



SARDINIA SAILING CUP
IQFOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
POLAND DOMINATES THE FIRST DAY OF RACING
ITALY STARTS STRONG WITH PILLONI AND DI TOMMASSI IN THE MEN'S TOP 10

Cagliari – The iQFoil European Championship has made a spectacular start, with 120 athletes from all over the world competing in the waters of Poetto, thanks to the Open format. On the first day of racing, both men and women completed four races each under perfect weather conditions. The southern wind arrived at 2:00 PM, blowing between 10 and 12 knots. Tomorrow, the first race is scheduled for 1:00 PM, with an expected east-southeast wind.

Tomorrow, October 7 at 7:00 PM, the amphitheater in Marina Piccola will screen the first episode of the docuseries "Pampero" by director and YouTuber Emanuele Malloru. The series focuses on climate change, with the crew of the boat—composed of unconventional environmentalists—offering a provocative take on the issue. "Pampero" is not just the title of the docuseries, but also the name of the boat, which will set sail for the Caribbean after a stop in Sardinia.

DAY 1 RESULTS

In the men's leaderboard, Poland is in the lead with Pawel Tarnowski, who currently holds the top spot in the international ranking. He is followed by Joost Vink from the Netherlands and Frenchman Adrien Mestre, who won the iQFoil World Championships in January 2024. Italy's Luca Di Tommassi is in fourth place, with Sardinian Federico Alan Pilloni (YCCS - Young Azzurra), eighth overall and second among the U23 competitors. Pilloni is the recent winner of the Youth Sailing World Championships this past July. Among the competitors is also Olympic bronze medalist Luuc Van Opzeeland.

In the women's rankings, Poland's Anastasiya Valkevich is leading, followed closely by British athletes Alice Read and Islay Watson. In fourth place is Sara Wennekes, who competed in the Paris Olympics in August. Among the top 20 are also Italy's Carola Colasanto (Tognazzi Mare Village, winner of the Youth Sailing World Championships) and Sofia Renna (Circolo Torbole Surf).

Sardinia Sailing Cup: A Month of Sailing Excellence

Starting October 15, the Foil International Academy Trophy will take place, part of the Next Generation Foil Academy project powered by Luna Rossa, featuring the Waszp Foil class and led by coach Alessandra Sensini. From October 16 to 20, the WingFoil Racing World Cup Italy will be held, with 65 participants already registered, and the numbers are expected to grow. This event is recognized by World Sailing as a Special Event.

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In the third week of November, the International Development Programme will take place, dedicated to international Para Sailing. The waters of Su Siccu will once again host these extraordinary regattas.

The Sardinia Sailing Cup kicked off on September 25 with the Italian Olympic Classes Championship Edison Next 2024, which ran until September 29 in Cagliari.

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

At this link (Sardinia Sailing Cup drive), available exclusively for journalists, you can find videos, photos, and press releases useful for your work: <https://tinyurl.com/mrczs4en>

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