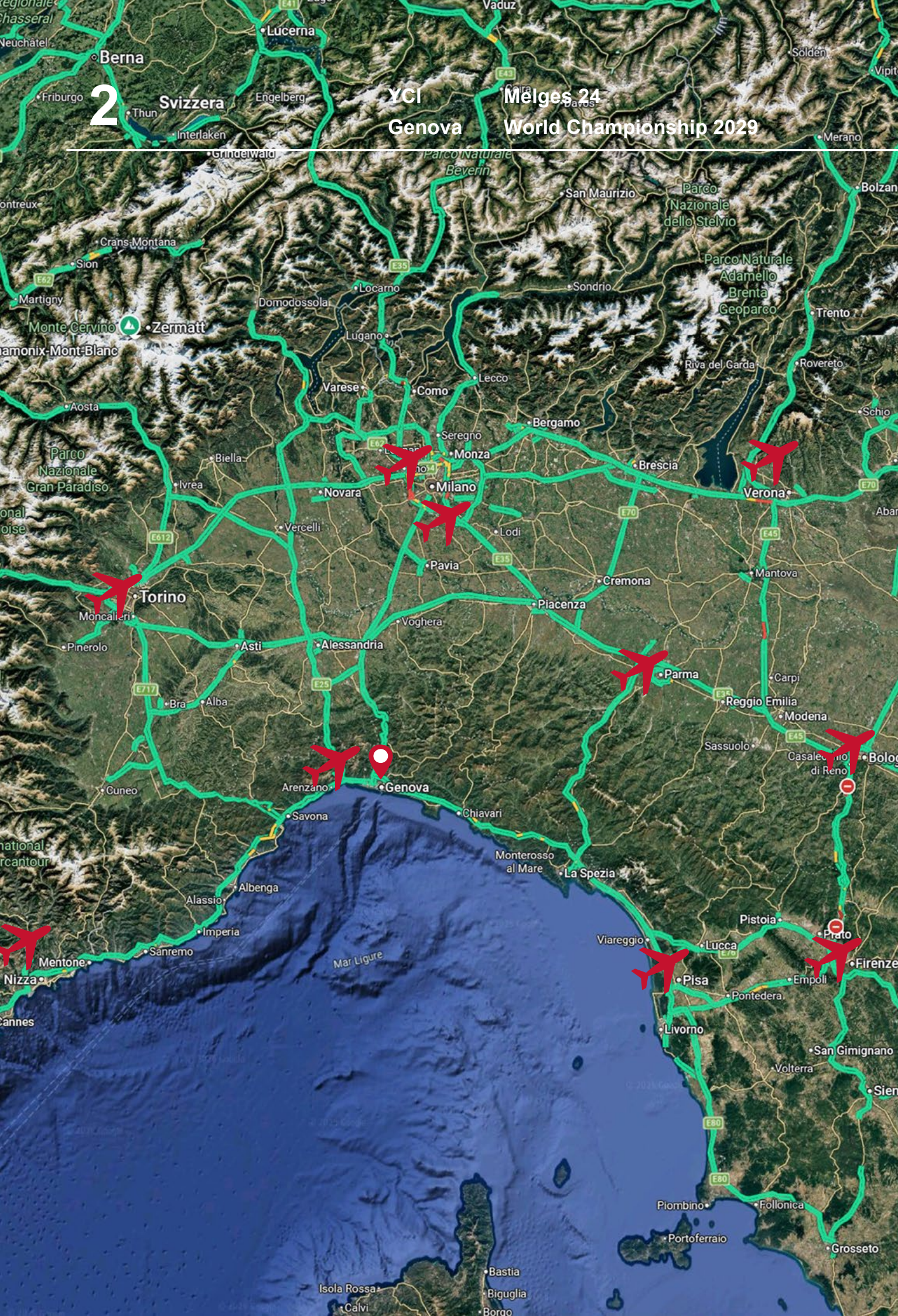
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Racing in Genova

Among the experiences a sailor should not miss is racing in Genova, and especially at Yacht Club Italiano, a club that has shaped the history of international sailing. The opportunity for all Melges 24 teams to compete in the 2029 World Championship at YCI is rare and unmissable. Genova's central position in the Mediterranean, its efficient motorway network, and the presence of several nearby international airports make it an ideal venue for a major sailing event. Its proximity to the French border further encourages strong participation from across Western Europe, supporting the return of many sailors to one of the most successful one design classes ever.

