

Olympic Torch visits beautiful landscapes at Ilhabela

This Monday (25), the Olympic flame visits one more Brazilian touristic site

In the São Paulo route, the Olympic Torch Relay visits Ilhabela this Monday (25), considered to be the national capital of sailing and touristic destination of the coast. The Olympic flame arrives at Ilhabela at 11 AM on the pier, where it will be carried on a boat. From the pier the torch will be led to the Vila, the town's Historical Centre, and will proceed from the centre streets.

After passing through the Vila, the relay goes through Engenho D'Água, the bike lane of Ponte Estaiada and the landmark Contorno da Ilha, in Piuva.

To celebrate the presence of the Olympic Torch at Ilhabela, there will be at 9:00 AM a performance by the TomCats band. The ending ceremony will happen at 9:00 PM with a performance by band Yuna.

Check out some of the day's torchbearers:

Matheus Oliveira

A young sailing athlete who's part of the Ilhabela Municipality Sailing School. In 2013, he was champion of the Taça Geraldo Peixoto event at Guarapiranga Dam (SP). He carries the Olympic flame on a boat, ending his participation at the pier.

João Rezende de Souza Filho

Known as "Mestre Rezende", he has graduated more than 800 students of jiu-jitsu in the municipal education net. He also gives lessons in town with the help of 16 monitors.

Edivando Cruz

A silver medalist in the mountain bike modality of the 2003 Santo Domingo Pan-American Games, Cruz is the son of a fisherman and a housemaid. He started to compete in 1992, in a regional cycling contest at Caraguatatuba, in the northern coast. He participated at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.

Ana Vieira Alavares

More known as Ida, she was part of the national volleyball team that won the bronze medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. At 52 years old, she chose the tranquility of this island to live in.

Bruno Oliveira

At 14 years old, he discovered his passion for sailing at the Municipal Sailing School. He got to compete at the Rio 2007 Pan-American Games, but was declassified. Two years later, he received the invitation from athlete Bernardo Arndt to sail in par as the guider. With the partnership, Bruno achieved a silver medal at the 2011 Guadalajara Pan-American Games.

Ana Lucia Barros

With two passages by the national volleyball team, she was part of the team that competed at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and Barcelona 1992. After suffering several lesions and with strong pain on her knee, the athlete native of São Paulo retired aged 28, in 1993. During her career, she was South-American champion in three categories: children-youth (1982), youth (1984) and adult (1991).

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