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**SARDINIA SAILING CUP  
INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
DAY 2: FRANCE LEADS AFTER FIVE RACES IN SU SICCU  
COLELLA, FIV PARA SAILING REPRESENTATIVE: "THE IDP SHOWCASES ITALY'S  
OUTSTANDING WORK TO THE WORLD"**

*Maretti, FIV Para Sailing Technical Director: "A key preparation in Cagliari ahead of the 2025 World Championships"*

**\*\*Cagliari\*\*** – The vibrant colors of the Hansa 303 sails lit up the waters of Su Siccu, offering a captivating sight to those strolling along the waterfront and pausing to watch the races of young sailors participating in the Inclusive Development Programme. Competitors hailed from Italy, Great Britain, France, Austria, Sweden, and Singapore.

The day began with theoretical lessons held at the III Zone Olympic Training Center of the Italian Sailing Federation, conducted in collaboration with Hannah Stodel of World Sailing. The afternoon was dedicated to single-handed racing, contributing to the standings for the Inclusive Development Programme Trophy, set to be awarded on Tuesday, November 26.

The weather on the first day was ideal, with steady southeasterly winds ranging between 8–11 knots, allowing five races to be completed. At the end of the day, French sailor Brill Gauthier took the lead, followed by Italians Andrea Quarta and Nina Corbetta.

This week, six nations are competing in Cagliari. "The IDP allows athletes from around the globe to witness the work accomplished by the Italian Sailing Federation through the Para Sailing Academy," said Fabio Colella, Federal Councilor and Para Sailing Representative, who is present in Cagliari. "The numbers speak for themselves: in 2020, there were 77 registered sailors, while in 2024, this number rose to 500, marking exponential growth."

The Italian Para Sailing National Team participating in Cagliari was selected not only based on merit, reflected in significant victories at national and international levels, but also on age. "This is the youngest national team ever," remarked Filippo Maretti, FIV Para Sailing Technical Director. "Another unique feature of this team is its strong female presence. Our growth is a testament to the Federation's belief in this youth project, which is the first result of the intense activities carried out by the Para Sailing Academy, especially at the local level. One key objective of this event is to test our team internationally, particularly ahead of the Hansa 303 World Championships, scheduled for March 2025 in Sydney, Australia."

"The level of this event is truly high," noted Italian sailor Davide Di Maria. "It's inspiring to see each nation demonstrating excellent technical skills, ensuring high-quality performances for everyone and providing a fantastic growth opportunity. The Hansa 303 never fails to deliver unforgettable thrills."



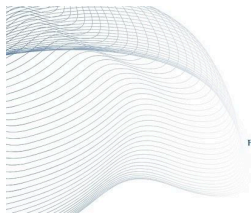
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"This is my second year at the Sardinia Sailing Cup," commented Italian sailor Alessandra Cappellu. "Being called up to the Italian National Team is a unique emotion. We have so many opportunities, travel often, and continuously meet new people and discover new places. This sport offers unparalleled education."

One of the goals of the Inclusive Development Programme in Cagliari is to collect data and insights to support the reintegration of sailing into the Paralympic Games at Brisbane 2022.

The Sardinia Sailing Cup began on September 25 at Marina Piccola with the Italian Olympic Classes Championship and the Italian Para Sailing Championship. It continued in October with the iQFOiL European Championship, the Foil International Academy Trophy, and the WingFoil Racing World Cup.

The event is promoted by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Department of Tourism, Crafts, and Commerce. The project results from a collaboration between the Italian Sailing Federation, the III Zone FIV, and World Sailing, with the support of the Municipality of Cagliari.



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