

## SARDINIA SAILING CUP CAGLIARI, THE "WINGFOIL RACING WORLD CUP SARDINIA" KICKS OFF19 COUNTRIES AND 90 ATHLETES COMPETE IN THIS WORLD CUP STAGE

Cagliari – Until Sunday, October 20, the Sardinian capital will once again host a major international event: Poetto Beach will be the home of over 80 athletes from 19 countries, competing in the WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia. This event precedes the World Cup Brazil, where the title will be awarded. The Cagliari stage, recognized by World Sailing as a special event, is part of a rich global calendar that began in May with the World Cup Turkey, followed by the World Cup China in August.

The first races might start at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, October 16, depending on the weather forecast, which currently promises ideal conditions for the first races. The event will begin with two long-distance races, using the rabbit start system, which is highly scenic and exciting as all 90 athletes will start simultaneously.

Among the many registered athletes are the names of the 2023 world champion Maddalena Spanu (Young Azzurra - YCCS), the 2023 world champion Francesco Cappuzzo from Sicily, and the world runner-up Nicolò Spanu (Windsurfing Club Cagliari). Sardinia is one of the most represented regions, with five wingfoil specialists competing.

The event is part of the broader program of sailing events within the Sardinia Sailing Cup, which has hosted the Italian Olympic Classes Championship - Edison Next 2024, the iQFOiL European Championship, and now the Wing Foil Racing World Cup Sardinia. Simultaneously, the 2024 Foil Academy International Trophy will take place, and in November, Su Siccu waters will host the International Development Programme dedicated to Para Sailing.

The Countries Gathered in Cagliari Italy, Poland, Portugal, France, Czech Republic, Spain, Turkey, Switzerland, Netherlands, Great Britain, Germany, Greece, Israel, Finland, and also the United States, China, Malaysia, New Zealand.

Marina Piccola, the Heart of the Sardinia Sailing Cup Once again, this week, the Sardinia Sailing Cup brings hundreds of athletes and teams from all over the world to Marina Piccola. The FIV Village is open to the public, offering the chance to get a closer look at all the disciplines related to foiling, the innovative technology spreading throughout the sailing world.

The event is promoted by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Department of Tourism, Handicraft, and Trade. The project is the result of collaboration between the Italian Sailing Federation, the III FIV Zone, and World Sailing. It is organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Cagliari.

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

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