The city's commercial port, connected worldwide, also facilitates logistics for overseas teams. By scheduling the event in October, crews can refine their preparation throughout the regular racing season, making the World Championship the pinnacle of the year's competitive activity. Genova offers an appealing destination not only for competitors but also for their families, who can enjoy history, tradition, and a cuisine that has won global acclaim. Setting a course for Genova is the only imperative, the promise of an unforgettable experience is guaranteed.





Easy to reach

GROUND

Accessible via highways and railways from multiple directions.

SEA

Terminal port connecting with global destinations.

AIR

Several airports within 2 hours by car.

AIRPORTS

Distance to YCI

GENOVA	9 km
MILANO LINATE	156 km
PISA	157 km
BERGAMO	202 km
NICE - FRANCE	203 km
MILANO MALPENSA	204 km
PARMA	207 km
TORINO	208 km
FIRENZE	221 km
VERONA	283 km
BOLOGNA	289 km



Genova

Genova is a city with a deep maritime soul, shaped by centuries of history dating back to the 5th century BC, when it emerged as a powerful Maritime Republic. Today, it is one of Italy's main ports and an increasingly popular tourist destination, welcoming over two million overnight stays each year. Its unique charm lies in the close relationship between the city and the sea: panoramic terraces, historic buildings, seaside villages, dramatic cliffs, and the lively Porto Antico create ever-changing views, while hidden passages in the historic center lead to unexpected glimpses of the coastline and quiet corners of beauty just minutes away.

Covering 113 hectares, Genova's historic center, one of the largest medieval old towns in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a fascinating maze of narrow caruggi that open onto small squares once dominated by noble palaces and churches. Here, cultures, traditions, scents, and flavors have blended for centuries, preserving the authentic and vibrant spirit of the city.



Genova surroundings

There are many things to see and experience in the neighborhoods of Genova: medieval villages, historic parks, and scenic mountain trekking routes overlooking the sea. Just a short distance away, you can discover stunning coastal destinations such as Santa Margherita Ligure, Camogli, and the breathtaking Cinque Terre.

In Portofino you will find the YCI Summer Club House, set in a privileged location with sweeping views over the iconic fishing village and its picturesque harbor.

From the many small ports along the coast, you can set sail toward the Pelagos Sanctuary, a protected marine area where whales and dolphins live freely. Here, these magnificent sea mammals are safeguarded and respected within their natural habitat, offering a truly unforgettable experience at sea.



Genova Hospitality

Convention Bureau Genova will coordinate accommodation for all participants. It will support the event and warmly welcome sailors and guests, offering them the opportunity to discover Genoa's civic museums, historic buildings, the Aquarium of Genova, and many other local attractions.



