

YOUTH FOILING GOLD CUP 2023

Organized by 69F Class in conjunction with Coming Solutions srl and hosting Yacht Clubs/Venues (Organizing Authority - OA).

Supported by the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV).

69F Class, Coming Solutions srl 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 2023 edition will be held in four Acts.

Teams can take part in the whole 4-Acts circuit or in more of the YFGC Acts.

The best three teams of each Act will be rewarded.

The overall ranking will take in consideration the two best 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 YFGC will be governed by the High Speed Rules (HRS) approved by World Sailing, the YFGC Event Rules (this document includes the sailing instructions), the 69F Rules and the 69F Equipment 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 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 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 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 01.01.2007 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.

4.7 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 69F Class with 2023 payd fee (50 €).

5. FEES

5.1 Payments of each Act shall be paid upon entry:

1. Single Act entry fee (Act 1 and 3 - USA)

- **EUR 1.000**

Beneficiary: ASSOCIAZIONE CLASSE INTERNAZIONALE 69F ASD

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BIC SWIFT BACRIT21743

- **USD 8.000**

Beneficiary: 69F America Inc.

300 Alton Road, Ste 212

Miami Beach, Fl, 33139

Bank Name: JP Morgan Chase

SWIFT CHASUS33

Routing Nr (ABA) 267084131

Account No: 766010257

2. Single Act entry fee (Act 2 and 4 - Europe)

- **EUR 1.000**

Beneficiary: ASSOCIAZIONE CLASSE INTERNAZIONALE 69F ASD

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- **EUR 8.000**

Beneficiary: Coming Solutions srl

IBAN: IT66D0303211706010000001752

BIC SWIFT: BACRIT21743

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

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
- 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.

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: MIAMI (USA)

16-21 january

Act 2: LA GRANDE MOTTE (France)

08-14 may

Act 3: NEWPORT R.I. (USA)

TBC june

Act 4 - LAKE GARDA - TORBOLE (Italy)

21-27 august

8. MEASUREMENT

OA may run measurement controls on privately owned sails.

9. EVENT RULES

The Event Rules 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 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 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.
- 16.3 The YFGC winner team will be entitled to one voucher worth 40.000 €; the second classified will be entitled to one voucher worth 20.000 €; the third classified will be entitled to one voucher worth 10.000 €.
- 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 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 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 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. 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. 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 Acts 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 Notice Board.

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 the end of Act 4.

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

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

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

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