



SARDINIA SAILING CUP A RAINY, WINDLESS DAY POSTPONES THE RACES MAESTRALE WIND EXPECTED TOMORROW

Maddalena Spanu (Young Azzurra - YCCS), reigning world champion: "Tomorrow I'll give it my all."
Rebecca Gaier (Circolo Vela Muggia), Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy - powered by Luna Rossa:
"Foiling is no longer the future, it's the present. Flying is a privilege."

Cagliari – In the paddocks of the WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia, it was a day of long waiting at Marina Piccola. With flat seas, some entertained themselves by practicing pump foil, not a sport but more of a pastime on the board.



An athlete practices pump foil in the waters of Marina Piccola - Credits R.H Iswa.

The rain and lack of wind prevented the high-speed show of the ongoing WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia in Cagliari, as well as the Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy - powered by Luna Rossa.

The forecast looks promising for tomorrow, Saturday, October 19th, when the Maestrale wind is expected to blow strongly over the Golfo degli Angeli, bringing all the athletes of the WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia onto the water, starting at 10:00 AM. Currently leading the rankings are the French athletes Julien Rattotti and Manon Pianazza.

The Cagliari stage, the only one in Italy, is recognized by World Sailing as a Special Event. It takes place before the final stage hosted by Brazil, after the World Cup China and World Cup Turkey. This important global event has brought 93 athletes to Cagliari from all over the world, including Italy, Poland, Portugal, France, the Czech Republic, Spain, Turkey, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Germany, Greece, Israel, Finland, as well as the United States, China, Malaysia, and New Zealand. The WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 20th, at 5:00 PM at the amphitheater in Marina Piccola.



For the athletes, it was a rest day in the paddocks at the FIV Village in Marina Piccola. "I'm really happy that the penultimate stage of the world championship is taking place in my home waters here in Cagliari," commented Maddalena Spanu, reigning world champion from Oristano and an athlete in the Young Azzurra program of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda. "We've had two races so far, and tomorrow will be an intense day, with the forecast for strong Maestrale winds—ideal conditions for me. I can't wait to get on the water and give it my all."

From the big screen at the FIV Village, the America's Cup race was broadcast, and many athletes and team members were eager to follow the regatta. Meanwhile, tomorrow will also be a big day for the Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy - powered by Luna Rossa, led by FIV Youth Technical Director Alessandra Sensini. Two Italian teams will compete against eight foreign teams in the Waszp, iQFOiL, and WingFoil disciplines.

The Italian Waszp class teams include Marika Bellomi (Circolo Vela Arco) and Rebecca Gaier (Circolo Vela Muggia). "It's an incredible experience spending these days with sailors from all over the world," commented Marika Bellomi. "Our discipline is unique in its kind, always a new challenge, always different and stimulating."

"It's a wonderful opportunity to be here in Cagliari," added Rebecca Gaier. "This city always welcomes us with amazing conditions. Foiling is no longer the future but the present, and we reach truly incredible speeds. Flying on the water is a privilege."

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Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy - powered by Luna Rossa - Credits Luigi Corda



The event is part of the broader program of sailing events in the Sardinia Sailing Cup, coordinated by Mirco Babini. This major event began in September, hosting the Italian Olympic Classes Championship - Edison Next 2024, and the iQFOiL European Championship. Now, the WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia is underway, alongside the second edition of the Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy - powered by Luna Rossa, led by FIV Youth Technical Director Alessandra Sensini. In November, the waters of Su Siccu, in the heart of Cagliari, will host the International Development Programme dedicated to Para Sailing.

Sardinia Sailing Cup Side Events

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 19th, 2024, at 7:00 PM, the amphitheater stage at Marina Piccola will host the official selection round for Miss World, the prestigious and historic global beauty and talent contest.

The official stages of the contest take place in some of the most renowned squares, theaters, and venues across the country. This event is open to all young women aspiring to careers in fashion, cinema, advertising, and the entertainment industry in general.

Marina Piccola, the heart of the Sardinia Sailing Cup

Even this week, the Sardinia Sailing Cup brings hundreds of athletes and teams from around the world to Marina Piccola. The FIV Village is open to the public, interested in getting up close and personal with all the foil-related disciplines, the innovative technology revolutionizing the sailing world.

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

At this drive link for the Sardinia Sailing Cup, exclusively for fellow journalists, you can find videos, photos, and press releases useful for your work: <https://t.ly/LH1wZ>

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