



SARDINIA SAILING CUP WINGFOIL RACING WORLD CUP SARDINIA: POLAND AND FRANCE TAKE THE WIN

SUCCESS FOR THE SECOND EDITION OF NEXT GENERATION FOIL INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY TROPHY – POWERED BY LUNA ROSSA

Cagliari – Poland and France claim the titles of the WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia in this final day without races due to the lack of suitable wind conditions. Celebrating on the top of the podium are Polish Kamil Manowiecki and French Manon Pianazza, who carry a significant advantage from this Sardinian stage into the last and decisive leg of the WingFoil World Cup, scheduled for December in Brazil.

Among the men, Frenchman Mathis Ghio wins silver, while bronze goes to Italian Francesco Cappuzzo (ASD Reef). The rest of the men's ranking features an alternation between Italy and France: in fourth place, Alessandro José Tomasi (Fraglia Vela Riva ASD), followed by Julien Rattotti, Nicolò Spanu (Windsurfing Club Cagliari), Mateo Dussarps, Luca Franchi (Yacht Club Italiano), Oscar Leclair, and rounding out the rankings is another French athlete, Bastien Escofet.

Among the women, the French Manon Pianazza stands on the highest step of the podium, followed by Italian Maddalena Spanu (Young Azzurra - YCCS), and Spanish Nia Suardiaz. Karolina Kluszczyńska finishes fourth in this stage of the WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia, followed by Charlotte Baruzzi (Reef ASD), and Marta Monge (Circolo Nautico del Finale). In seventh place is Greek Emila Kosti, followed by Spanish Iset Segura and French Orane Ceris, with French athlete Lucie Belbeoch finishing tenth.

In the U15 category, Andrea Cucinello (RYCC Savoia) is awarded, while in the U17, the gold fleet is led by other Italian athletes: Ernesto De Amicis (RYCC Savoia), Michele Capitani (CNVA), and Stephan Benes from the Czech Republic.

"It's the conclusion of a long month of racing with great satisfaction," commented Corrado Fara, president of the III Zone FIV. "I thank everyone who worked on these events, especially coordinator Mirco Babini."

"It has been an intense and important month for sailing here in Cagliari with the Sardinia Sailing Cup," commented Sardinia Sailing Cup coordinator Mirco Babini. "First with the 2024 Italian Olympic Classes Championship Edison Next, then with the 2024 iQFOiL European Championship, and now with the fantastic conclusion of the WingFoil Racing World Cup Sardinia. But it's not over yet, because from November 24-26, Cagliari will host the final significant event of the 2024 Sardinia Sailing Cup, the International Development Programme, dedicated to Para Sailing with a rich international program."

Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy – powered by Luna Rossa

For the young talents of the Waszp Class, competing in the Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy – powered by Luna Rossa, yesterday was a perfect day, just like the conditions of the Mistral wind, which stabilized between 10 and 15 knots. The first races were marked by more variable winds, providing technical challenges for the athletes in these international races. The fleets were always close, reaching high speeds, delivering an excellent show in the waters of Poetto, Cagliari.

In the double challenge, between teams composed of one boy and one girl, the winners were Americans Gavin Ball and Pearl Lattanzi, both from Hawaii, who dominated the other teams in the sea of Cagliari. Pearl Lattanzi, 24, is part of the American Magic Youth Development team, while Gavin Ball, 21, won the WASZP Grand Final of





the SailGP Inspire Championship of Champions.

Second place went to Spaniards Pablo Astiazaran and Maja Larsson Bergqvist, followed by two Italian teams: Francesco Carrieri (Circolo Velico Bari) and Malika Bellomi (Circolo Vela Arco), and Federico Bergamasco (CN Mandraccio) and Rebecca Geiger (CV Muggia).

In the single races, Pearl Lattanzi once again dominated among the women, while Spaniard Pablo Astiazaran took the men's title. In the iQFOiL class, Claudio Capitta of the Windsurfing Club Cagliari was the first to cross the finish line. Francesco Carrieri (Circolo Velico Bari), 15, received a special recognition as the youngest sailor of the Foil Academy FIV.

During the closing ceremony of the Sardinia Sailing Cup, the young participants in the WingFoil races in the U15 and U17 categories were awarded: Luca Versace, Giulia Maglioni, and Claudio Capitta (Windsurfing Club Cagliari).

"If I had to sum up this edition of the Next Generation Foil Academy International Trophy – powered by Luna Rossa in Cagliari, I'd think of 'energy, commitment, and dedication,' common characteristics of the young sailing champions who took part in the second edition of this International Trophy of the FIV Academy," commented Alessandra Sensini, Technical Director of the FIV youth sector and the Foil Academy. "Here, the young champions of different disciplines competed, all sharing the cutting-edge technology of foiling. The Italian Sailing Federation's commitment to the Foil Academy has been strong since its creation in 2021, with great support from Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli. Over 500 young people have sailed the seas and lakes of Italy during these years, also receiving training with the instructors from the sailing clubs. The results and the dedication of the athletes confirm that we are on the right track. Italy's two Olympic gold medals in sailing came from foiling, and we've also won the Youth World Championship in various classes and the National Trophy."

Marina Piccola, the heart of the Sardinia Sailing Cup

Once again this week, the Sardinia Sailing Cup brings hundreds of athletes and teams from around the world to Marina Piccola. The FIV Village is open to the public, offering a chance to explore up close all the disciplines related to foiling, the innovative technology revolutionizing the world of sailing.

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

