

22nd Croatia Boat Show – Cancelled!

Dear All,

with this memo we want to inform you that yesterday morning after receiving the official response from the Civil Protection Headquarters we were obliged to cancel the 22nd Croatia Boat Show nautical fair that was supposed to be held from the 18th to the 22nd of May, 2021 in Split on the West Coast and Riva.

Although we are aware of the fact that Coronavirus pandemic has completely changed “the normal life”, the first information received from the superiors was that the 22nd Croatia Boat Show could be held in the upper mentioned period with following all epidemiological measures on force in that period. All of us witness the significant decrease of the infected and better epidemiological situation. The fair should have been held on open and in the part of the town that for a while is a place of larger gatherings with no limitations and control.

We want to highlight the great support that we got from the mayor Andro Krstulović Opara, the City of Split and Split-Dalmatia County and written **affirmative opinion and accordance to hold the 22nd Croatia Boat Show from the 18th to the 22nd of May from Civil protection of Split-Dalmatia County as well as from The Teaching Institute of Public Health of Split-Dalmatia County.**

Yet yesterday we have received the written response from the Civil Protection Headquarters of the Republic of Croatia that “*after analyzing and estimating easing of measures, if the epidemiological situation allows it, this subject will be considered*”, and from the unofficial conversations we found out that measures for organization of fair on open will not be eased until the 1st of June, 2021.

Given all above we could not take all the risk and continue the works and preparations in such a short term because the organization of the fair requires a certain period (at least 8 to 10 days). The fair equipment was already in transport phase, a part of pontoons was taken to Riva, and marketing campaign was on its peak. With all said by cancelling the fair we suffer a significant financial loss but we have to make a decision on time also for the exhibitors, that as well need to stop the preparations and arrival to Split.

We use this opportunity to once again thank to all of you for the interest and support, and especially to the exhibitors, partners, visitors, the City of Split and Split-Dalmatia County. Considering the start of the nautical season we unfortunately do not have the alternative to holding the fair on some other dates. We hope that the state, the city, the tourist board and all others involved will have understanding for us and that we will receive the financial support (compensation for loss of cancelling), because even though the fair will not be held we did a big marketing campaign for the city and also for the Republic of Croatia.

Sincerely,

Croatia Boat Show team