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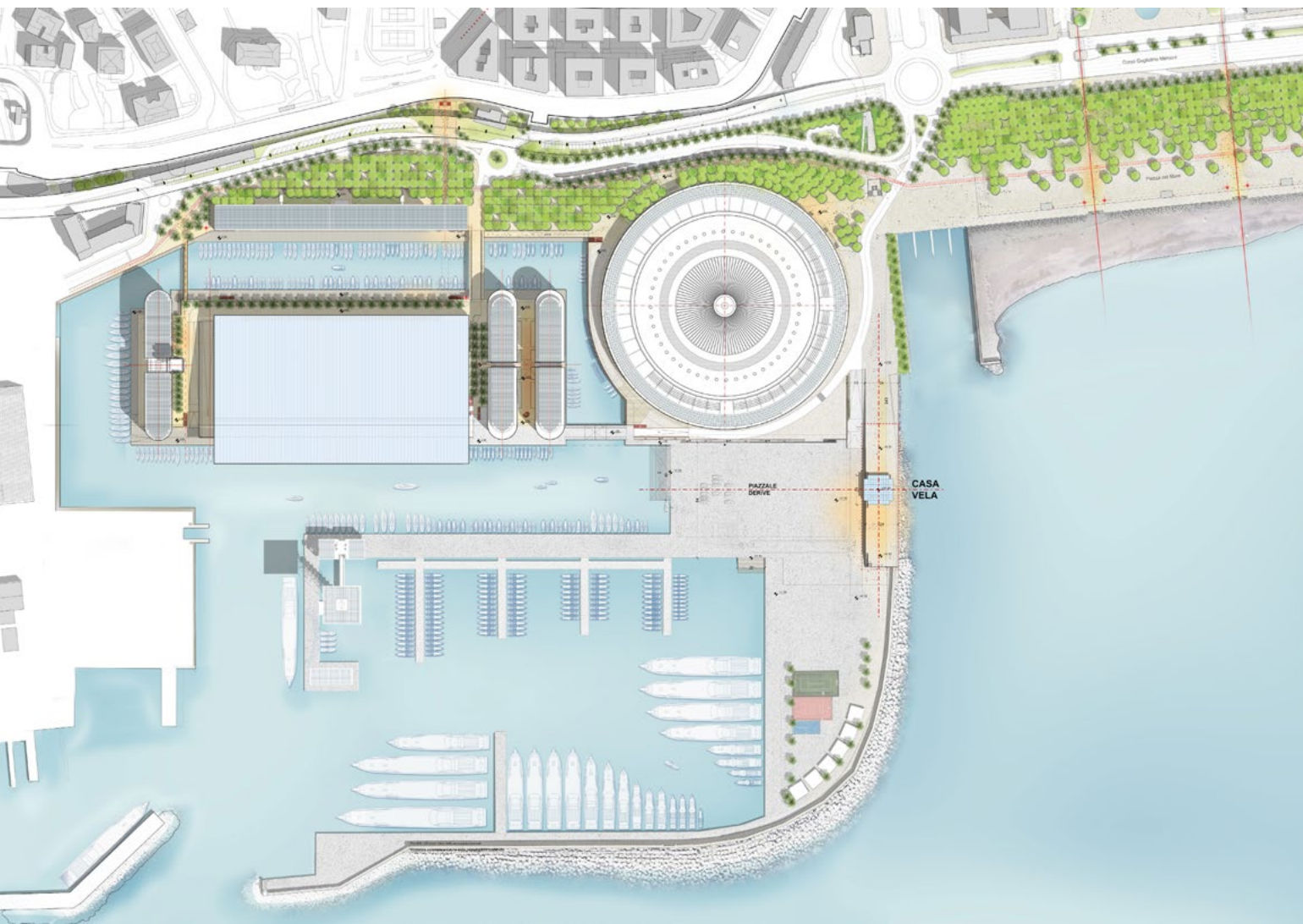
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The future of Genova

Waterfront di Levante is a visionary project inspired by renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano and designed by RPBW and OBR. It extends Genova's urban fabric toward the sea, transforming a former industrial and fairground area into a vibrant waterfront district. Built on eco-conscious principles, it redefines contemporary residential living through sustainable design, innovative architecture, green spaces, and a seamless connection between city and water.

Common areas, including a gym, meeting rooms, coworking spaces, and panoramic belvedere decks, are integral parts of the development. Public promenades, new canals, landscaped gardens, and mixed-use spaces enhance both private and collective experiences, making it a truly unique destination for residents and visitors alike.

Waterfront di Levante also includes "Casa Vela," a new hub dedicated to sailing activities in the city. Managed by the FIV Federazione Italiana Vela, it serves as the Stadium of Sailing, where regattas take place directly in front of the city. Casa Vela is conceived as an open and inclusive space where people gather to experience sailing, meet, and share values connected to the sea and maritime culture.



Casa Vela



Casa Vela is the most public and prominent feature of Genoa's Waterfront di Levante. Being located on the port breakwater, the mission of Casa Vela is to embody Genoa's maritime urban quality on which the Waterfront di Levante is based. Its prominence toward the sea at the entrance to the port is the very aspect that makes the sense of place.

In this location, Casa Vela enhances the north-south axis of the Brignole Station to the sea, along Viale Brigate Partigiane perpendicular to the east-west axis of the Levante Waterfront project.

Extending the promenade above the breakwater, at 6.30 meters above sea level, the roof of the building becomes the "Piazza del Mare", an authentic urban belvedere with views on Genoa's sailing competition courses, creating the "Stadium of Sailing."

