

**The Ocean Racing Club @ Kempinski Palace Portorož
is announcing the Extreme 40 World Championship in Portoroz, Slovenia**



The Ocean Racing Club and TornadoSport are pleased to announce the first ever Extreme 40 World Championships, which will take place in Portorož, Slovenia from 12th to 18th July 2010.

The Extreme Sailing Series Europe is known for showcasing the skills of the very best sailing in the world. The Ocean Racing Club and Kempinski Palace Portorož, esteems Portorož as the jewel of the Adriatic Sea making this stunning bay the newest hotspot for 2010 yacht racing.



Michael Reardon, The Ocean Racing Club director, said: “We are excited to welcome the competitors of the Extreme40 class to the Kempinski Palace Portorož in July. This is a coastal Grand Prix boasting outstanding class and dramatic boat structure. It places Portorož, Slovenia directly in the centre of the global sailing stage.”

The format of the event held by The Ocean Club will be an Olympic style series of windward - leeward courses along the coastal line testing each entrant’s limits. As highlighted by Mitch Booth, Extreme40 Skipper who commented: “This will be the first time that we will race a full series on a longer course format with the Extreme 40. This will be a true battle for the title.”

»I am glad that Portorož will host this important first ever World Championship, which is important to Slovenia. This event puts Portorož on the global sailing calendar, which will contribute even more to the recognition of Piran Municipality and Slovenian coast in the worldview« said Tomaž Gantar, Mayor of Piran.

Portorož has a perfect size bay for hosting this impressive event with a Mediterranean climate that offers an exotic shoreline for public viewing. The Kempinski Palace Portorož is hosting this spectacular race series for VIP invitees’ offer exclusive hospitality on this main-sail occasion.



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Teams:

- **Team Oman is coming with The Wave Muscat**, Oman, skipper **Paul Campbell-James**; 2nd Extreme Sailing Series Asia 2009/10, ISAF World Cup Series Silver Medal 2009 49er, Student Match Race World Champion. And **Oman Sail Masirah**, Oman, skipper to be announced.
- **Red Bull Extreme Sailing**, Austria, skipper **Roman Hagara**; 6 participations in the Olympic Games with two Tornado Goldmedals (Sydney 2000, Athens 2004), World Champion 1999 Tornado, 5th at the Extreme Sailing Series Asia 2009/10.
- **The Ocean Racing Club**, Slovenia, skipper **Mitch Booth**; two time Olympic medallist and multiple times World Champion.

Among the other teams coming are **Tommy Hilfiger**, **Team Luna France**, **Team Hungary**, with strong interest from **Germany and Italy** and **Team UK**.



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