



SARDINIA SAILING CUP
DAY 4, IQFOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
NO WIND IN CAGLIARI, RACES POSTPONED UNTIL TOMORROW

Maggetti: "Foil technology has been revolutionary, it's an adrenaline-filled sport"
The award ceremony will take place on Friday, October 11 at 5:00 PM in Marina Piccola

Cagliari – First bad weather, then total calm—two opposite and unfavorable conditions for the iQFoil European Championship races, which will conclude Friday afternoon with the awards ceremony scheduled for 5:00 PM at the FIV Village in Marina Piccola. This second event, part of the Sardinia Sailing Cup, is the first international appointment in the lead-up to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

The high pressure system that settled yesterday prevented the wind from coming in today. The forecast for tomorrow promises the arrival of the westerly wind, which may allow for five races to take place.

Athletes passed the time by finding moments of relaxation and fun: some played beach volleyball on the shore, others played ping pong at the FIV Village, and some took advantage of the almost summer-like day to enjoy a swim in the Poetto waters during the race-free break.

"I'm happy to see all the athletes smiling and especially happy to have raced in this beautiful setting over the past days," commented **Marta Maggetti** (Fiamme Gialle), Olympic gold medalist in Paris 2024 and host in Cagliari's waters. "It's unfortunate to have such an important event in my home waters and not be racing with the others."

Meanwhile, curiosity is growing around the disciplines that use the extraordinary **foil technology**: a fin applied to the board that allows athletes to "fly" just above the water surface, providing the thrill of high speeds in open sea. The iQFoil can reach speeds up to 55 km/h. "Foil technology has been a revolution for our world," explains **Marta Maggetti**. "There have been some changes with the race formats, and the approach has shifted. It's been revolutionary because we're flying over the water, and we go in fully protected. It gives us a different sensation—everything is more adrenaline-filled. I really enjoy it, and the young people love it too."

The project is the result of a collaboration between the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV), the III FIV Zone, and World Sailing. The event is promoted by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia, in partnership with the Department of Tourism, Crafts, and Commerce, and is organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Cagliari.

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