



**FOILING
WEEK
MALCESINE**

July 2nd - July 5th, 2026

Riders WhatsApp group: it's the rider's responsibility to be in the group for official info and Q&A:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GQD8vKatuoO3oV95h8TnwH?mode=gi_t

FOILING WEEK, MALCESINE, ITALY
SFT SURF FOIL WORLD TOUR 2026–RACE NOTICE

It is a pleasure to announce the 8th global event of the SFT SURF FOIL WORLD TOUR 2026 which will mark the 4th stop in the E-foil discipline, 4th stop in Pump Foil discipline, 3rd in Parawing Downwind, 2nd in SUP Downwind of the year.

The dates will be **2nd to 5th July 2026**. This is a SFT Surf Foil World Tour event.

We proudly announce the collaboration for the second year among Foiling Week and SFT. This event is part of the SFT Surf Foil World Tour 2026 calendar and will feature competition in Downwind (Paddle, Parawing, Foil Assisted, Wingfoil), Pumpfoil, Efoil and Parawing.

Foiling Week is the first and unique global event committed to the amazingly fast foiling boats and boards, their sailors, designers, manufacturers and followers. This will mark the 14th edition in Italy, plus special events in Australia, USA and Saudi Arabia.



SFT Riders Foiling Week 2026
WhatsApp group



REGISTRATION

Entry procedure and registration

All competitors invited to enter this special SFT World Tour event must register via the link provided on the relevant event page of the SFT World Tour website, or directly through the following link: <https://app.surffoilworldtour.com/>

Registration may also be completed by email at carlos@surffoilworldtour.com, or by other means as specified by the SFT Sports Commission, no later than the official closing date for entries for this event.

The registration period and payment deadline will close on **June 27th, 2026**. Timely registration is essential to allow for proper organization of event lycras and the event safety plan. Please note that accommodation availability in the area is very limited, and early booking is strongly recommended.

Parental authorization (mandatory for riders under 18 years old).

Data Protection

Registration implies acceptance of the SFT Riders App Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy. Personal data may be processed for sporting and event purposes in accordance with GDPR and applicable data protection laws.

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

A valid SFT membership is mandatory and can be obtained as either:

- a single-event membership (**€20**), or
- a full-year membership (**€40**).

Important note for Italian riders:

Please be aware that Italian riders taking part in the Parawing discipline must also hold a valid full-year FIV 2026 "Tessera FIV Plus", issued by the Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV), costing **€60**, in order to participate. All Italian riders must send their details to racing@wearefoiling.com before **27th June 2026**.

Payments must be made via creditcard. 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. If so, an amount of **€30 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.

EVENT PAYMENT LINKS

- **SFT Parawing World Cup Foiling Week (80 Euro):**
<https://buy.stripe.com/3c114feyl6BR9uydRgb3q01>
- **SFT Pumpfoil World Cup Foiling Week (80 Euro):**
<https://buy.stripe.com/dRm5kv75T21B7mq14ub3q02>
- **SFT Efoil Foiling World Cup Foiling Week (80 Euro):**
<https://buy.stripe.com/5kQ7sD89X3pFdKODrGb3q03>
- **SFT Downwind World Cup Foiling Week (40 Euro):**
<https://buy.stripe.com/4gMbITbm90dtayC14ub3q04>
- **SFT World Cup Foiling Week – 2 disciplines** among Efoil-Parawing- Pumpfoil (130 Euro):
<https://buy.stripe.com/28E8wH3THe4jbCG7sSb3q05>
- **SFT World Cup Foiling Week – Downwind + 1 discipline** among Efoil- Parawing- Pump (100 Euro):
<https://buy.stripe.com/4gMfZ9duh7FV0Y29B0b3q06>

SFT MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT LINKS

- **SFT One event only membership fee (20 Euro):**
<https://buy.stripe.com/28o6rw8HS6KOawo15t>
 - **SFT Full Year membership fee (40 Euro):**
<https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHM4rCglodIAeWk>
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ELIGIBILITY

