



*El Alcalde de Cádiz*

Welcome to Cadiz and to the 2023 ILCA 4 Youth European Championships and Open Trophy that will take place between the 15th – 22nd of April.

It is a great privilege and honor for me as Mayor of Cadiz to invite you to take part in this prestigious event organised by our Municipal Sports Institute in the Elcano Sailing Centre.

Our city with over 3,000 years of history has always been vinculated to the sea, as a gateway to discovery, as an important trading port and today as a top class sailing venue.

With unbeatable year round weather conditions, a cultural and gastronomic offer, second to none and its famously friendly people, the City has become a reference in sailing events.

2023 is going to be Cadiz's "Nautical Year" with some spectacular and varied events, including these European Championships in April, a Tall Ships Regatta in September and our third season of the Sail GP Series Spanish Grand Prix, in October.

I am sure that the time you spend here will be unforgettable and even though it will be a highly competed event the experience of so many young people coming together for a sporting cause but in the spirit of friendship and respect will provide for a wealth of positive and unforgettable experiences.

We very much look forward to seeing you all here and I wish you fair winds in this new and exciting Challenge.

Jose Maria Santos Gonzalez

Mayor of Cadiz