SARDINIA SAILING CUP IQFOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
DAY 2: ITALY WITH DI TOMASSI CLIMBS THE MALE RANKINGS
AMONG THE WOMEN, RENNA AND COLASANTO IN THE TOP 20

Cagliari – The southeast wind created challenging conditions, but the cloud cover prevented the predicted 10 to 12-knot winds from materializing. The second day of the iQFoil European Championship concluded with two races for the men's category and four for the women's. The races were held in a light wind of about 9 knots, which was sufficient to allow proper competition. Despite unstable wind and frequent changes in direction, the Race Committees managed to complete all the women's races and at least two for the men, demonstrating great skill in handling a complex day of racing.

Tomorrow, October 8, the start is scheduled for 1:00 PM.

DAY 2 RESULTS

Two slalom races for the men and four for the women have brought changes in both provisional rankings.

In the men's ranking, Italian Luca Di Tomassi (Fiamme Gialle) leads after taking first place in both of today's races.

He is followed by Frenchman Adrian Mestre, who moved up one spot, while Britons Matthew Barton and Finn Hawkins took third and fourth, respectively, pushing Dutchman Joost Vink to fifth, followed by Polish athlete Pawel Tarnowski. Sardinian Federico Pilloni (YCSS - Young Azzurra) remains in contention.

Changes also occurred in the women's ranking, with Britain's Islay Watson closely followed by Israel's Daniela Pereg and Norway's Maya Gysler, who climbed the rankings thanks to her four first-place finishes today, after an early start in yesterday's third race. England's Alice Read, who led the rankings after day one, dropped to eighth. The top Italians in the top 20 are Sofia Renna (Circolo Torbole Surf) and Carola Colasanto (Tognazzi Marine Village).

"After the U19 World Championship title, I worked hard for this important iQFoil European Championship event here in Cagliari, my home," commented Federico Pilloni (YCSS - Young Azzurra). "The first races gave me a great boost for the coming days. Given the weather forecasts, this European Championship will feature different conditions each day, and I expect some great races with a very competitive fleet, including several Olympians like Luuc Van Opzeeland, bronze medalist in Paris."

"Winning the Youth World Championship was a major achievement for me, and I will give my best in the senior fleet," commented Carola Colasanto (Tognazzi Mare Village) this morning, winner of the Youth Sailing World Championships in July. "Knowing the Poetto waters gives us Italians an advantage. The toughest part was the start during the first races on day one. My goal is to make it to the medal races and hopefully climb higher into the top 10."

Starting from October 15, the Foil International Academy Trophy will kick off, part of the Next Generation Foil Academy project powered by Luna Rossa, featuring the Waszp Foil class, led by national coach Alessandra Sensini.
From October 16 to 20, the WingFoil Racing World Cup Italy will take place, with 77 entries already confirmed and 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 entirely dedicated to international Para Sailing. Once again, the waters of Su Siccu will host these extraordinary races.

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

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

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