



MARCHICA E-FOIL NAUTIC VILLAGE

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Marchica Lagoon Watersports Festival SFT Surf Foil World Tour E-Foil World Cup 2026 Nador, Morocco May 08th-10th, 2026

It is a pleasure to announce the 3rd global event of the SFT SURF FOIL WORLD TOUR 2026

which will mark the 1st stop in the E-foil discipline.

The dates will be 08th-10th of May 2026

This is a SFT Surf Foil World Tour event.

The event will be held under the title Marchica Lagoon Watersports Festival SFT eFoil World Cup Nador. The venue is Marchica Lagoon Resort, Nador, Morocco. The event is part of the Surf Foil World Tour (SFT) 2026 calendar. The local organizer is E-FOIL MAROC, in coordination with the Surf Foil World Tour. This event is sponsored by MHC Morocco Hospitality Company.



Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

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

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

Alternatively, registration may be sent via email to carlos@surffoilworldtour.com

Hotel discounts for riders straight on this link: <https://lagoonmarchica.wixsite.com/marchicaefoilcup>

The registration period and payment deadline will close on 5th of May 2026. Late registration may be accepted but will incur an additional late-entry fee of 20 EUR (total entry fee 60 EUR).

Entry restrictions

The entry fee for this event is 80 EUR per discipline, and a valid SFT membership is required (one-event membership 20 EUR or full-season membership 40 EUR).

Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments may be accepted in cash during inscription at the event. Cash payments will only be accepted in EUR or USD, with an additional 30 EUR processing fee. Failure to complete full payment by the close of the announced inscription time will result in exclusion from competition.

Payment links will be provided as follows:

- * SFT Morocco Entry Fee (80 EUR): [Stripe link]:
<https://buy.stripe.com/cNi7sM3Sd3Re9Xhgup5EY1H>
- * SFT One Event Membership Fee (20 EUR): [Stripe link]
<https://buy.stripe.com/28o6rw8HS6KOawo15t>
- * SFT Full Year membership fee (40 Euro):
<https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHM4rCglodIAeWk>

Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any SFT event if he or she holds valid worldwide personal medical insurance. Proof of coverage may be requested at registration. Competitors cannot hold the SFT, Deep Ocean Consulting Ltd, or the event organizer responsible for damages resulting from insufficient insurance or third-party liability.

A valid competitor's membership with the SFT World Tour is required.



Entry Allocation

There is an unlimited number of entries per division for the SFT Morocco World Cup.

Disciplines

E-Foil: Pro competition (defined by time trials). Awards: Pro Men, Pro Women, Youth (U15), Masters (40+).

Divisions:

Pro (minimum 16 years old), Open.

Categories:

Pro Men, Pro Women, Open Men, Open Women, Youth (U16), Masters (40+).

Event Seeding:

Seeding will be based on the current SFT E-Foil Ranking or time trial results. Competitors without ranking will be seeded by draw.

Important Info:

All riders must wear a helmet during competition. Competitors must wear the official lycra vest provided by the organizers during competition and training. Each competitor is responsible for their vest, no replacement will be issued.

Competitors must place one SFT board sticker on both the top and bottom of their board. Advertising and media rules as outlined in the SFT Rulebook apply. Breaches may result in warnings or fines up to 500 EUR.

Attendance at all official rider meetings and ceremonies is mandatory. Riders may not associate their names with unauthorized events. A social event calendar will be published and riders are encouraged to join and share via social media.

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.
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- 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.

Travel Info

- **By Plane:** The closest international airport is Nador International Airport (NDR), located approximately 25 km from Marchica Lagoon Resort, with a travel time of around 25–30 minutes by car.
Alternative international airports include:
Oujda Angads Airport (OUD) – approximately 120 km away, about 1 hour 30 minutes by car. Melilla Airport (MLN) in Spain – approximately 35 km away, subject to border crossing procedures.
- **Airport Transfers:** Shuttle transfers from Nador International Airport to the event venue will be arranged for athletes and official crew. Taxi services and private transfers are also available at the airport.
- **Arriving by Car & Ferry:** Participants traveling from Europe may also drive to Spain and take a ferry to Morocco, which allows riders to bring their vehicles and equipment easily.
- **Regular ferry routes operate between Spain and the region: Almería Port → Nador / Málaga Port → Melilla / Almería Port → Melilla / Puerto de Motril → Melilla**
From Nador Port, the event venue at Marchica Lagoon Resort is approximately 20 minutes by car. From Melilla Port, the venue can be reached in approximately 30–40 minutes, including the border crossing.
- **Easy Access for European Riders:** One of the key advantages of the location is its easy access from Europe. Riders from Spain, France, and Portugal can travel by car to southern Spain and take a ferry with their vehicles and equipment, making transportation of eFoil boards and gear significantly easier compared to flying. This accessibility helps facilitate participation from European athletes and teams while keeping logistics simple and cost-



efficient.

