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WORLD FINAL 2016



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“We are foiling. Since this new technology hit the sailing world, it was our goal to introduce Foiling to sailors all over the planet. The Red Bull Foiling Generation gives young sailing talents the chance, to get on a foiling catamaran, competing on the highest level of the sport. The event will give all participants the chance to develop their sailing skills at the earliest stage of their career. I am very much looking forward to the Red Bull Foiling Generation World Final and can't wait to watch the youngsters from 15 countries battle for the title.”

— Roman Hagara



“We coach young talent and provide mentorship to prepare them to be the best youth sailors on the planet. Red Bull Foiling Generation is the perfect start to get familiar with the foiling points within a first-class competition, followed by the Red Bull Youth Americas Cup, which is the pathway into professional sailing.”

— Hans Peter Steinacher



RED BULL FOILING GENERATION IS ABOUT PROVIDING TALENTED YOUNG SAILORS, SELECTED THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL QUALIFYING EVENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS THROUGH TOP-NOTCH HYDROFOIL RACING.

The competitions serve as training waters for the Red Bull Youth America's Cup, which caters to competitors ages 19-25. Both competitions train youth sailors from all over the globe on smaller versions of catamaran racers with foils, like those used in one of the world's most famous sailing competition – America's Cup.

The Sail Newport Sailing Center at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, Rhode Island will host both the Red Bull Foiling Generation US Qualifier on October 15 and 16 and the World Finals for the world to see on October 22 and 23. The seaside location is home to many sailing events and regattas because of its natural amphitheater on Narragansett Bay and legendary sailing waters.



ALEC BAGUÉ

Hometown: Ghent, Belgium

Sailing Since: 11 (recreational) 15 (regattas)

Sailing achievements: World Champion F16 2016, European Champion F16 2015, 2 time Winner Eurocat Carnac C1 and F16

Experience on which boats: Catamaran (F18 F16 SL16 HC16)

Sailing club / town: Royal Belgian Sailing Club / Duinbergen

Sportive career goal: Olympic medal

Goal for the RBF World Final: Don't embarrass myself since I'm not used to being a skipper, I'm usually a crew ;)

Your personal hero: Billy Besson

Best sailor on the planet: Sir Ben Ainslie

Best coaches on the planet: Sebbe Godefroid, HP, Roman

Best sailing location on the planet: North Sea

Motto in life: "Win or Swim."

WIRTZ MORGAN

Hometown: Brussels, Belgium

Sailing Since: 2013

Sailing achievements: 2 time Belgian Champion, 4th at the F16 World 2016, 10th at the ISAF Youth 2015

Experience on which boats: Hobie Dragoon 1 season / SL16 2 season / Viper F16 this season

Sailing club / town: Royal Belgian Sailing Club / Knokke

Sportive career goal: America's cup / Olympic games on Nacra 17

Goal for the RBF World Final: Top 4

Your personal hero: Usain Bolt, Nelson Mandela, Ben Ainslie

Best sailor on the planet: Ben Ainslie, Peter Burling, James Spithill

Best coaches on the planet: Sebastien Godefroid, Roman Hagara, Hans-Peter Steinacher

Best sailing location on the planet: Australia, New Zealand, Lake Garda

Motto in Life: "Always go further / never give up."



FREDERIK JUST MELSON

Hometown: Middelfart, Denmark

Sailing Since: 2001

Sailing achievements: 29er Youth European Champion, 29er Top Ten Youth Worlds, 49er Gold Fleet Youth Worlds, First Boat Palby Fyn Cup Long Distance Race

Experience on which boats: 29er, 49er, International Moth, various large multihulls and keelboats

Sailing club / town: Middelfart Sejlklub

Sportive career goal: Olympic medal

Goal for the RBF World Final: Podium finish

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Finn Beton

Best sailing location on the planet: Middelfart when the sun is shining and the wind is blowing

Motto in life: "Have fun."

MARKUS OLIVER NIELSEN

Hometown: Middelfart, Denmark

Sailing Since: 2007

Sailing achievements: 8th YWSC, 1st 29'er Youth European Championship, 1st RBGF Denmark

Experience on which boats: RS Feva, 405, 29'er, 49'er, F-18, X-37, DS 37, Kitesurf, Windsurf, Flying Phantom

Sailing club / town: Middelfart

Sportive career goal: Volvo Ocean Race

Goal for the RBF World Final: Top 5

Your personal hero: Alex Thomson

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Finn "Beton" Jensen

Best sailing location on the planet: Middelfart!

