

WOMEN FOILING GOLD CUP 2024

Organized by 69F Class in conjunction with Coming Solutions srl and hosting Yacht Club, Fraglia Vela Malcesine (Organizing Authority - OA).

The WFGC is an international female circuit. The event is dedicated to female teams of 3 or 4 people. The 2024 edition will be held in two Acts. Teams can take part in the whole 2-Acts circuit or in one of the WFGC Acts. The best three teams will be rewarded. The overall ranking will take in consideration all the results of each team.

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the umpires team, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The WFGC will be governed by the High Speed Rules (HRS) approved by World Sailing, the YFGC Sailing Instructions, the 69F Rules and the 69F Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 In case of conflict between the NoR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail followed by Notices.

2. BOATS AND SAILS

- 2.1 69F boats and sails will be supplied by the OA.
- 2.2 Teams can bring their own sails for use in training days and eventually in some specific stage approved by the OA. Sails must be purchased from 69F.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Teams may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [NP][DP]
- 3.2 Brand exposure by competitors.
 - It is permitted to display sponsors' brands on personal clothing.
 - It is permitted to display sponsors' brands on the boats, in the areas not used by OA:
 - on extra training days;
 - on the finals racing days.
 - It is permitted to display sponsors' brands on the sails:
 - on extra training days;
 - on the finals racing days.

There is no size limitation of the branding.

The application and removal of the stickers on OA's sails is the responsibility of the team.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 OA, at its own discretion and without appeal, reserves the right to accept a team's registration.
- 4.2 Each team is identified by the team representative which must be indicated on the entry form. Communications between OA and each team will be managed by the team representative.

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- 4.3 The target number of teams is twelve with entry on a first come, first served basis. It is at the discretion of the OA to accept additional teams.
- 4.4 Teams shall consist of 3 or 4 crew members of female gender. No more than 3 members shall position their body simultaneously on the racks.
- 4.5 Changes of members/number of members on board are permitted every race of each Act. Crew changes between Acts are permitted.
- 4.6 No crew weight restrictions will apply.
- 4.7 All competitors must comply with the rules of their National Authorities.
- 4.8 At least one team member must be a regular member of the 69F Class with 2024 paid fee (50 €).

5. ENTRIES - FEES

- 5.1 To register please contact **69F Class** <u>69fclass@69fsailing.com</u> <u>office@69fsailing.com</u>
- 5.2 The entry form is available <u>here.</u>
- 5.3 An entry shall not be considered complete until the entry form is completed and the entry fee paid.
- 5.4 Documents required during the registration:

For all Entrants:

- info and personal ID of all the crews. Registrations without the info of all the crew are not considered completed.

Only for Italian crews:

- FIV cards with the required medical certification.
- valid FIV authorization to display advertising (if present).
- 5.5 Payments of each Act shall be paid upon entry:
 - single Act entry fee
 - EUR 1.000
 - Beneficiary: CLASSE INTERNAZIONALE 69F ASD IBAN IT86B0303211706010000731949 BIC SWIFT BACRIT21743
 - EUR 8.000
 - An early entry fee of EUR 7.500 will be applied if paid not later than 60 days before the Act.

The date of the payment will be considered.

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Remember to specify team name, Act/Acts for which the payment is made.

- 5.6 The entry fee will be repaid in full if for any reason an Act is canceled by the OA.
- 5.7 The entry fee will not be refunded if a team decides to cancel their entry.
- 5.8 The Act's entry fee includes:
 - multiple qualification rounds
 - Gold fleet races (top 6 teams)
 - a voice communication device
 - 69F ready to sail, sails and Vakaros Atlas 2.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 Multiple qualification rounds, to determine Gold fleet (top 6 teams).
- 6.2 The OA can modify this format at any time to ensure the completion of the Act based on weather conditions and the number of teams.

On the last day of the races no warning signal will be made after 15.00; the awards ceremony will be held at about 16.00.





7. SCHEDULE AND VENUES

Act 1: LAKE GARDA - MALCESINE (Italy) 2-5 may

Act 2: LAKE GARDA - MALCESINE (Italy) 26-29 september

8. MEASUREMENT

OA may run measurement controls on privately owned sails.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions and other sailing documents will be available to competitors by visiting the dedicated Dropbox folder.

10. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions. The courses chosen for the day will be communicated during the daily teams briefing.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

Scoring, ties and ranking definitions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches ribs are forbidden during the Act. OA may provide a hospitality boat for all coaches.

14. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT

Boats will be managed by the teams following the directions of the OA.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Whilst afloat all teams shall carry a voice communication device provided by the OA.
- 15.2 During the event, the Race Committee, in conjunction with audible warnings and flags, will communicate by voice communication devices provided by the OA; any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 15.3 Except in an emergency, a team that is sailing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all teams. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and electronic devices. [NP][DP]

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the three top placed teams in each Act.
- 16.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

- 17.1 By entering the event, each team grants to the OA and the sponsors and affiliated companies at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses and biographical material, as well as representations of their boats in any media (including television, print and internet).
- 17.2 The OA may ask competitors to install/carry on board electronic devices in order to improve the media coverage of the event. Teams may be required by the OA to turn on the onboard cameras. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [NP][DP]





18. LIABILITY, SAFETY AND INSURANCE

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and under their personal responsibility.
- 18.2 The OA will not accept any responsibility for any damage that might be caused to persons or things both in water and ashore before, during and after the event as a result of the events themselves.
- 18.3 The safety of a boat and its management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the sailors.
- 18.4 While afloat a team shall carry adequate life-saving equipment, helmet and knife (or similar) for all persons on board. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions. The OA reserves the right to impose other restrictions in the Sailing Instructions.
- 18.5 Each boat will be insured by the OA with third-party liability insurance and All Risk coverage.
- 18.6 Each team will pay the sum of € 2.500,00 as a security (damage deposit) to the OA, which will be returned at the end of the event, in the absence of damage to the boat/sails/accessories.
- 18.7 The sailors are informed of the fact that the 69F is a boat able to sail in "foiling" mode and therefore suspended on the water at high speed and that this involves greater risks due to the different forces applied. Due to the high speeds that the boat can reach (up to 35 knots), the space between the boat and any other object or obstruction reduces very quickly as compared to traditional boats. Therefore, maneuvers shall be called adequately in advance. Moreover, on a downind in gusty conditions an increase/decrease in pressure can lead to wide changes in bearing angle (30°- 40°). It is therefore advised to keep an eye not only to possible obstructions straight in front but also accounting for a sharp change in bearing due to a wind shift/intensity change. This type of boat therefore requires a prudent attitude in its operation and requires that the crew is equipped with adequate protective equipment.

19. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing. It is part of our mission to raise awareness among regatta participants on the urgent environmental issues affecting the seas.

Recalling the Basic Principle that mentions: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any negative environmental impact of the sport of sailing", we recommend the utmost attention to environmental protection in all moments that accompany the practice of the sport of sailing before, during and after the event. In particular, attention is drawn to RRS 47 - Waste Disposal - which states: "Competitors and support people must not deliberately throw waste into the water. This rule always applies when in the water. The penalty for infringing this rule can be less than disqualification ".

20. OVERALL RANKING

- 20.1 The overall ranking will be calculated considering all the results of each team.
- 20.2 It will take in consideration live points and penalties of all the races sailed in the Act's finals days.
- 20.3 Details will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 20.4 Team name and team representative (as per entry form) are used to identify each team in the overall ranking.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further event information and charter details, please contact: 69F Class 69fclass@69fsailing.com office@69fsailing.com

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