



## **SFT Pump Foil WORLD CUP Sicily, Italy**

### **Water Festival, Isola del Femmine, Sicily**

### **1.-4.5.2025**

*It is a pleasure to announce the next Pump Foil event of the SFT WORLD TOUR 2025*

*which will be held in Isola del Femmine, Sicily, Italy.*

The dates will be from the 1st to the 4th of May 2025

This is a SFT World Tour event.

### **Registration**

#### **Entry procedure and Registration**

All competitors planning to enter a SFT World Tour event shall register through the link on the respective event page on the SFT World Tour website or under the following direct link:

<https://app.surffoilworldtour.com/>

or via email to [tom@surffoilworldtour.com](mailto:tom@surffoilworldtour.com) or by other means to be specified by the SFT Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

The registration period and payment deadline will close on 1st May 2025.

Late registration can be accepted but will result in an additional late-entry fee of 20.- Euro more (total entry fee 57.- Euro).

#### **Entry restrictions**

The entry-fee for this event is 37.- Euro and a SFT membership (one event or full year membership) will be required.

Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency. In this case an amount of 40.- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee.

In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete.



### **Payment Links**

SFT Sicily Pump Foil Entry Fee (37 Euro): <https://waterfestival.it/en/products/pump-foil-race-water-festival-2025>

SFT One event membership fee (20euro): <https://buy.stripe.com/28o6rw8HS6KOawo15t>

SFT Full Year membership fee (40euro): <https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHM4rCglodIAeWk>

### **Eligibility**

A competitor is eligible for any SFT event if he meets the following conditions:

- He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- The competitor cannot hold the SFT, the GKA Event Gmbh or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the SFT, the GKA Event Gmbh or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- He holds a valid competitor's membership with the SFT Wingfoil World Tour

### **Entry allocation**

There is an unlimited number of entries for this SFT Pump Foil World Cup.

### **Disciplines**

There will be two official disciplines in this SFT World Tour event.

#### **Pump Foil**

Divisions:

Pro Men Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

Pro Women Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

#### **E-Foil (separate race notice)**

Divisions:

Pro Men Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

Pro Women Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

### **Seeding**



The seeding for this SFT Pump Foil World Cup will be based on the current SFT Pump Foil Ranking for the time trials. All competitors without ranking will be seeded by draw.

### **Important Info**

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training.
- Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!
- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing on the water at all times during the event and one SFT board sticker to be placed on the top and on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each side event that all riders must join via social media and share.

### **Membership**

- Every competitor needs to hold a valid SFT membership. The duration of SFT membership is from the first to the last event of the SFT season.
- Membership fees shall be determined by the SFT at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the year.
- Competitors are not fully covered by SFT membership. They must still prove that they have accident insurance and a civil liability. There may be a request for medical certificate.
- At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid SFT membership. Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency.
- The cost of the SFT membership for this one event is 20.-euro. Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the standard 40 € per year to cover you for all remaining events in 2025.

### **Equipment storage**

There will be no equipment storage on site.

### **Travel info**



The closest Airport to fly to is Palermo, which is about 15 min drive to the event site in Isola del Femmine.

### **The event address**

#### **Location:**

Water Festival

Viale dei Saraceni, 32

90040 Isola del Femmine, PA

Sicily, Italy





**Organiser Contact:**

Vincenzo Michelucci

Email: [vincenzo@waterexperience.it](mailto:vincenzo@waterexperience.it)

**Travel documents and Visa:**

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email [tom@surffoilworldtour.com](mailto:tom@surffoilworldtour.com)

**Accommodation for competitors:**

For special rates on accommodation for competitors at the event partners Ostello Bello and Saracen Sands Hotel you can find more information on the respective page of the event website: <https://waterfestival.it/en/pages/accomodations-scopri-le-convenzioni-del-water-festival-2025>

**Weather:**

Sicily has a Southern European climate with typical spring temperatures averaging 22°C during day and averaging 15°C at night. The average water temperature in May is around 18°C, so don't forget to bring a wetsuit. Sunrise is around 06.00h and sunset around 20.00h.

