

**YOUTH FOILING GOLD CUP
2022**

Organised by Persico 69F Class in conjunction with hosting Yacht Clubs/Venues (Organizing Authority - OA).

Supported by Italian Sailing Federation (FIV).

Persico 69F Class and hosting Yacht Clubs/Venues cordially invite teams to enter the Youth Foiling Gold Cup, a globally leading pinnacle foiling series of events.

The YFGC is an international youth circuit.

The event is dedicated to mixed / female teams of 3 or 4 people.

The 2022 edition will be held in four Acts.

Teams can take part in the whole 4-act circuit or in only one of the YFGC Acts.

The best three teams of each Act and overall ranking will be rewarded.

The overall ranking will take in consideration the two best results of each team.

YFGC prize money will be over 100.000 €.

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 YFGC will be governed by the High Speed Rules (HRS) approved by World Sailing, the YFGC Event Rules and the Persico 69F Rules.
- 1.2 In case of conflict between the NoR and Event Rules, the Event Rules will prevail followed by Notices.
- 1.3 [DP][NP] The "PROTOCOL FOR THE REGULATION OF MEASURES FOR THE CONTRAST AND CONTAINMENT OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN AFFILIATED SPORTS COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS", version in force - hereinafter referred to as "PROTOCOL". The penalty for an infringement of the "Protocol" may be a maximum of 10%, depending on the seriousness of the infringement committed. The percentage will be calculated with respect to the finish position of the team in all the races of the day in which the infringement was committed, or in the case of infringement while the team is not racing, the penalty will be applied in the nearest race in the time, to that of the accident, as per RRS 64.2.
- 1.4 No US Sailing prescriptions will apply except: rule 61.4, Appendices R and V, and prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5 (a), and 76.1 (only for USA Acts).
- 1.5 Federal, state, local and venue health regulations posted on the official notice board (Whatsapp) rank as rules.

2. BOATS AND SAILS

- 2.1 Persico 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

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]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to teams that represent a yacht club or are clearly identified with one country.
- 4.2 Crew members don't have to be members of the yacht or sailing club they are representing.
- 4.3 The target number of teams is eight 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 mixed gender and shall race with both genders or all females on board. No more than 3 members shall position their body simultaneously on the racks.
- 4.5 Changes of members on board and number of members is permitted every race. Crew changes between Acts are permitted.
- 4.6 All crew members must be born before 01.01.2006 and after 01.01.1996.
One team member could be out of age limitations by 180 days.
- 4.7 No crew weight restrictions will apply.
- 4.8 All competitors must comply with the rules of their National Authorities.
- 4.9 All skippers (one for each team) must be regular members of the Persico 69F Class with 2022 payd fee (50 €).
- 4.10 All teams which participated in the previous Act will be given priority slots for the following event.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee of each Act will be € 5.000 per team and shall be paid upon entry.

Payment shall be made to:

Act 1: 15.01.2022

Act 2: 16.04.2022

Act 3: 11.06.2022

Act 4: 08.07.2022

- 5.2 The entry fee will be repaid in full if for any reason the Act is canceled by the OA.
- 5.3 The entry fee will not be refunded if a team decides to cancel their entry.
- 5.4 The Act's entry fee includes:
 - practice races.
 - multiple qualification rounds
 - Gold fleet races (top 6 teams) and Silver fleet races
 - a voice communication device
 - Persico 69F ready to sail, sails and Sailmon Max.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 Practice races.
Multiple qualification rounds, to determine Gold fleet (top 6 teams) and Silver fleet.
On the last day of the event just the Gold Fleet will sail.
- 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.

7. SCHEDULE AND VENUES

Act 1: MIAMI (USA)

04-10 february

Act 2: PORTOROSE (Slovenia)

16-22 may

Act 3: NEWPORT R.I. (USA)

11-17 july

Act 4 - LAKE GARDA - TORBOLE (Italy)
08-14 august

8. MEASUREMENT

OA may run measurement controls on privately owned sails.

9. EVENT RULES

The Event Rules will be available in [this link](#) before each Act.

10. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Event Rules. 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 Event Rules.

12. SCORING

Scoring, ties and ranking definitions will be described in the Event Rules.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches ribs are forbidden during the Act.

OA will provide a hospitality boat for all coaches (except for the Newport event).

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.

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.

16.3 The YFGC overall winner team will be entitled to one voucher for the whole 2023 69F CUP Season (one week/GP, current market value 60.000,00 €); the second classified will be entitled to one voucher for 2 Grand Prix weeks during 2023 69F CUP (current market value 37.000,00 €); the third classified will be entitled to one voucher for 1 Grand Prix week during 2023 69F CUP (current market value 18.500,00 €). Vouchers will be transferable and salable.

17. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

17.1 By entering each Act, 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 Act. 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 Acts 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 Acts 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, helm 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 Event Rules.
- 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 Act, in the absence of damage to the boat/sails/accessories.
- 18.7 The sailors are informed of the fact that the Persico 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 downwind 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further event information and charter details, please contact:

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21. COVID-19 PROTOCOL

- 21.1 All teams will be fully responsible to comply with the Covid- 19 regulations in force during the training and racing periods in the home country, in the hosting venue and in the traveling. Persico 69F Class and OA also enforce strict measures. The Youth Foiling Gold Cup will be organized in full compliance with the national, regional, Governments and of strict Covid-19 measures. Persico 69F Class is working together with local Sailing Federations and hosting venue relevant authorities to minimize the Covid – 19 procedures. Teams are advised to arrive early enough and to comply with the eventual local Covid-19 restrictions.

21.2 Italy

The sailing race activities must be carried out in accordance with the provisions on combating and containing the spread of Covid-19 issued by the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) that the OA will activate and to which the participants must abide by under the supervision of the OA.

Any cases of Covid-19 that may be detected during the Act will be reported by the OA to the relevant health bodies in charge.

It is advisable to frequently consult the link below on the Italian Sailing Federation website,

<http://www.federvela.it/emergenza-covid-19.html>, where the Covid emergency updates relevant to sporting activities will be published and deriving from provisions that may be published after this notice of race.

21.3 USA

The event will be conducted in accordance with national, state, local, or club regulations related to Covid-19. Event officials may implement Covid-19 protocols and regulations, which will rank as rules. Any rules or changes made to the event's activities or procedures will be posted as Addendums on the Official WhatsApp Chat.

22. OVERALL RANKING

22.1 The overall ranking will be calculated on the two best results of each team.

22.2 It will take in consideration live points, electronic points and penalties of all the races sailed in the Act's finals days.

22.3 Details will be defined in the Event Rules.

23. GRAND FINAL

23.1 The OA reserves the rights to organize an extra event that will overtake the YFGC overall ranking.

23.2 The decision about the Grand Final will be taken within 30.06.2022.

23.3 The first two teams of each Act will be qualified for the eight teams Grand Final.

23.4 The eventual Grand Final will be free of charge.

23.5 The eventual Grand Final may have different format and courses.

23.6 The Grand Final Event Rules will be published not later than one month before the event.