

International Fish Festival is knocking on the door

Third season of the Orvis Cup will be accompanied by a large fish event

(Prague, September 15th 2008) – Střelecký Island on the Vltava River and its surroundings will become a haven for fishermen. This year the successful international race in trout fly fishing Orvis Cup 2008 is coming back for a third season, which will be attended by the world's absolute top. The race on top of all will for the first time take place as part of the large Fish Festival 2008.

"Fish Festival is an event, which so far has not taken place in Prague. Essentially it is a large happening devoted not only to fly fishing, that is catching trout on a fly lure, but fishing and fish in general. In the Czech Republic there are actually a quarter million fishermen! We believe that the Fish Festival over the next years will become a tradition and successfully continue in the footsteps of its more modest predecessor – Orvis Cup, which attracted spectators in the past," says Petr Benáčan, business director of Taiko, a.s. and a co-organizer of the Fish Festival.

When will the trout swim through the Vltava?

Preparations for the Fish Festival and Orvis Cup 2008 have started in the spring of this year. The organizers have released into the competition section of Vltava on May 28th two thousand rainbow trout with a total weight of 600 kilograms and a size of 30 to 50 centimetres. *"We put fish in the competition section, which this year is intended for fly and wobbler fishing. At the same however, we wanted to provide the best conditions for the participants of the Orvis Cup in order for them to be able to get acquainted with the environment and to start their training,"* Jiří Voráček, the fly fishing race Orvis Cup guarantor, explains the trout additions in the Vltava.

Another ten thousand trout will be released into the Vltava by organizers on Wednesday October 1st 2008.

Orvis Cup 2008

The International Race Orvis Cup 2008 in fly lure fishing will be started on Saturday October 4th. Its third season will be participated by more than 150 racers from all over the world. The Czech Republic metropolis will see the arrival of senior as well as junior nationals from Poland, Romania, Germany, Ireland, and Slovakia as well as other countries. Among the fly fishermen there will also be the last year's winner in the women category, the fifteen year old Tereza Rutova.

The deadline for competitor applications is on Thursday October 2nd at 6 PM. Applicants can sign up for the contest through the website www.orviscup.cz.

Three day cycle of attractions and entertainment

Besides the fly fishing race, the Fish Festival will also offer a colourful accompanying program. Small as well as big visitors can among others enjoy the tasting of fish specials, music performances and also contests for attractive prizes. The festival's atmosphere will also be amended by a culinary show with Ivan Vodochodský.

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