**Event Schedule**

**Thursday 1st May**

**Welcome and Registration day**

Official training

17:00-17:30 Riders registration at the event site

**Friday 2nd May**

09:00-09.15: Late Riders registration at the event site

10:00: Riders briefing

10:30 first possible start of competition

18:30 Sunset DJ and beach party

**Saturday 3rd May**

10:00: Riders briefing

10:30 first possible start of competition

18:00 prizegiving on stage

18:30 Sunset DJ and beach party

**Sunday 4th May**

10:00-18:00 Demo and show day

**Daily timing can change depending on weather conditions.**



### **Equipment**

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size, length and width of the quiver.
- There are no restrictions on dimensions or constructions of the boards.
- Footstraps, pads and wax are allowed.
- No propulsion assisted devices are allowed for the pump foil competition
- The use of a helmet is mandatory.

### **Prize money**

The total prizemoney for the SFT pump foil World Cup Sicily 2025 will be depend on the number of entries.

The top 3 riders of each division will share prize money based off the following breakdown; The minimum number of participants for a valid division is 3 competitors

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: 50%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 30%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 20%

### **SFT World Tour**

As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:

- to display visibly the competitor-number attributed to me.
- to always wear the official event-competition-lycra when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
- to wear a safety helmet during the competition,
- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- to place board stickers (SFT Wingfoil World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board at all times during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
- to take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure that I'll be on time and ready.
- I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 USD. Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time - without being justified by a force of major circumstance - will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore, fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 USD and suspension for the next event.