Motto in Life: "Winners never quit, quitters never win."



BOC-HO ARTHUR

Hometown: Saint Malo/DINARD, France

Sailing Since: 2010 in competition

Sailing achievements: For 2016 : 1st Flying Phantom Series Cannes, 1st National Hobie Cat 16, 1st European Championship Youth Hobie Cat 16, 2nd European Championship Youth F18, 4th French Championship 29er

Experience on which boats: Hobie Cat 16, F18, 29er, Flying Phantom, GC32, J80, Nacra 15

Sailing club / town: CNBPP, LA BAULE

Sportive career goal: Youth America's Cup, America's Cup, Olympic Games

Goal for the RBF World Final: To win and participate to the Red Bull Youth America's Cup with the finalists, creating an international team

Your personal hero: My father!

Best sailor on the planet: Eric Tabarly, Jimmy Spithill, François Gabart, and so many

Best coaches on the planet: Franck Citeau

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Garda, Bermuda and so many others I would like to try

Motto in life: "I would like to become a naval architect to build the future boat, continuing to foil, to sail in competition."

CANTIN ROGER

Hometown: Pornichet, France

Sailing Since: 2002

Sailing achievements: Flying Phantom: April 2016: 1st - Flying Phantom Series - Cannes, France, October 2015: 1st - Red Bull Foiling Generation - La Baule, France, July 2015: 1st - Foiling Week - Lake Garda, Italy / Formule 18: July 2016: 10th - European Championship - Brest, France, March 2016: 14th - French Championship - Carnac, France, January 2015: 3rd - Martinique Cata Raid - Martinique, French Caribbean / A40 RC: May 2016: 3rd - SNIM International Sailing Week - Marseille, France

Experience on which boats: F18, Flying Phantom, Nacra 20 FCS, Diam 24, IRC (A40RC), J80

Sailing club / town: Bray-Dunes

Sportive career goal: Professional sailor

Goal for the RBF World Final: Give the best of ourselves to win the Final

Your personal hero: Ferdinand Magellan

Best sailor on the planet: François Gabart

Best coaches on the planet: Franck Citeau

Motto in Life: "Never forget, always progress."



JASPER STEFFENS

Hometown: 24159 Kiel, Germany

Sailing Since: 2006

Sailing achievements: To have fun and be successful at the same time while sailing and learn as much as I can to become a satisfied sailor

Experience on which boats: Opti, 29er, 49er

Sailing club / town: Wind und Welle e.V.

Sportive career goal: Going to Olympic games

Goal for the RBF World Final: Winner

Best coaches on the planet: Till Gerngroß, Patrick Böhmer, Manuel Voigt

Best sailing location on the planet: Kiel, Lake Ontario

Motto in life: "Keep smiling."

TOM LENNART BRAUCKMANN

Hometown: Kiel, Germany

Sailing Since: 2005

Sailing achievements: Bronze World Champions, Vice European Champions 2014, International German Champions 2014 29er

Experience on which boats: Opti, 29er, 49er, Phantom

Sailing club / town: Segelsport Grönwohld

Sportive career goal: Maybe Olympia

Goal for the RBF World Final: We try to make the best of it

Your personal hero: Robby Naish

Best coaches on the planet: Patrick Böhmer

Best sailing location on the planet: Wow there are so many.... In my opinion it could be Kiel

Motto in Life: "Live your dream."



MORGAN PEACH

Hometown: Torquay, Great Britain

Sailing Since: 2004

Sailing achievements: 10th at 29er Worlds, 7th at 29er Youth Worlds, 6th at 49er FX Junior Worlds

Experience on which boats: 49er, 470, 29er, 18ft Skiff, Flying Phantom

Sailing club / town: Torquay

Sportive career goal: To compete at the Olympic games

Goal for the RBF World Final: To learn about foiling and to have a great time!

Your personal hero: Chris Froome

Best sailor on the planet: Ben Ainsley

Best coaches on the planet: Ian Martin, Ben Rhodes, and Matt Thomas

Best sailing location on the planet: Torquay

Motto in life: "Fruity by name, nutty by nature."