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

- He has personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- He has third party liability insurance with worldwide coverage for this kind of event. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide third party liability coverage may be requested.
- The competitor cannot hold the SFT, the GKA Event GmbH, Deep Ocean Consulting Ltd 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, Deep Ocean Consulting 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 World Tour of the current year. Riders under 18 must provide a signed parental authorization (parent or legal guardian) before registration is confirmed.
 - **Important note for Italian riders in the Parawing discipline:** All Italian riders must send their details to racing@wearefoiling.com before **27th June 2026** (for this event only).
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ENTRY ALLOCATION

This is the Open SFT Foiling Week event.

- A discipline will be considered valid only if a minimum of **6 participants** are registered in that discipline.
 - For a gender category to be valid, there must be a minimum of **3 men or 3 women** registered in that category. If a gender category does not reach the minimum of 3 participants, race management reserves the right to merge categories or apply the most appropriate competitive structure for that discipline.
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DISCIPLINES

The event will feature the following disciplines:

- Downwind (Paddle, Foil Assisted, Parawing, Wingfoil)
 - Parawing Course Racing with stash zones
 - Pumpfoil
 - Efoil
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DIVISIONS

- **Open** (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)
- **Masters** (minimum 40 years old in the year of competition). Additional award categories within the Open division, not separate racing divisions.
- **Youth (U19)**. Additional division within the Open division, not separate racing divisions.

Minimum age to compete: 14 years old (in the year of competition).

AWARD CATEGORIES

E-FOIL

Prize money categories:

- Top 3 Pro Men
- Top 3 Women

Additional award categories:

- Top 3 Challenger
- Top Master
- Top Youth

PUMP FOIL

Prize money categories:

- Top 3 Pro Men
- Top 3 Women

Additional award categories:

- Top Master
- Top Youth

PARAWING RACING

Prize money categories:

- Top 3 Men
- Top 3 Women

Additional award categories:

- Top Master
- Top Youth

DOWNWIND

Recognition award categories:

- Top Foil Assisted Overall
- Top Parawing Overall
- Top Paddle Overall
- Top Wingfoil Overall
- Top Woman Overall
- Top Youth Overall
- Top Master Overall

Unless otherwise confirmed by SFT, Downwind award categories are recognition categories and are not part of the cash prize money allocation.

EVENT SEEDING

Event seeding will be determined by time trials conducted on the morning of the first competition day. A short course will be set, including designated stash zones, with times recorded from start to finish. All competitors will be seeded into the competition ladder based on their fastest valid time, with lower times receiving higher seeding priority.

Where applicable, seeding, heat structure, and starting order may be determined by a combination of prior SFT ranking, qualifying performances, initial scoring rounds, or draw, depending on the discipline and the number of participants. Final competition formats will be confirmed by race management according to the discipline concerned.

IMPORTANT INFO

- All riders need to wear a **helmet** during competition.
- Competitors have to wear the official event lycra at all times when proceeding to the water, also during training, and whenever required during interviews, official presentations, and podium ceremonies.
- Each rider will get one competition rider vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition vest. In case of loss, a replacement might not be 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 this Event Rules. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offense and may incur a fine at the second offense of not more than **EUR 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 event site that all riders must join via social media and share.

MEMBERSHIP

- Every competitor needs to hold a valid one-event-only or a full year SFT membership. 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 civil liability insurance. There may be a request for a 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 currency.
 - The cost of the SFT membership for this one event is **€20**. Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the standard **€40 per year** to cover you for all remaining events in 2026.
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TRAVEL INFO

Travel & Access

The closest airport is Verona or Bergamo, however most international flights connect via Venice or Milan. Approximate driving times from these airports are as follows:

- Verona: 60 minutes
- Bergamo: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Milan Linate: 2 hours
- Venice Marco Polo Airport: 2 hours 15 minutes
- Milan Malpensa: 2 hours 40 minutes

Rental cars are available at the airport through providers such as Hertz, Avis, Europcar, and others.