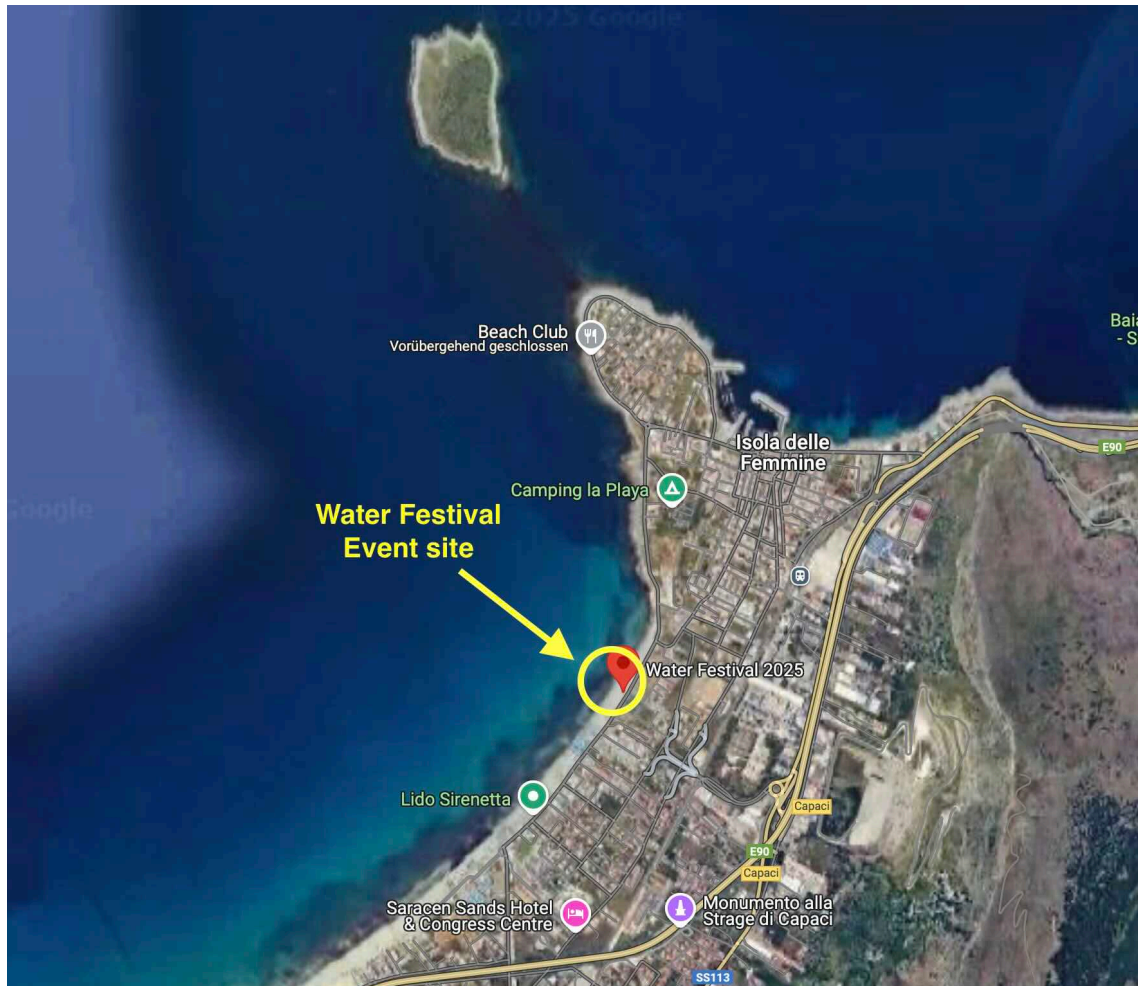


### Pump Foil competition

#### Format

The Water Festival Sicily 2025 Pump Foiling Competition will consist of various distinctive courses, designed to test different aspects of foiling skills. We will have 2 days of competition on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd May, where daily winners are determined and the results of both days count towards the overall event result.

#### Event site





### Course format

Course 1 is mandatory for seeding the group in following elimination group races.

#### 1. Sprint Time Trial (100m, 2 buoys)

- Individual qualifying time trial
- Each competitor receives 2 attempts, with best time recorded
- In case of fall/crash/false start (red flag), one additional attempt is permitted
- Maximum of one crash recovery opportunity per competitor
- Results determine seeding for subsequent races

Short sprint courses 2/3/4 are chosen according to time and conditions available.

#### 2. Sprint Slalom (150m, 3 buoys)

- Course consists of 2 × 75m sections
- Up to 2-4 riders competing simultaneously
- Competitors navigate a technical slalom course at sprint speeds

#### 3. Sprint Pump Race (200m, 2 buoys)

- Course consists of 2 × 100m sections
- Up to 2-4 riders competing simultaneously
- Tests endurance and pumping efficiency

#### 4. Slalom Race (250m total distance)

- Course consists of 60m section completed 4 times
- Up to 2-4 riders competing simultaneously

Course 1: 100m total



Course 2: 150m total



Course 3: 200m total



Course 4: 250m total







Endurance courses (Longer race format)

Directional endurance courses 5/6/7 are chosen according to time and weather available.

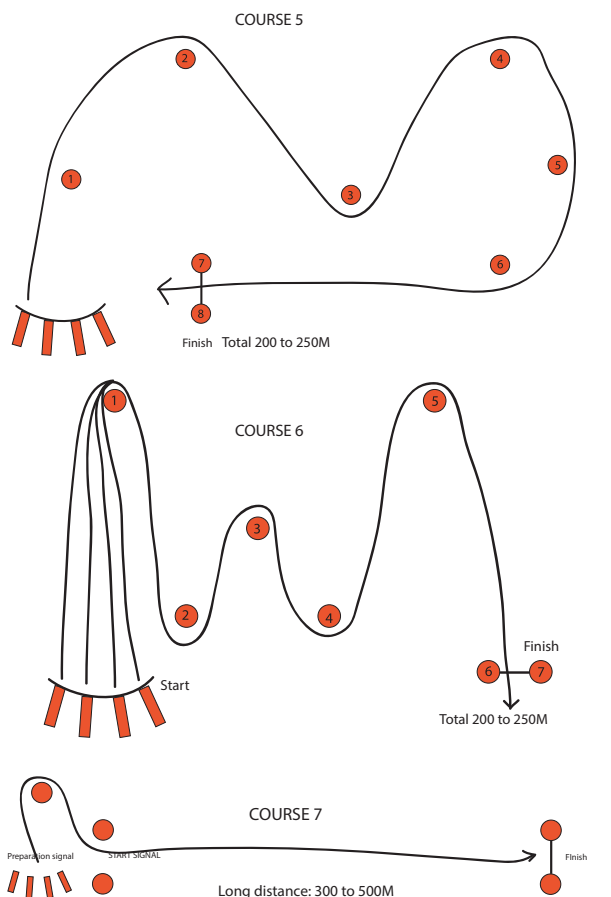
5 and 6. Pump race directional

(competition director will decide and post the course prior to the race in the riders briefing).