- **Parking** : Public parking will be available at the venue, with a dedicated parking area reserved for athletes, staff, and technical crew.
- **Entry Requirements**
All international visitors must hold a passport valid for at least six months. Depending on nationality, a visa may be required to enter Morocco. Participants are advised to check entry requirements prior to travel.
- **Event Location**
The exact **event location** is: **Marchica Lagoon Resort** : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SEmWmUi8ZbtHu2278>
- **On-site Facilities**
The event site will include: Athlete equipment storage area, Toilets, Male and female changing areas and showers, food beverage area, Retail kiosks and partner stands, Medical and safety station, VIP hospitality area .

Accommodation Offers

A dedicated booking / landing page with special rates for riders, teams, and official attendees will be published by the organizer.

The accommodation offer will include:

- discounted single and double rooms with full board during the official event dates
 - a more economical breakfast-only option for extra nights before and after the event, for riders arriving early or staying longer
- Detailed booking information and access to the landing page will be communicated through the official event channels.

Activities

During the Marchica Lagoon Watersports Festival, all leisure and hospitality activities for athletes and invited guests will be organized within the official event hotel, offering a comfortable and premium stay with access to facilities such as the spa, wellness areas, tennis courts, and golf experiences.

Optional external excursions, including horse riding activities and marina boat trips, can be arranged upon request. Detailed information and booking assistance will be available at the hotel reception and event welcome desk..



Weather

In May, Nador experiences mild to warm and generally dry weather. Daytime temperatures typically range between 22–26°C, while night temperatures average 14–17°C. UV levels can be moderate to high, especially during midday hours. Competitors are advised to use sunscreen, wear protective gear, and stay well hydrated, particularly during prolonged exposure on the water. Wind conditions may vary and can influence water surface conditions.

Event Schedule

-8th Friday (preparation and setup training)

-9th Saturday Riders registration 9 to 10am. / 11 Riders meeting briefing / 12.30 to 14.00 opening ceremony and welcome lunch / Time trials 15:00 to 18:00 / Media sunset photoshoot in front of the hotel 18:30 - 19.70 / 20:30 - 22.30 riders dinner and gathering party.

-10th Sunday 10:00 to 12:00 training (we might run a long distance race show) / 12:30 to 13:30 Lunch break / 14:30 to 18.30 main races / closing ceremony and price giving 19:00. / Dinner 20:00

Notes for Participants



Public displays of affection should be minimal, with holding hands acceptable but kissing or hugging in public discouraged. Respect for Morocco customs, leaders, and religion is mandatory.

Clothing must be modest in public areas; swimwear is only allowed at beaches, pools, and waterparks. Transparent or offensive clothing is strictly prohibited.

Photography of government buildings, military sites, and aircraft is forbidden. Individuals must not be photographed without their consent.

Alcohol consumption is only permitted in licensed venues for individuals over 21 years of age. The Moroccan enforces a strict zero-tolerance policy for drinking and driving.

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.
- Foot-straps, pads and wax are allowed.
- No propulsion assisted devices are allowed for the pump foil competition
- The use of a helmet is mandatory.

Battery Support

Battery support will be available on site for selected brands.

Confirmed support currently includes LIFT Foils Gen4 batteries.

LIFT Foils will also support the event with batteries for the new LIFT5 and LIFTX boards and may bring a limited number of boards on site.

Aerofoils will also support the event with battery availability.

Riders using other brands must currently be self-sufficient unless otherwise confirmed by the organizer prior to the event.

Further technical support updates may be communicated before the event.

If you cross to Morocco from Spain by sea (Ferry), you can travel with your own batteries.

Prize money

The total prize money for the **Marchica Lagoon Watersports Festival 2026** will be **10.000 EUR for the E-foil discipline.**

There must be a minimum of 4 competitors to run a valid division, otherwise men and women run together in one division.

Prize Money Distribution

Prize money will be split following the system:

80% of the total prize money will be distributed among the **top 3 riders** of each division as follows:



1st Place: 50%

2nd Place: 30%

3rd Place: 20%

The remaining 20% will be distributed among the riders placing 4th to 6th, in both Men and Women divisions.

- **This extended distribution will only apply if there are more than 10 riders registered in the division the money will be distributed.**

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 EUR. 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 EUR and suspension for the next event.

E-Foil competition

Format

The **Marchica Lagoon Watersports Festival 2026** will consist of various distinctive courses, designed to test different aspects of foiling skills. There will be 3 days of competition: Friday 8th Saturday 09th and Sunday 10th of May 2026.