OWEN BOWERMAN

Hometown: Havant, Great Britain

Sailing Since: First sailed when I was 7 from HISC in an oppie

Sailing achievements: Land Rover BAR Academy Helm, 7th ISAF Youth Worlds, 29er National Champion, RS Feva World Champion

Experience on which boats: RS Feva, 29er, 49er, 470, Nacra 20, Phantom, GC32, Extreme 40, 18ft Skiff, Etchell, RS Ellite

Sailing club / town: HISC

Sportive career goal: Olympic Medal

Goal for the RBF World Final: Learn as much about foiling racing and reaching starts

Your personal hero: Usain Bolt

Best sailor on the planet: Ben Ainslie

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Garda



FRANCESCO RUBAGOTTI

Hometown: Chiari (BS), Italy 25032

Sailing Since: 2006

Sailing achievements: First Place in the National Championship O'Bic, Sixth Place in the J World Championship in 470, Participation in the ISAF World, Second Place in the 49er U23 National Championship, First Place in the RBFG in Italy

Experience on which boats: Optimist, various types of dinghies, 420, 470, 49'er, various types of ORC and monotypes

Sailing club / town: Fraglia Vela Desenzano

Sportive career goal: Olympic Games

Goal for the RBFG World Final: Make the best possible results having never trained on a Phantom

Your personal hero: Robert Scheidt

Best sailor on the planet: Sime Fantela / Igor Marenic

Best coaches on the planet: Andrea Mannini

Best sailing location on the planet: Miami

Motto in life: "Always trying, never give up."

MATTEO PILATI

Hometown: Brenzone, Italy

Sailing Since: 6

Sailing achievements: 3rd Place at Feva World Champion 2010, 2nd Place at ISAF Junior Worlds Limmasol 2013, 7th Place at 420 World Champion, 6th Place at 470 Junior World 2014

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Feva, 420, 470, 49er

Sailing club / town: Fraglia Vela Malcesine

Sportive career goal: Tokyo 2020

Goal for the RBFG World Final: 1st place

Your personal hero: Robert Scheidt

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Kovalenko

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Grada

Motto in life: "Mai mollare."



ISSEI FUJIKI

Hometown: Wakayama, Japan

Sailing achievements: Took Part in 2014 420World, 2014 Laser 4.7 World, 2014, 2015 ISAF Youth World (29er)

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Laser 4.7, Radial, 420, 29er, FX, 49er

Sailing club / town: Wakayama Sailing Club

Sportive career goal: Aim to win medal at the Olympics

Goal for the RBF World Final: Top 3

Your personal hero: Kei Nishikori and Ichiro

Best sailor on the planet: Mr. Santiago Lange

Best coaches on the planet: Mr. Suzuki

Best sailing location on the planet: Perth

Motto in life: "The ups and downs of life."

SHINICHIRO YANO

Hometown: Wakayama, Japan

Sailing Since: 9 years old

Sailing achievements: 2014 420 World, 2014, 2015 ISAF Youth World(29er)

Experience on which boats: Optimist, LaserRadial, snipe, 420, 29er, 49er, Nacra 17

Sailing club / town: Nihon University sailing club

Sportive career goal: Gold medal

Goal for the RBF World Final: Top 3

Your personal hero: Kei Nishikori

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Mr. Kunio Suzuki

Best sailing location on the planet: Garda

Motto in life: "Enjoy life."



DUKO BOS

Hometown: Rotterdam, Netherlands

Sailing Since: 7 years old

Sailing achievements: 21e EK Laser 2016, 5e JEK Laser 2014, 6e JWK Laser 2014

Experience on which boats: Laser radial, Laser, 420, 470, optimist

Sailing club / town: R.Z.V.

Sportive career goal: Olympics, America's Cup, Volvo Ocean Race

Goal for the RBF World Final: Finals

Your personal hero: Mom and dad

Best sailor on the planet: Robert Scheidt

Best coaches on the planet: Steven le fevre

Best sailing location on the planet: Newport

Motto in life: "Duko The Boss."

NIELS BROEKHUIZEN

Hometown: Scheveningen, Netherlands

Sailing Since: 6 years old

Sailing achievements: 3rd Youth Europeans 2013 (laser radial), 3 Time Dutch Champion

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Laser(4.7, radial, standard), GC 32, Maxfun 35, Moth

Sailing club / town: WV Admiraal van Kinsbergen

Sportive career goal: Medal Olympic games 2020, Be a sailor for the rest of my life

Goal for the RBF World Final: In it to win it

Your personal hero: Stephen Curry

Best sailor on the planet: Ben Ainslie, Peter Burling, Tom Slingsby

Best coaches on the planet: Dan Slater, Steven Le Fevre

Best sailing location on the planet: Myanmar (Ngwe Saung Beach)



MICAH WILKINSON

Hometown: Cambridge, New Zealand

Sailing Since: 2003

Sailing achievements: ISAF Youth World Champion 2013, Nacra 17 Under 23 World Champion 2016

Experience on which boats: 29er, Nacra 17

Sailing club / town: Ngaroto Sailing Club

Sportive career goal: Olympic gold, America's Cup winner for NZ

Goal for the RBF World Final: We are not going to America to participate and have fun, we are going to America to become Red Bull Foiling Generation world champions!