- Distance will be determined depending of sea conditions (choppy, wind, etc)
- Course consists of different sections and turns marked by buoys.
- Up to 2-4 riders competing simultaneously
- This courses tests tactic, turns, endurance, speed and pumping efficiency

7. "long pump endurance race"

- Competitors in groups of 4.
- Top four fastest times of the fleet will face a final grand finale.





### Timing & Judging

- Finish times are measured by stopwatch
- Timing begins at the designated start signal
- Timing ends when the competitor's chest crosses the finish line
- The contest director will determine and clearly mark all start/finish lines

### Divisions

Pro Men and Pro Women will compete on the same circuit

### Competition structure

Depending on available time and conditions, the competition will follow either:

- Single elimination ladder format
- Winners of each heat advance directly
- Losers enter repechage rounds for a second chance
- Successful repechage competitors advance to secondary ladder
- Competition continues until finals are reached

### Determining the winners

The event champion will be determined by one of the following methods (to be announced before competition begins):

We will have:

Friday Speed technical champion Men and Women division.

Saturday Endurance Champion Men and Women division.

#### Option 1: Points-Based Day Champion

- Points awarded for performance on different Courses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, etc
- Competitor with highest total points is declared day champion

#### Option 2: Final Shootout

- Top 8 competitors (based on average scores from different courses) advance to finals
- Finals consist of two heats of 4 riders each
- Top 2 finishers from each heat advance to Grand Final (4 riders)
- Winner of Grand Final is declared champion

The Overall event champion is determined by the combined result of both days.



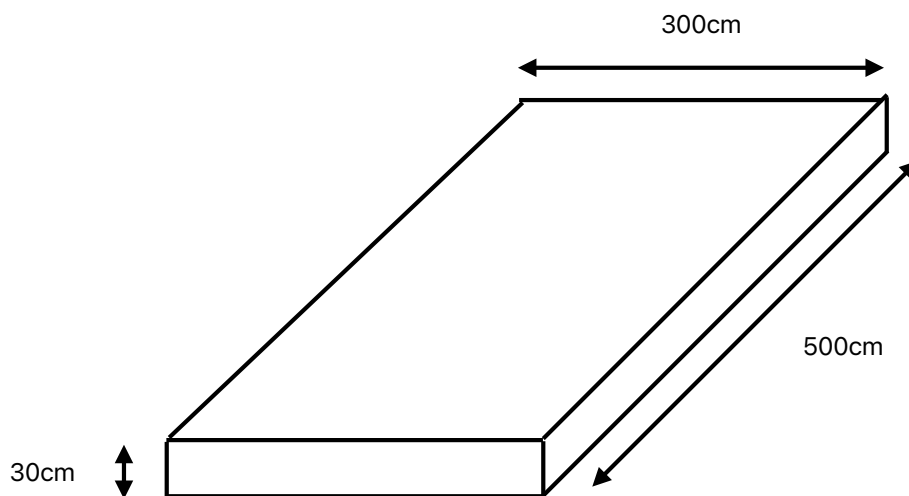
Starting docks:

The starting docks will be rigid platforms on the water:

Approximate Height from water surface: 30cm

Length: 500cm

Width: 300cm



Rules subject to modification by event organizers prior to competition. All competitors will be notified of any changes during the pre-competition briefing.\*

#### **SFT Sicily, Italy Team 2025**

**Tour Manager and Competition director:** Tom Hartmann

**Contest Director E-Foil:** Carmine Stainao

**Social Media Manager:** Ava Segersten

Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at [tom@surffoilworldtour.com](mailto:tom@surffoilworldtour.com)