ACCOMMODATION FOR COMPETITORS

- Riders arriving with a caravan or motorhome can book a place in the different campsites in the area. You can find the list at this link selecting "*Campeggio*":
<https://www.visitmalcesine.com/en/accommodation-where-to-stay-in-malcesine>
- If you prefer a different accommodation (hotel or apartment) we suggest:
→ To visit this page: <https://www.visitmalcesine.com/en/accommodation-where-to-stay-in-malcesine>
→ To help you plan your stay, the Malcesine Hoteliers' Concierge Service is available with local accommodation options. You can contact them by email at **iat@comunemalcesine.it**, or by phone between 09:00 and 16:00.
→ To use Online Travel Agency websites.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND VISA

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email carlos@surffoilworldtour.com and we will issue the document for you.

THE EVENT ADDRESS

Location: Spiaggia Paina, Malcesine, Lake Garda, Italy
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/a7cigv95DWL8qWUm8>

REGISTRATION & RIDERS' MEETING

Spiaggia Paina
Via Paina, 43, 37018 Malcesine VR Malcesine, Lake Garda, Italy

Only the Parawing and Wing racing activities will take place at:
Fraglia Vela Malcesine – Via Gardesana, 205n Frazione Navene – 37018 Malcesine VR

ORGANIZER CONTACT

Caterina – racing@wearefoiling.com

WEATHER

Malcesine enjoys a typical Northern Italian lake climate, strongly influenced by the presence of Lake Garda and the surrounding mountains. During early July, conditions are generally warm and stable, with average air temperatures ranging from approximately 20°C to 30°C.

The area is particularly renowned for its reliable thermal winds, making it one of Europe's premier foiling and sailing destinations. The dominant winds are the **Peler** (a northerly wind blowing in the early morning, often reaching moderate to strong intensity) and the **Ora** (a southerly thermal breeze that develops from late morning into the afternoon, typically providing consistent sailing conditions between 12 and 20+ knots). Wind strength and timing can vary depending on weather systems and thermal activity.

The average water temperature in early July is around 22°C to 24°C, generally comfortable for water activities, though participants may still prefer a lightweight wetsuit depending on personal preference and conditions.

Sunrise is around **05:30**, and sunset around **21:00**, allowing for long days on the water and extended event activities.

EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Will have tents with security for rider's equipment on the spot.

EVENT SCHEDULE

The official SFT competition window is **2 July to 5 July 2026**. The final daily timetable may be adapted depending on weather, lake conditions, safety, support-boat logistics, and event flow.

Downwind

- **Disciplines:** Paddle Downwind, Foil Assisted Downwind, Parawing Downwind, and Wingfoil Downwind.
- **Competition window:** 3 July to 5 July.
- Final start time, course, start location, and finish location will be confirmed according to conditions.

Parawing Racing

- **Dates:** 2 July to 3 July.
- **Venue:** Fraglia Vela Malcesine.

Pump Foil

- **Dates:** 4 July to 5 July.
- **Venue:** Spiaggia Paina.

E-Foil

- **Dates:** 4 July to 5 July.
- **Venue:** Spiaggia Paina.

Note: SFT Parawing Racing will be scheduled around the dinghy sailing programme at Fraglia Vela Malcesine. Both activities share the same venue and race area, so they will be run in separate time blocks.

Pump Foil and E-Foil will share the same competition days, venue, and race area at Spiaggia Paina. These disciplines will be run in separate time blocks.

EQUIPMENT

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are no 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.
- Both serial and prototype parawings are allowed.
- The use of a **helmet and vest** is mandatory.

PRIZE MONEY

The total prize money for the SFT Foiling Week 2026 is **€4,500**. Prize money applies to the following official prize money disciplines:

- Pump Foil
- E-Foil
- Parawing Racing

Standard Downwind categories are **not** included in the cash prize money allocation unless SFT confirms otherwise in writing. Downwind award categories may receive trophies, medals, recognition, or partner prizes.