Your personal hero: Sir Peter Blake, Russel Coutts

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling, Blair Tuke, Jimmy Spithill

Best coaches on the planet: Our Nacra coach Pete Evans! And Ian Neely is a legend as well.

Best sailing location on the planet: We are very lucky to live in New Zealand there is great sailing in Auckland but the best sailing is still my home club on Lake Ngaroto! Lake Garda is not bad as well.

Motto in life: "It is better to fail aiming high than to succeed aiming low."

OLIVIA MACKAY

Hometown: Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Sailing Since: 2005

Sailing achievements: 1st U23 Nacra 17 World Champions 2016, NZ Nacra 17 National Champions 2016, 3rd U23 Nacra 17 World Champions 2015, 1st 420 National Champions 2014, 1st 420 National Champions 2013, 6th 420 ISAF Youth Worlds, 42nd Optimist Worlds 2010, 2nd Optimist NZ Nationals

Experience on which boats: Nacra 17, 420, Optimist, P class

Sailing club / town: Napier Sailing Club

Sportive career goal: Gold in Nacra 17 Tokyo 2020

Goal for the RBF World Final: Win

Your personal hero: Parents

Best sailor on the planet: Sir Peter Blake

Best coaches on the planet: Pete Evans, Ian Neely, Wilzy

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Garda, Italy

Motto in Life: "Ask yourself if what you're doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow." — Anonymous



KIRILL ELCHANINOV

Hometown: Samara, Russia

Sailing Since: 2011

Sailing achievements: Two-time winner of the Championship of Russia, International Youth Cup 3rd Place

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Laser, 49-er

Sailing club / town: Togliatti

Sportive career goal: To be a part of a sailing team in America's Cup or Volvo Ocean Race or other glorious competition

Goal for the RBF World Final: Victory

Your personal hero: Aleksandr Karelin

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Konovalov Yuriy

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Garda

Motto in life: "Bright brains, quick legs, skillful hands. We are the best!"

SEMYON SUKHNO

Hometown: Togliatti, Russia

Sailing Since: 2005

Sailing achievements: National Champion Laser 4.7 2013, 8th on European Championship Laser 4.7 2014

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Laser, Nacra 17

Sailing club / town: Togliatti

Sportive career goal: To be a part of a sailing team in America's Cup or Volvo Ocean Race or other glorious competitions

Goal for the RBF World Final: Victory

Your personal hero: My dad

Best sailor on the planet: Ben Ainslie

Best coaches on the planet: My coach Zhukov Valeriy

Best sailing location on the planet: Grand Canaria

Motto in Life: "Bright brains, quick legs, skillful hands. We are the best!"



NIL MAS ROMERO

Hometown: Vilanova I la Geltrú, Spain

Sailing Since: 2003

Sailing achievements: 3 time 29er Spanish Champion, 7th 29er European Championship, 9th and 10th 29er ISAF Youth Worlds, Winner of Nations Trophy of ISAF Youth Worlds, Winner of 29er Christmas Race

Experience on which boats: Optimist, 29er, First Class and J80

Sailing club / town: Club Nàutic Garraf

Sportive career goal: To participate on the America's Cup and to sail around the world

Goal for the RBF World Final: To win, I know it will be so difficult because there will be the best youth sailors of each country but we will try to do the best as possible

Your personal hero: Captain Joshua Slocum

Best sailor on the planet: Ben Ainslie

Best coaches on the planet: Toni Rivas

Best sailing location on the planet: Lago di Garda

Motto in life: "Teach your child the love of sailing and they will never have money for drugs (joke). Be water my friend..."