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

**The SFT Team**



# Race Notice - eFoil Race WF25

Water Festival, Isola Delle Femmine – May 1-4, 2025

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**May 1:** Opening Day | Meet & Greet | Free Time

**May 2:** Official Free Practice Sessions

**May 3:** Competition Day

**May 4:** Award Ceremony

## EQUIPMENT

- **Provided by Festival:** Lift Foils eFoil boards (sizes 5'4 and 4'9)
- Athletes are encouraged to bring their own equipment for optimal performance and comfort.
- Festival-provided boards are available during scheduled practice sessions with usage limits communicated on-site.

## Equipment Standardization

- The competition will follow an **Open Format**, allowing athletes to compete with their personal boards, subject to technical inspection. Athletes who do not bring their own equipment will have access to standard, non-modifiable setups provided by the festival (powered by Lift Foils), available in sizes 5'4 and 4'9.

## Technical Requirements

- Boards must be original, non-modified, and between 5'4 and 4'2 in length.
- Foil setups must be original, non-modified.
- Helmets and impact vests are compulsory (available for rent on-site).

## COMPETITION FORMAT

### Qualifying Sessions

- **Duration:** Individual timed runs, maximum of 5 minutes including athlete transitions.
- **Course:** Slightly extended compared to the competition course to better distinguish qualifying times.
- **Categories after Qualification:**
  - **Pro:** Top 50% fastest times
  - **Enthusiast:** Bottom 50% slower times

### Tie-Break Procedure

In case of a tie affecting category placement, athletes will repeat the qualifying course. Starting order decided by random draw. Results from tie-breaker replace initial qualification times entirely.

## COMPETITOR CATEGORIES

### Primary Categories

Athletes compete according to gender and age:

- Men
- Women
- Young (under 16, minimum 4 participants required). Young athletes will compete within gender categories if insufficient numbers exist, but with special recognition in final rankings.

### Skill Categories

Within each primary category, athletes will be split based on qualification results:

- **T1:** Top 50% fastest

- **T2:** Bottom 50% slower

## COMPETITION DAY FORMAT

- **Knockout:** Used if participant numbers are high, head-to-head heats, winners advance.
- **Single Run:** If fewer participants, competition conducted in one heat, first across the finish line wins.

## FREE PRACTICE SESSIONS

- Athletes may familiarize themselves with course and equipment during official practice sessions.
- Practice schedules will be provided in the official event program.
- Practice sessions limited to registered competitors.

## SAFETY AND REGULATIONS

- Competitors must strictly follow all safety guidelines and competition rules.
- Immediate disqualification applies to unsportsmanlike behavior, negligence causing incidents, or undisclosed modifications to equipment.
- Random technical compliance checks will be conducted post-race, especially for podium finishers.

## SCORING AND CLASSIFICATION

- Final rankings determined by race finish; top positions awarded prizes as per official announcement.
- Special recognition may be given for fastest qualifying times (as communicated).

## RACE JURY AND PROTESTS

- Jury composition:
  - 2 judges at start/finish line
  - 2 judges monitoring course markers
- Jury decisions are final and non-appealable.

- Protests must be lodged within 1 hour post-race with a €1,000 deposit. Deposits are refundable if protest is upheld; otherwise, forfeited to the organization.

## **LOGISTICS**

- Competitors must remain within assigned start area until the initial signal is given.
- Course features 3-5 buoys depending on conditions/category. Course modifications possible for Enthusiast class.
- Technical issues must involve previously checked and verified equipment to allow a re-run.
- Adverse weather conditions may result in postponement or cancellation without refund.

## **LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- Participation is at athletes' own risk.
- The organizing committee disclaims liability for injuries or damages incurred during the event.
- Compliance with safety regulations is strictly mandatory.

## **THE COURSE**

- The competition course layout will follow the design illustrated in the provided image. However, please note that adjustments may occur depending on weather and water conditions. Final course details and any variations will be communicated during the official race briefings on-site.
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