Time Trials - Qualification Series

Day 1 Friday 8th will be gathering welcome, training and sep up day.

on Saturday 9th we will run the time trials, that count as qualification and seeding for the elimination series. If a competitor is missing the time trial race, the athlete can still compete for the



elimination series, but will be entering the first elimination race with a seeding lower than those who have participated in the time trials.

Elimination Series

On Sunday 10th we will be doing the main event races and finals. The elimination series will run one or multiple races. If multiple races are run, then the results of each race count together towards the event ranking. One race is run in an elimination ladder format, where each heat has 2 athletes or more competing against each other at the same time on the course and the best athlete advances into the next round until the final of the race.

Race Course:

Saturday 9th May - Time Trials - Sprint race (Individual race format).

Sunday 10th May - Elimination series (Group race format, man to man)

Principles of the race:

- The E-foil competition is a timed race on a marked course.
- Start: Participants must be stationary at the start. They start on the command of the horn (3...2...1... Horn/Signal)
- The best time of the two heats determines the ranking and the winner.
- Each participant is entitled to 2 falls. The 3rd fall is eliminatory.
- If a participant interrupts his race for any reason, he must immediately leave the race area.

Course Diagram Marchica:

Will be shown at the riders meeting and drawn according to be the most suitable regarding weather and spot conditions. We are planning some new exciting track formats that we want to test on Friday 9th.

Equipment

- Helmets and impact vest are mandatory
- Participants must bring their own E-Foil board. Demo boards might be available for racing, but not guaranteed.

Free trial phase:

- No rules, under the responsibility of each participant

Timed trial phase (optional):

- The timed trial phase is optional and depending on number of participants
- The racing order is determined by the numbering of the race number in ascending order.
- The results of the time trials determine the starting order of the race (slowest to fastest).

Race phase:

- The racing order is determined by the time trials (slowest to fastest)
- The race phase is divided into 2 heats. Only the best time over the 2 heats will be counted.
- The ranking is determined by the best time.



Elimination ladder:

Any race in the competition can be run using either an **elimination ladder** or a **round robin system**.

In an **elimination ladder** (knock-out format), multiple athletes compete against each other in different heats, where the best competitors of a single heat advance into the next round until the final. Different elimination ladder systems can be applied depending on the total number of participants and the number of competitors per heat.

In a **round robin system**, all athletes have the chance to compete in multiple heats, which guarantees more competition time and opportunities for every rider. This format is especially suitable when participation numbers are lower, or when the focus is on maximizing rider experience and fairness.

Seeding in Elimination ladder:

For the first race of the elimination series, all competitors get seeded into the elimination ladder according to their result from the time trials. If multiple competitors have the same result from the time trials cause they did not start in the time trials or crashed at the start,

- those competitors who crashed at the start will be seeded below those who have a ranking from the time trials and a draw will determine the positions between those who do not have a ranking.
- Those competitors who did not start at all in the time trials, will be seeded below those who participated in the time trials and a draw will determine the positions between those who have not participated.

For the second and any following race of elimination series, the result of the previous elimination race counts for the seeding of the next race. Shared positions are split for the allocation in the elimination ladder by the result from the time trials.

Event Ranking:

If the Elimination Series runs one race only, the result of that one elimination stands as the final event ranking. All heats need to be completed to have a valid result.



If the Elimination Series runs multiple races, the results of each race count towards the final event ranking. A competitor collects points for every result of a single race according to the position the athlete finishes within that race.

Event ranking points

The winner receives 0,7 points, second place receives 2 points, third place receives 3 points, 4th place receives 4 points and after that the athletes being knocked out receive the average points of all other competitors also being knocked in the same round in same finishing position. The competitor with the lowest accumulated points is in first position of the event ranking, the competitor with the second lowest accumulated points is in second position of the event ranking and so on.

Discards

- If four or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard one result of all races. This meaning the highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.
- If seven or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard two results of all races. This meaning the two highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.
- If ten or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard three results of all races. This meaning the three highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.

Tie Breaks

If multiple competitors end up with the same total points in the event ranking, a competitor is ranked on top of another competitors by the following order of rules:

1. In favour of the competitor with the better result from the time trials
2. In favour of the competitor with lower points discarded, if any discard(s) have been effected
3. In favour of the competitor who has finished more often on top of the other one throughout all races including discarded races.
4. In favour of the competitor with the higher number of first, second, third, etc place finishes throughout all races including discarded races.
5. In favour of the competitor who finished better in the last race
6. If all of the above rules miss to determine who is finishing on top of the other competitor, then the final event ranking shall stand with a shared position between these competitors.



SFT team Nador Morocco 2026

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Any question please contact our Sports Director at carlos@surffoilworldtour.com

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The SFT Team.