JORDI LLENA PRATS

Hometown: Barcelona, Spain

Sailing Since: 2003

Sailing achievements: ISAF Worlds Santander 2014 (49er), Youth ISAF Worlds Tavira (29er), Winner Nations Trophy Youth World ISAF Tavira (29er) Mundial ISAF Juvenil Cyprus (29er), Winner Spanish Cup 2013 (29er), Winner Spanish Championship 2014 (29er), Youth Winner Spanish Championship 2013 (29er), Winner Red Bull Foiling Generation Spain (Flying Phantom), (3) World championships (29er) (18th - 28th - 26th)

Experience on which boats: Optimist, 29er, 49er, J80

Sailing club / town: Club Nàutic Garraf, Sitges, Barcelona

Sportive career goal: Never satisfied, never enough

Goal for the RBF World Final: Step by step

Your personal hero: Mum and Dad

Best sailor on the planet: I like Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Toni Rivas

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Garda

Motto in Life: "Coming from behind but coming faster and stronger."



CELINA BURLIN

Hometown: Gothenburg, Sweden

Sailing Since: 10 years old

Sailing achievements: 3rd Place European Championship Europe Class, 5th Place World Championship Europe Class

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Europe, 49er FX, Nacra 17

Sailing club / town: Gothenburg Royal Yacht Club

Sportive career goal: America's Cup

Goal for the RBF World Final: Win

Your personal hero: Mom

Best sailor on the planet: Hans-Peter and Roman ofc

Best coaches on the planet: Nicklas Dackhammar, Oskar Sjögren

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Garda

Motto in life: "Do what makes you happy."

OSCAR MADEYSKI BENGTSON

Hometown: Gothenburg, Sweden

Sailing Since: 2005

Sailing achievements: 1st National Title in Europe Class and 1 Silver Medal, Bronze Medal in the Europe Worlds, Norway 2015, 4th at 2014's Europe Worlds in La Rochelle France. Participant at the Artemis Youth Americas Cup Tryouts

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Europe, Nacra 17, M32, zoom8, (a bit of Flying Phantom)

Sailing club / town: KKKK (Kullaviks kanot och kappseglingssklubb)

Sportive career goal: After RBFG I'm aiming to start sailing the M32 catamaran and ultimately sail on the Tours

Goal for the RBF World Final: Making the most of this opportunity and make sure to give the other teams a good fight for the podium

Your personal hero: Rich Froning

Best sailor on the planet: Jimmy Spithill

Best coaches on the planet: The Danish coaches: Jørgen Holm and Søren Johnsen

Best sailing location on the planet: Kullavik Sweden or Le'scala Spain

Motto in Life: "Do whatever you want to do, as long as you love doing it."



SÉBASTIEN SCHNEITER

Hometown: Geneva, Switzerland

Sailing Since: 2005 (9 years old)

Sailing achievements: 2011 European Champion, Bronze at 2013 ISAF Youth Worlds, 13th at Rio 2016

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Byte CII, Laser, 49er, Moth, catamarans

Sailing club / town: SNG

Sportive career goal: Get an Olympic medal

Goal for the RBF World Final: Win

Your personal hero: Roger Federer

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Pietro Sibello, Tom Saunt and Ezequiel Shargorodsky

Best sailing location on the planet: Lake Garda

Motto in life: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going..."

SIEGWART GRÉGOIRE

Hometown: Geneva, Switzerland

Sailing Since: 2003

Sailing achievements: 420 Vice European Champion, Laser 4.7 (u16) Vice European Champion, 470 Swiss Champion, 6th at the 470 European Championship u24

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Laser 4.7, 420, 470, Moth, Flying Phantom, multihull, big boats

Sailing club / town: Club Nautique Morgien

Sportive career goal: Olympic games 2020

Goal for the RBF World Final: To reach the final and play for the win

Your personal hero: Stanislas Wawrinka

Best sailor on the planet: Peter Burling

Best coaches on the planet: Victor Kovalenko

Best sailing location on the planet: Valencia (Spain)

Motto in life: "Ever tried, ever failed. No matter. Try again, fail again, fail better."



