



SARDINIA SAILING CUP DAY 5, IQFOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP ADRENALINE, STRATEGY, AND TECHNIQUE IN COURSE RACING ITALY IN THE MEDAL SERIES WITH DI TOMASSI AND MODENA

Live images of the Gulf of Angels on the official channels of the international class and on the social media of the Sardinia Sailing Cup.

Cagliari – Finally, the west-northwest breeze, between 12 and 16 knots, has revitalized the Gulf of Poetto. On day 5 of the iQFoil European Championship, conditions were favorable enough to hold five races for both fleets in the course racing discipline.

The award ceremony for the iQFoil European Championship will be held on Friday, October 11, at 5:00 PM on the FIV Village stage at the amphitheater of Marina Piccola in Cagliari.

Strategy and technique: a race towards the Medal Series

Today, both men and women, engaged in the final stages of the opening series, studied the best techniques and strategies to try to secure a spot in the Medal Series, reserved for the top 10 of each ranking.

Among the men, the top three positions in the Medal Series are held by the Polish Olympian Pawel Tarnowski, who managed to recover and climb back to the top of the men's ranking after the second day of racing. Italian Luca Di Tomassi (Fiamme Gialle) remains in the top spots ahead of Frenchman Adrian Mestre. They are followed by Dutchman Joost Vink, British Finn Hawkins, and Manolo Modena (Circolo Surf Torbole) in sixth place, ahead of Olympic bronze medalist Luuc Van Opzeeland. Great Britain closes the Medal Series rankings with Mathew Barton and Andy Brown. Unfortunately, Sardinian Federico Piloni (Young Azzurra- YCCS) finishes 19th.

In the women's ranking, Norwegian Maya Gysler, silver medalist at the iQFoil International Games & U23 World Championships in July 2024, takes the lead. Second, third, and fourth places go to the Israeli athletes Daniela Peleg, Tamara Steinberg, and Shahar Tibi. British Islay Watson, who was leading on day 2, drops to fifth but still qualifies for the Medal Series, keeping her chances open. Dutch Olympian Sara Wenneks places sixth, followed by Poland's Anastasya Valkevich and Norway's Mina Mobbek. Israeli Maya Morris rounds out the Medal Series rankings.

Sofia Renna (Circolo Surf Torbole) and Carola Colasanto (Tognazzi Marine Village) finish 14th and 16th, respectively.

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Among the many participating athletes are several Olympians and Italian champions. Luca di Tomassi (Fiamme Gialle), winner of the iQFoil at the Italian Olympic Classes Championship - Edison Next 2024 in Cagliari, comments on his rivals: "There are many fierce competitors in the race, the French in particular are very strong, and there's also Luuc Van Opzeeland, an Olympic bronze medalist." Like many professionals in this discipline, Luca di Tomassi is familiar with Cagliari: "We've done a lot of training in the Gulf of Angels, Poetto allows us to train even in the colder months, although this week we haven't had much luck with the wind, usually we find stronger wind conditions."

Starting October 15, the Foil International Academy Trophy, part of the Next Generation Foil Academy project powered by Luna Rossa, will begin, featuring Waszp Foil boats and directed by federal coach Alessandra Sensini.

From October 16 to 20, the WingFoil Racing World Cup Italy will take place, which already has numerous participants registered two weeks before its start, with the numbers expected to rise. The event is recognized by World Sailing as a Special Event.

In the third week of November, the International Development Programme will take place, with days fully dedicated to international Para Sailing. Once again, the waters of Su Siccu will host these extraordinary races.

The event is promoted by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Department of Tourism, Crafts, and Commerce.

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