Casa Vela includes the lobby, marina offices, gym, library, meeting rooms, medical center, guest accommodation for athletes and coaches, restrooms, media room, conference room, sail lockers, and cafeteria.

On top of the "Piazza del Mare" a small pavilion with a café with outdoor tables on a panoramic terrace overlooks the sea.



Casa Vela

Designed by OBR, Casa Vela is the most prominent public building of Genova on the sea, at the entrance of the port. Casa Vela has been conceived as an the “House of Sailing”: it is a place where you have the pleasure to stay and meet, embracing the values of sport and inclusion. In Casa Vela people enjoy what sailing means. It a place of social interaction, where sailors and citizens share common values in the same common space. Casa Vela is a model of how participation can create a sense of belonging and environmental awareness, addressing new forms of public and collective life.

Casa Vela connects people to the sea, starting from the awareness that all things are inseparably interconnected. The sea embodies history, life, others. Paraphrasing Alexander von Humboldt, the sea reflects totality, by advocating environmental rights and promoting sea and sports culture.



Yacht Club Italiano: the Venue



Yacht Club Italiano, founded in Genova in 1879, is the oldest sailing club in Italy and one of the oldest in the Mediterranean. Since its first regatta on 8 August 1880 (with 177 yachts racing in the Gulf of La Spezia) the Club has promoted sailing through major national and international events and by training younger generations. Its historic headquarters at the Duca degli Abruzzi Marina were designed by Marquis Giuseppe Crosa di Vergagni and inaugurated on 17 February 1929, marking the Club's 50th anniversary in the presence of the Princes of Piedmont.

Partially destroyed during World War II, the building was rebuilt between 1948 and 1949 and reinaugurated on 8 March 1953. Today, Yacht Club Italiano stands as one of the most prestigious and iconic venue for the Melges 24 World Championship 2029.



Yacht Club Italiano: the Venue

The headquarters of the Yacht Club Italiano, located at the Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi in Genoa, was designed by Marquis Architect Giuseppe Crosa di Vergagni and inaugurated on 17 February 1929, on the occasion of the Club's fiftieth anniversary, in the presence of the Princes of Piedmont. During the Second World War, it was partially destroyed by bombers, which struck it as many as five times, and was rebuilt between 1948 and 1949. On 8 March 1953, it was inaugurated together with the dock facilities, in the presence of the press, which commented: "The Yacht Club's burgee flies over the rebuilt facilities."

The Club headquarters is currently arranged over three floors. From the ground floor, through a large entrance hall, there is access to the members' and guests' changing rooms and to the upper floors. The first floor houses the Presidency, the Directors' room, the Secretariat and the Library which, over the years, has considerably expanded thanks to the interest of some dedicated members who have made available to all a wide collection of nautical magazines and a substantial number of publications.

While the first floor is mainly occupied by the Club's offices, the second floor is the meeting point for members thanks to a bar and a large hall. From here there is access to the restaurant, where the walls are enriched with half-hull models of the members' boats. A journey through more than a century of history, telling the evolution of sailing boats for racing and leisure.

The second floor is completed by the "Saletta de la Penne", in memory of the member Luigi Durand de la Penne, Gold Medal of Military Valor, used for teleconferences, private lunches and members' meetings.

Recently, on the ground floor, the "Sala Trossi" has been created, a fully equipped space for the leisure activities of younger members.

Twin Clubs



Reale Circolo Canottieri
Tevere Remo



Yacht Club
de Monaco



Reale Società
Cannottieri Cerea



Yacht Club
de France



Compagnia
della Vela



Yacht Club
Adriatico



Societe Nautique
de Geneve



Circolo del Remo
e della Vela Italia



Yacht Club
of Greece



Circolo della Vela
Sicilia



Real Club Nautico
de Barcelona



Societe Nautique
de St.Tropez

Over the years, the Yacht Club Italiano has established strong twinning relationships with some of the most prestigious yacht clubs around the world.

These partnerships foster valuable cultural and sporting exchanges for the members of each club.

Twinning agreements typically include the development of joint sporting events, reciprocal access to club facilities, exchanges between sailing schools, shared coaching resources, and the co-organization of regattas and competitions.