İBRAHİM BALANLI

Hometown: Tokat, Turkey

Sailing Since: 2007 summer

Sailing achievements: 3 time National Champion(420), 4th EUROSAF(420)

Experience on which boats: Optimist, Laser, 420, 470, Farr 40, Delphia 24

Sailing club / town: Istanbul Sailing Club/Istanbul

Sportive career goal: 2020 Tokyo

Goal for the RBF World Final: To qualify the final race

Your personal hero: My dad

Best sailor on the planet: Ben Ainslie

Best coaches on the planet: Necdet Gursel

Motto in life: "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

YAŞAR DOĞA ARIBAŞ

Hometown: Istanbul, Turkey

Sailing Since: 2008 August

Sailing achievements: 2012 Laser 4.7 European Champion, 2015 Laser Radial Mens U21 Europeans 3rd Worlds 4th, 5x National Champion

Experience on which boats: Laser, 470, A Class Cat Melges 20 / 32, Farr 40, Delphia 24, platu25, J80 and multiple other keelboats

Sailing club / town: Istanbul Sailing Club, Istanbul

Sportive career goal: To be the best sailor in Turkey and to be a known sailor throughout the world

Goal for the RBF World Final: To finish in top 8 but top 4 would be better

Your personal hero: My Coach Necdet Gursel

Best sailor on the planet: There are lots of extremely good sailors from different type of boats that I can't decide between them

Best coaches on the planet: I didn't have a chance to train with a lot of coaches but as most of the sailors would say that their coach is the best one so I would like to say my coach Necdet Gursel

Best sailing location on the planet: Palma de Mallorca, Abu Dhabi in winter, Çeşme

Motto in Life: "Train until you become the best!"



QUINN WILSON

Hometown: Newport Beach/Ojai, Ca, United States

Sailing Since: 2000

Sailing achievements: Gary Jobson's top five up-and-coming sailors in "Sailing World", Opti Team Race National Championship, a Youth Championship, 29er National Championship, two Orange Bowls, four Youth Worlds and a Silver medal at the 2014 ISAF Youth Worlds

Experience on which boats: I have sailed a wide variety from Optis to foiling kites, including 18 foot skiffs. But I have spent most of my time in 29ers.

Sailing club / town: Santa Barbara

Sportive career goal: Go to the Olympics and race Mini Transats

Goal for the RBF World Final: My goal is to win

Your personal hero: Chris "Macca" McCormack, two-time winner of the Ironman World Championship. He's "here to win."

Best sailor on the planet: Franck Cammas

Best coaches on the planet: My dad Craig Wilson, Leandro Spina, Manny Resano and Willie McBride

Best sailing location on the planet: Cyprus in the summer

Motto in life: "Think training's hard? Try losing."

RILEY GIBBS

Hometown: Long Beach, CA, United States

Sailing Since: 2 weeks old

Sailing achievements: ISAF YOUTH WORLDS -29er 2nd place Silver Medal, 29er Open Worlds Qualifying - 4th, 29er Open Worlds -18th, 29er North American Championship 2014 -1st, 29er Nationals 2014/15-1st, 29er Hamlin Series - 1st, 505 North American Championship 2016 -1st, 505 North American Championship 2015 -5th, 505 Battle of the Gulch -1st, Kitefoil Hydro Foil Pro Tour 2016 -9th, Kitefoil Rippin' the Rio 2016, 5th CFJ Shadden Series 1st, PCISA PCC's 3rd Overall, 1st GOLD A, Sabot Nationals - 1st, Cal 20 Jr. Nationals - 1st, Cressy Singlehanded Championship Qualifier - Laser- 2nd

Experience on which boats: 29er, 49er, F-18, 18ft skiff, 5o5, Tp52, F-16, Moth, Kite-Foil

Sailing club / town: St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco

Sportive career goal: Professional Sailor

Goal for the RBF World Final: My goal looking forward to the RBF World Final will be to podium at the event

Your personal hero: Howard Hamlin

Best sailor on the planet: Santiago Lange

Best coaches on the planet: Leandro Espina, Jay/Pease Glaser

Best sailing location on the planet: Long Beach, Ca

Motto in Life: "Never give up until you have won everything, and when that day comes take 5 and do it all over again!"

Dear Sailors,

On behalf of Sail Newport and the entire Rhode Island marine community, welcome to Newport! It has been a great honor to work with the team from Red Bull over the last year to bring the US Qualifier and the Red Bull Foiling Generation World Final 2016 to the waters of Narragansett Bay.

