

**YOUTH FOILING GOLD CUP
Grand Final
2023**

Organizing Authority - OA: 69F Class in conjunction with Port Med Barcelona/Marina Vela Barcelona (hosting venue) and Club Nàutic Vilassar De Mar (organizing yacht club).

OA cordially invites qualified teams to enter the Youth Foiling Gold Cup Grand Final.

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 Grand Final will be governed by the High Speed Rules (HRS) approved by World Sailing, the YFGC Grand Final Event Rules, the Persico 69F Rules and the Persico 69F Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 In case of conflict between the NoR and Event Rules, the Event Rules 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.
- 2.3 Teams shall use sails produced by North Sails.

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 (on the side in the stern area, max. dimensions 50 x 20 cm):
 - on extra training days;
 - on the finals racing days;
 - on the match racing finals.



- It is permitted to display sponsors' brands on the sails owned by the team:
 - on extra training days;
 - on the finals racing days;
 - on the match racing finals.There is no size limitation of the brands.

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 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.
- 4.4 Changes of members on board and number of members is permitted every race.
- 4.5 All crew members must be born before 01.01.2007 and after 01.01.1997.
One team member could be out of age limitations but anyway born before 30.06.2007 and after 01.07.1996.
- 4.6 No crew weight restrictions will apply.
- 4.7 All competitors must comply with the rules of their National Authorities.
- 4.8 All skippers (one for each team) must be regular members of the 69F Class with 2023 paid fee (50 €).
- 4.9 The first two teams classified in each Act held in 2023 (Miami, La Grande Motte , Barcelona, Torbole) are qualified for the Grand Final.
For the purposes of qualification, a team already qualified in one Act is not considered in the ranking of subsequent acts.

E.g.

Miami Act 1 ranking

1 Team C

2 Team D

3 Team A

4 Team F

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Qualified: team C and D

La Grande Motte Act 2 ranking

1 Team C

2 Team A

3 Team G

4 Team E

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Team C already qualified in Miami Act 1
Qualified: team A and G

- 4.10 If an already qualified team renounces to participate in the Grand Final, it will be replaced by the first unqualified team in the overall ranking of the YFGC 2023, drawn up according to point 22 of the YFGC NoR, that will be published after Act 4.
- 4.11 OA reserves the right to assign a wild card to other teams.

5. FEE

- 5.1 Payments shall be paid upon entry (**the teams already qualified in Miami, La Grande Motte and Torbole shall pay the entry fee by 1st of october**):

- **EUR 1.500**

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- 5.2 Before racing, each qualified 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 Grand Final, in the absence of damage to the boat/sails/accessories.
- 5.3 The event participation includes:
 - qualification rounds
 - final fleet races and match races

- a voice communication device
- 69F ready to sail, sails and Vakaros Atlas 2.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 Qualification rounds, to determine top 6 teams.
- 6.2 Final fleet races, to determine the event finalists.
- 6.3 Match race final between the top two teams of the final fleet races.
- 6.4 The OA can modify this format at any time to ensure the completion of the Grand Final based on weather conditions.

7. SCHEDULE AND VENUE

From 2nd to 5th of November 2023.

[Marina Vela Barcelona](https://marinavela.com/)

Pg. Joan de Borbó 103,

08039 Barcelona, Spain

<https://marinavela.com/>

8. MEASUREMENT

According to the 69F Equipment Rules.

9. EVENT RULES

The Event Rules will be published not later than one month before the event on <https://69fsailing.com/69f-download/>

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.

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 the Grand Final.

- 16.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 16.3 The YFGC Grand Final winner team will be entitled to one voucher worth 10.000 €; the second classified will be entitled to one voucher worth 7.000 €; the third classified will be entitled to one voucher worth 3.000 €.

Each voucher can be spent during the 69F 2024 european season for training and YFGC Acts entry fees; the official 69F 2024 price list will be applied.

OA will ensure participation in the 2024 YFGC Acts if the voucher-holding team books its participation within 2 weeks after the official publication of the 2024 69F events calendar; otherwise, availability will not be guaranteed.

Vouchers won't be transferable and salable.

17. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

- 17.1 By entering the Grand Final, 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 Grand Final. 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 Grand Final 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 Grand Final 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 Grand Final, 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 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 details, please contact:

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