



**SARDINIA SAILING CUP
DAY 3, IQFOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
WEATHER POSTPONES RACES TO TOMORROW**

Cagliari - The intelligence flag remains raised at Marina Piccola, signaling that the races cannot take place on this third day. The bad weather affecting Sardinia and Cagliari has prevented the athletes in the iQFoil European Championship from competing today. Tomorrow, October 9th, the weather forecast looks more favorable, with the skipper meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at Marina Piccola, and the races set to begin at 1:00 p.m.

In the meantime, among the 120 registered athletes in Cagliari, there are several Olympians, including the Dutch competitors Sara Wennekes and Luuc Van Opzeeland, bronze medalist in Paris. The iQFoil European Championship marks the first major international event leading up to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

“It’s really nice to close this season at this European Championship,” commented Sara Wennekes to the iQFoil Class microphones. “It’s an important event, and there is certainly some pressure, but in a positive way.” Olympic bronze medalist Luuc Van Opzeeland added: “I’m trying to take away some key points from here. I’m here to grow and learn a little.” Speaking about the younger athletes, he said: “For them, it’s a great springboard towards Los Angeles, so we will surely see some intense racing.”

This week in Cagliari, athletes and teams from 15 nations are competing, including some from non-European countries like Aruba and China, thanks to the open format of the iQFoil European Championship. The awards ceremony for the iQFoil European Championship will take place in the afternoon of Friday, October 11th, at the FIV Village in Marina Piccola.

Sardinia Sailing Cup, Events Continue Until November

Starting October 15th, the next event will be the Foil International Academy Trophy from the Next Generation Foil Academy project, powered by Luna Rossa and involving the Waszp Foil class, directed by federal coach Alessandra Sensini. From October 16th to 20th, the WingFoil Racing World Cup Italy will take place, with 77 participants already registered two weeks before the start, and the numbers may increase. The event is recognized by World Sailing as a Special Event.

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

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The Sardinia Sailing Cup began on September 25th with the Italian Olympic Classes Championship Edison Next 2024, and until September 29th, Cagliari hosted over 300 athletes along with their teams and families.

The project is the result of collaboration between the Italian Sailing Federation, the III FIV Zone, and World Sailing. The event is promoted by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia, through the Department of Tourism, Handicrafts, and Commerce, in cooperation with the Municipality of Cagliari.

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