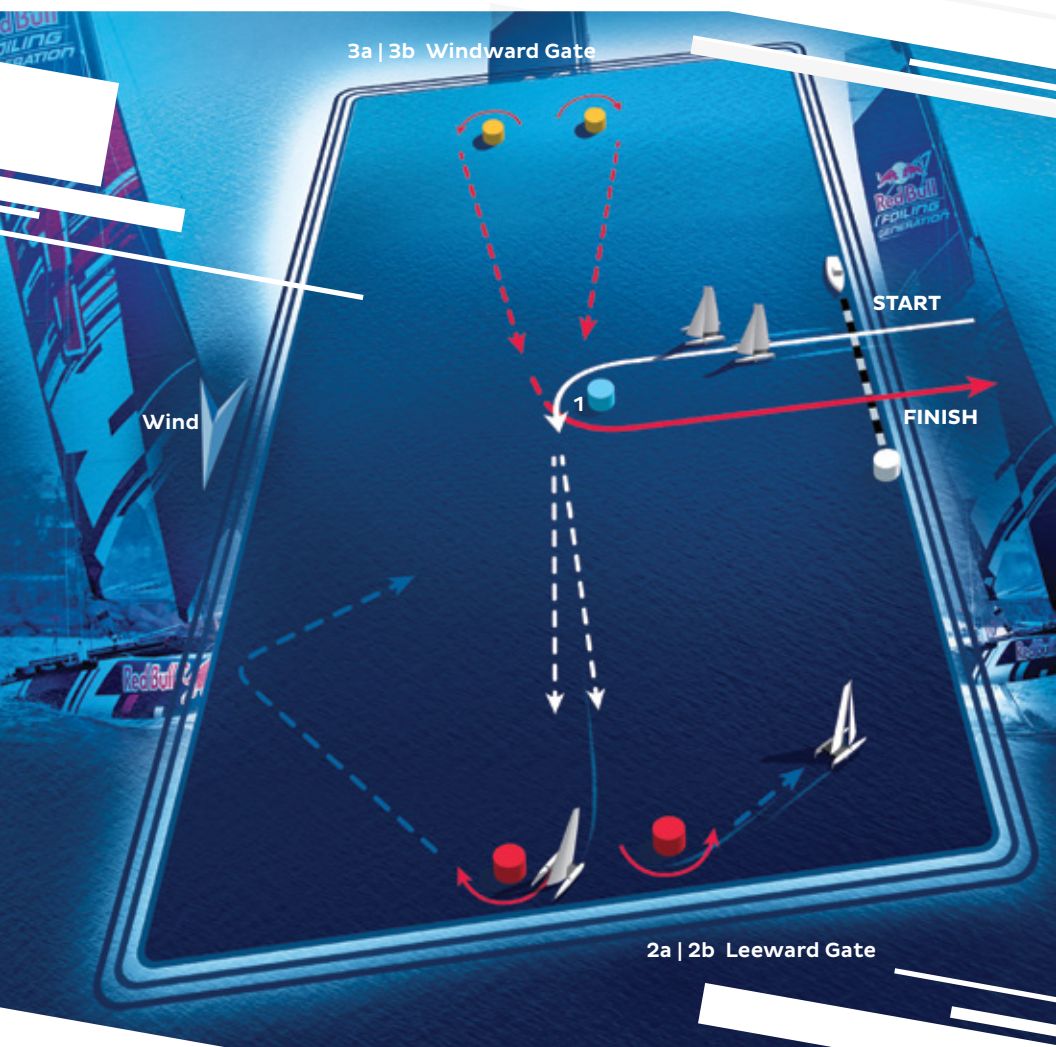
There are a lot of “pathways” in sailing — “the Olympic path,” “the match racing path,” “the path to the America’s Cup,” “the college sailing path” and many more. As sailors, we are fortunate to have so many disciplines in which to participate. The experience you gather through an event like this one can lead to a lifetime of high-level sailing and racing. Take FULL advantage of this occasion to build on the skills of foiling and teamwork. Consider the Red Bull Foiling Generation a tremendous opportunity to compete on the world stage. I encourage you to absorb the incredible coaching that you will receive and focus on the training and learning process to get the most out of this opportunity.

Sure, when the signal goes off, you will compete and push hard to win and I look forward to watching you all in action. Use this experience to become a better sailboat racer.

Enjoy your time in Newport at the Sail Newport Sailing Center



WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE



COURSE 1

Start

● 1 port

● 2a | 2b

● 3a | 3b

● 1 port

Finish

COURSE 2

Start

● 1 port

● 2a | 2b

● 3a | 3b

● 2a | 2b

● 3a | 3b

● 1 port

Finish

SCHEDULE

Friday 10.21: Racing Day 1

Saturday 10.22: Racing Day 2

Sunday 10.23: Racing Day 3 - Finals

Racing begins at 9:00am