The YCI is also a member of the ICOYC (International Council of Yacht Clubs), a non-profit association that brings together numerous leading yacht clubs worldwide. The Council's mission is to foster international relationships among yacht clubs in order to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in the world of yachting.

Clubs with reciprocity

In addition to twinning agreements, the Yacht Club Italiano also has reciprocal agreements with 41 international clubs in Europe, America, Asia, and Australia. Under these agreements, YCI members will receive a warm welcome in these clubs with reciprocal rights.

Yacht Club Porto Rotondo
 Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
 Yachting Club San Marino
 Segelsallskapet Yacht Club Swan
 Republic Of Singapore Yacht Club
 Royal Thames Yacht Club
 Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club
 Norddeutscher Regatta Verein
 Yacht Club Punta del Este
 Real Club Marítimo del Abra y
 Real Sporting Club
 Circolo Nautico dei Dipendenti della
 Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri
 Helsingfors Segelklubb RY
 Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
 Yacht Club Santo Stefano
 Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
 Royal Cape Yacht Club
 Yacht Club La Maddalena
 Jeddah Yacht Club
 Casa De Campo Yacht Club
 Club Nautico Rimini
 St. Francis Yacht Club
 Royal Cork Yacht Club
 Circolo Nautico e della Vela Argentario

Royal Canadian Yacht Club
 Yacht Club Argentino
 Circolo Canottieri Aniene
 Royal Perth Yacht Club
 Sandringham Yacht Club
 Société Nautique de Marseille
 Circolo della Vela di Bari
 Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
 Chhatrapati Royal Bombay Yacht Club
 Royal Irish Yacht Club
 Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia
 Long Beach Yacht Club
 Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano
 Seattle Yacht Club
 Subic Bay Yacht Club
 The Royal Bahamas Yacht Squadron
 Gstaad Yacht Club
 Royal Malta Yacht Club

Code of Ethics

YCI Code of Ethics expresses the guidelines for the conduct and behavior of all its members.

The YCI recognizes sport as a social, educational, and cultural tool and adheres to the principles of fair play, promoting and ensuring a sporting environment inspired by the concepts of loyalty, fairness, friendship, and respect for others.

The Code of Ethics represents the primary means of disseminating ethical and sporting culture within the YCI, aimed at achieving the educational objectives that inspire the YCI itself, as well as respect for individuals, rules, and the dissemination of sporting values.



Social Responsibility

The Social Responsibility of our Association is reflected in a commitment to harmonize our sporting goals with social and environmental objectives. In practical terms, our Social Responsibility focuses in particular on promoting:

1. Ethics and Social Responsibility;
2. Environmental Sustainability;
3. Charitable Initiatives;
4. Youth Education.



CORPORATE
SOCIAL
RESPONSABILITY



YOUTH EDUCATION



SUSTAINABILITY



RESPONSABILITY



ETHICS



LONG TERM



CHARITY

Racing at Yacht Club Italiano

The annual calendar of Yacht Club Italiano features a dense program of national and international regattas, included in the official events of the Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV). Each year, it typically brings together over 1,200 boats and more than 5,000 participants, ranging from Olympic classes to Maxi Yachts.





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Racing at Yacht Club Italiano

History, prestige, technical expertise, dedicated facilities, and extensive experience in organizing major events make Yacht Club Italiano a true landmark in the international sailing world.



YCI Logistics

Yacht Club Italiano provides proper effective solutions in terms of logistic, as following:

- Large spaces for cars and trailers;
- Indoor areas for boats, sails and equipment measurement controls;
- Floating docks dedicated to boats and coach ribs;
- Race offices close to the moorings;
- Dedicated areas for special events;
- Full race secretariat assistance.