There must be a minimum of **3 competitors** to run a valid paid gender division. If a gender division does not reach the minimum number of competitors, race management may merge divisions or apply the most appropriate competitive structure.

General Allocation Principle: Equal Gender Prize Money

Prize money is divided into two components:

1. **Podium Prize Money, Top 3:** 80%
2. **Depth Bonus, 4th to 6th:** 20%

Masters and Youth divisions are ranking-only and do not receive separate prize money, unless their results place them within the paid positions of the Open Men or Open Women divisions.

Podium Prize Money, Top 3, Men and Women

80% of the prize money allocated to each paid discipline is assigned to the Top 3 and is split equally between Men and Women, with 40% allocated to each gender division, regardless of the number of participants.

Within each gender division, the Top 3 prize money is distributed as follows:

- 1st place: 50% of that gender podium allocation
- 2nd place: 30% of that gender podium allocation
- 3rd place: 20% of that gender podium allocation

Depth Bonus, 4th to 6th

The remaining 20% of the prize money allocated to each paid discipline is reserved as a depth bonus and is awarded only in gender divisions with **more than 10 registered riders**.

If applicable, the depth bonus is distributed within that gender division as follows:

- 4th place: 7.0%
- 5th place: 6.8%
- 6th place: 6.2%

If a gender division has 10 or fewer registered riders, the depth bonus does not apply and the corresponding amount is added to the Podium Prize Money of the same gender division, maintaining the same 50%/30%/20% podium distribution.

SFT WORLD TOUR – COMPETITOR AGREEMENT

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

- to display correctly 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 podiums.
 - to wear a safety helmet during the competition.
 - to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
 - to place board stickers (SFT Surf Foil 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, a fine can incur an additional penalty of up to **1,000 EUR** and suspension for the next event.
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FORMAT (DOWNWIND PARAWING FOIL COMPETITION)

The Downwind Parawing Foil Competition 2026 will consist of various distinctive courses, designed to test different aspects of parawing skills.

Elimination Series

The race is run in an elimination ladder format, where each heat has a number of athletes competing against each other at the same time on the course and the best 1 or 2 athletes advance into the next round until the final of the race.

We might also do Half fleet or Full fleet races depending on the number of riders registered, weather conditions and logistics.

RACE COURSE

We will use courses where the main goal is to be the most complete rider: upwind, beam or broad reach, and of course stashed (downwind). If we have flat water from offshore wind, the stashing zones will be shorter (more pumping), and if we have onshore wind with some swell, stashing zones will be longer.

Race courses will be defined and revealed at the official riders briefing.

PENALTIES & RACE STATUS

- **DSQ (Disqualification):** A competitor will be disqualified for:
 - A jump start (starting before the green flag / official start signal), or
 - Failure to follow the correct buoy sequence.
- **DNS (Did Not Start):** If not present at the starting line when the official start sequence is given (Red flag: 2 min, Yellow flag: 1 min, Green flag: start). *This sequence can be changed by the Race Director.*
- **DNF (Did Not Finish):** If unable to regain flight within reasonable time (about 2 minutes following a crash).

CRASHES IN THE ELIMINATION SERIES

- If a competitor crashes at the start or during the course, they can get back on foil and start again.
- If two or more competitors crash with each other, it is generally treated as a racing incident unless dangerous riding is identified.
- **Dangerous riding** (rude, abusive, or intentional endangerment) → disqualification.

EVENT RANKING POINTS

- Winner: **0.7 points**
- 2nd: **2 points**
- 3rd: **3 points**
- 4th: **4 points**
- Knocked-out athletes receive the average points of others knocked out in the same round and position.

DISCARDS

- 4+ races: discard 1 result
- 7+ races: discard 2 results
- 10+ races: discard 3 results

Tie Breaks

Order: better Time Trial result → lower points discarded → more finishes ahead → more 1st/2nd/3rd places → better last race → shared position.