YCI Logistics

RACE VILLAGE

300 m²

Food & Beverage Lounge

Location for all ceremonies

CLUB HOUSE

YCI Offices

Press Office

Bar & Restaurant

Restrooms

BOAT AND TRAILER PARK

Trailers of all participants' boats

2 cranes for launch

3 cranes for hauling

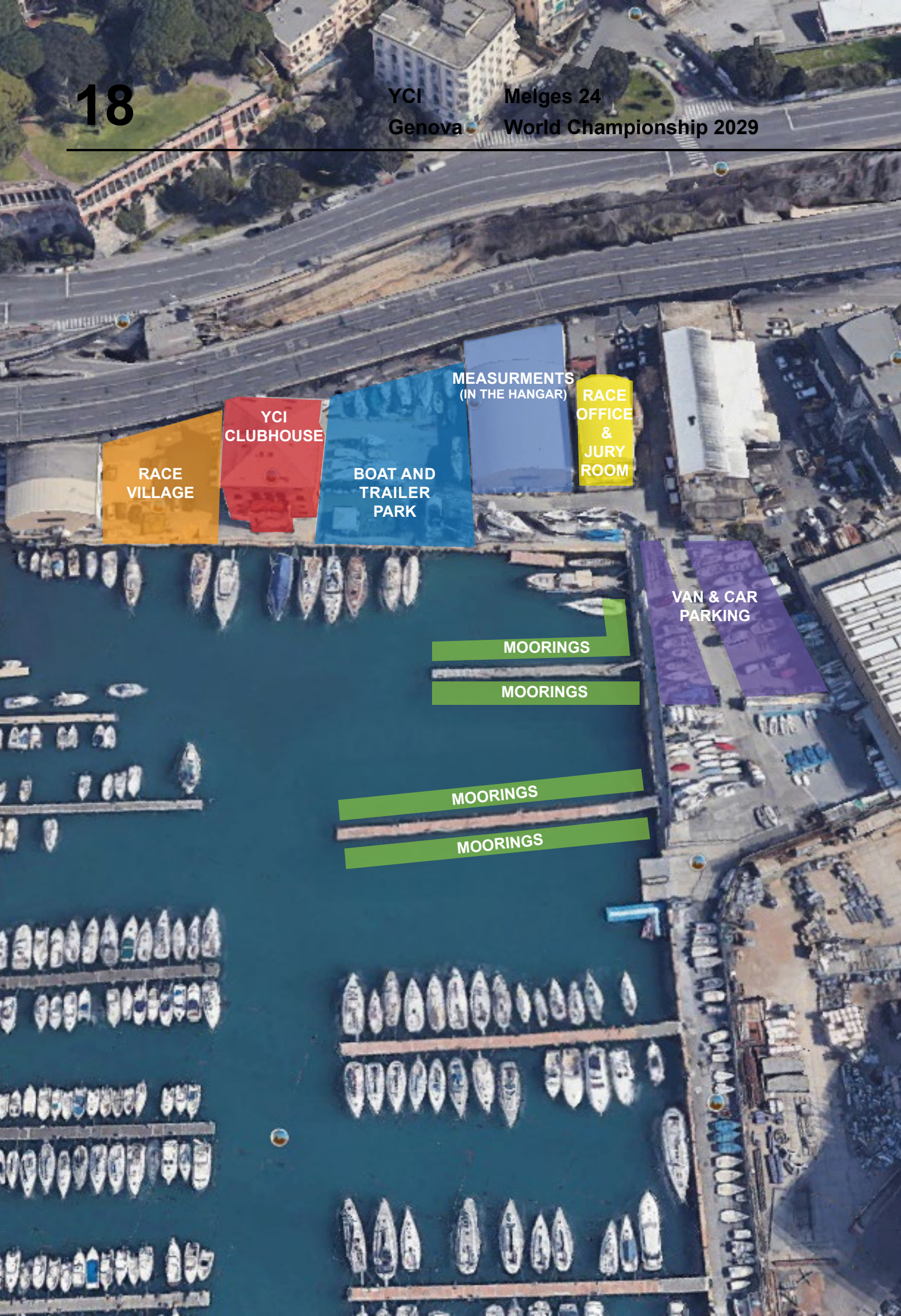
MEASUREMENTS

Shed indoor for all measurements

RACE OFFICE AND JURY ROOM

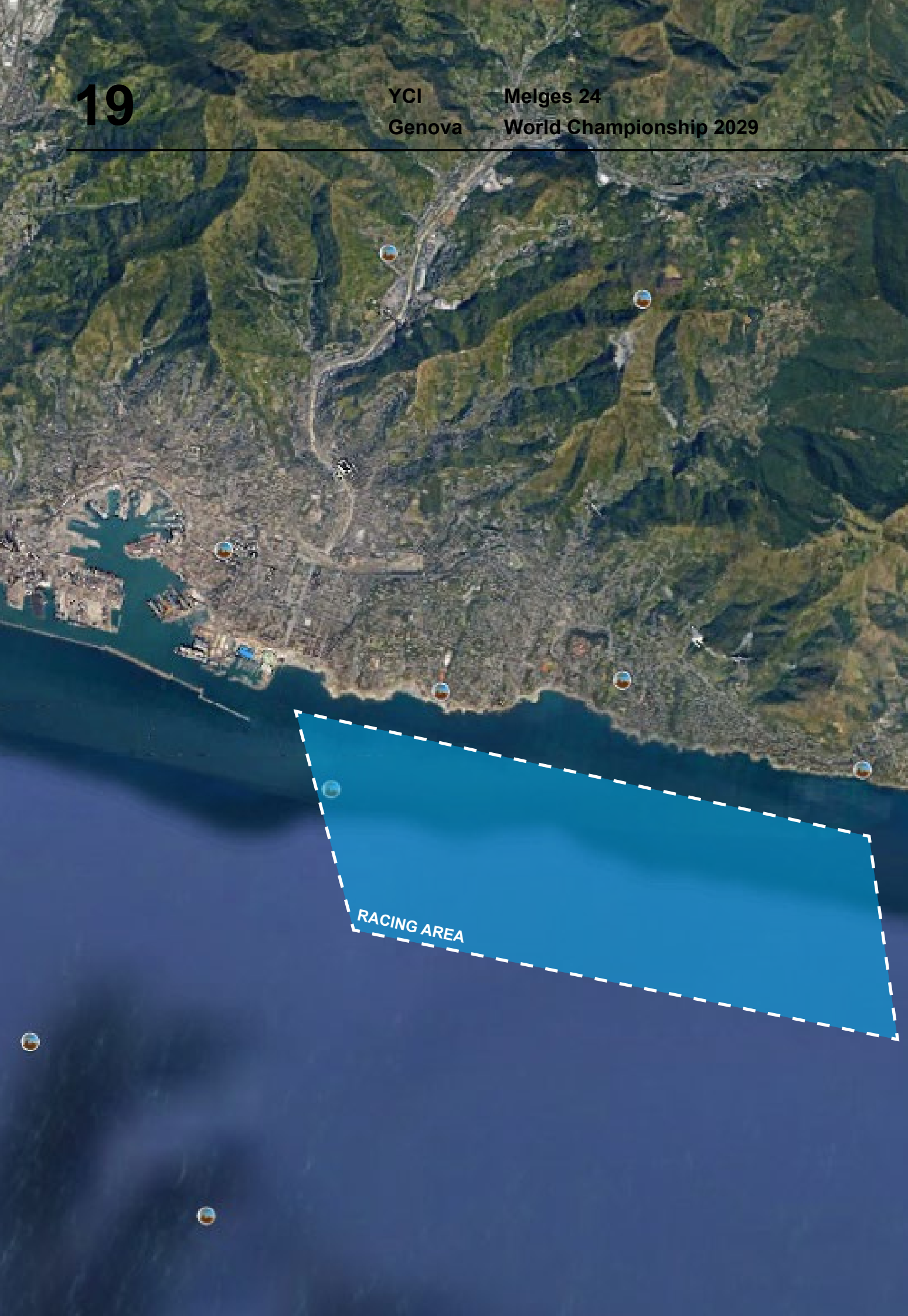
VAN & CAR PARKING

MOORINGS



Racing Area

The racing area is perfect for sailing during all the year, being open to a various spectrum of wind directions, and it is also very visible from the city waterfront, allowing a strong involvement by the public on the land.



RACING AREA

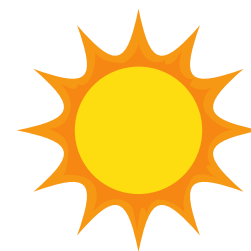
YCI Special Layouts

Yacht Club Italiano provides various adaptive outdoor spaces for collective activities such as prize giving and presentations.



Weather conditions

GENOVA - OCTOBER



TEMPERATURE
18°C - 22°C



WIND
8 kts - 15 kts
S. - S.E.



SEA TEMPERATURE
22°C



Institutional Partners



Official Timepiece



Technical Partners

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