PARAWING DOWNWIND KEY RULES (SFT)

Discipline

- Races are held over a defined course with start and finish lines, marked by buoys.
- One or more downwind sections are included.
- During downwind sections, riders must advance using wave energy and/or pumping only.
- Downwind Parawing propulsion is strictly forbidden; the parawing must remain stashed at all times.

Right of Way

- Starboard tack has priority over port tack.
- Leeward rider has priority when overlapped on the same tack.
- Rider clear ahead has priority when not overlapped.
- A rider changing tack or transitioning must keep clear until established.

Safety & Conduct

- Avoid contact at all times when reasonably possible.
- Blocking or deliberate obstruction is prohibited.
- Non-competing riders must stay outside the competition area.

Interference & Penalties

- Penalties may include warnings, score adjustments, heat re-runs, or disqualification.
- Serious or deliberate cases → disqualification from the event.

Redress

- May be granted if a rider's result is materially affected through no fault of their own.
- Requests must be submitted in writing within prescribed time limits.

PUMP FOIL RULES (summary)

Discipline Overview

Tests ability to generate and maintain foil flight using pumping technique, race strategy, turning, endurance, sprint, and control.

Start Types (possible)

Dock start, pontoon start, pool platform start, beach start, tow-in start, assisted start, etc.

Course Types

Sprint, technical turning, distance, boardercross, upwind/downwind marks, obstacle/gate courses.

Time Trials

- Only one competitor on course at a time.
- Up to 4 attempts per run before first buoy.
- 2 timed runs per competitor; best time counts.

Elimination Series

- 2 to 4 athletes per heat.
- Best 1 or 2 advance.
- False starts → warning; 2nd false start → DSQ.

Boardercross Format

2 to 4 riders on a course with turns, gates, obstacles, sprint/technical sections.

Penalties

- Missed buoy / course infringement → DSQ.
- Dangerous riding → DSQ.
- Contact between riders → DSQ.

Points system (same as Parawing: 0.7, 2, 3, 4...)

E-FOILRULES (summary)

Formats

- Timed Laps (individual)
- Heat Racing (head-to-head or group)
- Elimination ladder
- Round Robin

Time Trials

- 2 runs per rider.
- Best time determines seeding.
- 3rd fall in a run → DNF.

Equipment

- Own board required. Demo boards may be available but not guaranteed.
- All brands allowed.
- Helmet and impact/life vest mandatory.
- Technical failures are rider's responsibility (no rerun).

Penalties

- 1st false start: warning; 2nd: DSQ.
 - Dangerous riding, missed buoy, outside assistance, contact, unsportsmanlike conduct → DSQ.
 - External electronic communication (coach to rider) during a run → DSQ.
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Points & Discards (same system)

DOWNWINDSUPFOIL RULES (summary)

Discipline Overview

Tests paddling into foil flight, connecting bumps, maintaining glide, reading wind/swell, long-distance strategy.

Start Formats (possible)

Mass start, interval start, beach start, water start, boat line start, rolling start, time trial start.

Equipment & Safety

- Leash mandatory at all times.
- Helmet and vest mandatory.
- GPS tracker required (for timing, course compliance, safety).
- Official race jersey and numbers.

Course Compliance

Must follow defined route, mandatory waypoints, GPS gates, exclusion zones.

Withdrawal

Must notify Race Committee immediately (VHF or defined method).

Penalties

May include time penalty, position penalty, disqualification, DNF.

Protests

System defined in Race Notice or at Riders' Briefing. May be a "no-protest" format.

SFT FOILING WEEK - TEAM 2026

- **Tour Manager:** Tom Hartmann
 - **Contest Director:** Tim / Tom
 - **Scoring Operator:** (TBA)
 - **Media Director:** Zuzana Pavelkova
 - **Video Production/media:** TBA
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Any questions please contact our Sports Director at

We look forward to seeing you very soon!
The SFT Team.