



AWARDING THE BEST FOILING SAILORS, PRODUCTS, PROJECTS AND EVENTS SINCE 2016

EIGHTH EDITION OF THE FOILING AWARDS WRAPS UP: CELEBRATING THE BEST FOILING ATHLETES, PRODUCTS, PROJECTS AND EVENTS OF THE SEASON – OVERALL “FORLANINI AWARD” GOES TO FRANCE’S ERWAN JAUFFROY

Genova, May 21st, 2024

The eighth edition of the Foiling Awards has crowned its winners. The prestigious accolades recognising the world’s top foiling athletes, products, projects and events over the past 12 months were presented in Genova (Italy), based on online votes cast by the international foiling community.

During the gala dinner—reserved for winners, institutions, partners, Media, and members of The Foiling Organization—TV journalist Bacci Del Buono hosted the evening from the stage of the atmospheric Sala delle Grida at Genova’s historic Palazzo della Borsa, transformed for the occasion by The Foiling Organization. He was joined on stage by Trieste sailor Greta Eline Poclen, whose sharp commentary and humour kept the audience engaged throughout the night.

The Forlanini overall prize named after Italian foiling pioneer Enrico Forlanini and reserved for the “winner of winners,” was awarded to French athlete Erwan Jauffroy, who had already secured the Male Sailor title for his solo “downwind” foiling board crossing from Toulon to Calvi—247 km in just 12 hours and 19 minutes.

This year’s jury, was made up of past Award winners, including Hattie Rogers, Luca Santella (Bluegame), Richard Forest (SEAir) and John Philips (The Hydrofoiler).

After being formally returned by last year’s winners (the WASZP Class organisers), the Forlanini trophy was presented to the French athlete by Lorenza Rosso, Representative of Genova City Council, Richard Forest of SEAir and Luca Rizzotti, President and Founder of The Foiling Organization.

Forlanini Award also marked a symbolic win for the French projects, which engaged in a thrilling head-to-head with their Italian counterparts throughout the competition.

In recognition of the 2024 America’s Cup wins by the Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli Women’s and Youth Teams, and Team Spain in the SailGP season, the Organising Committee presented a Special Award to Italian coach Simone Salvà.

Marta Maggetti, Olympic gold medallist in the iQFOiL class (absent on the night), was named Female Sailor (with the Male category going to Jauffroy), while Team Spain SailGP was voted best Foiling Team for their victorious 2024 season. The latest edition of the Vendée Globe was awarded best Event.

The Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli America’s Cup Team collected two titles: best Commercial Vessel for its hydrogen-powered HSV, and Best One-Off for its spectacular AC75, recently seen in action in Barcelona.

The newly developed rudder for the WASZP class was voted best Innovation Technology, while the Politecnico di Milano Sailing Team earned the award for Sustainability. Spain's Foiling Base in Cadiz was recognised as best Foiling Pathway of the year.

The Airfly foiling board by German brand Aerofoils won in the Boards & Water-toys category. The French BirdyFish-S took the prize for best Production Sailing Boat, while Team Gitana France's Gitana 18 – with key design contributions from Guillaume Verdier – took the win in the Project category. The highly innovative Pegasus by foil.one topped the Production Motor Boats ranking, and the EF-24 CTV by Irish company Artemis won Commercial Project Award of this eighth edition.

This edition of the Foiling Awards took place as part of the World Foiling Congress 2025, promoted and organised by The Foiling Organization, which gathered the world's leading foiling industry players in Genova.

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CATEGORIES, WINNERS AND NOMINEES OF FOILING AWARDS VIII

For outstanding achievements in sport, innovation, and industry between April 2024 and March 2025

FORLANINI AWARD - Erwan Jauffroy

SPECIAL PRIZE - Simone Salvà

Coach of Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli Youth and Women Teams and Spain SailGP Team

FEMALE SAILOR

For the best female foiling sailor of a single-handed boat or board.

WINNER: Marta Maggetti

PRESENTING PARTNERS: GOTTIFREDI MAFFIOLI / GARMIN

NOMINEES: Hedvig Doksrød - WASZP Games | Hattie Rogers - Moth Worlds | Sharon Kantor - iQFOiL Worlds | Marta Maggetti - Olympic Champion iQFOiL | Ellie Aldridge - Olympic Champion Formula Kite | Nia Suardiaz - GWA Wave Champion

MALE SAILOR

For the best male foiling sailor of a single-handed boat or board.

WINNER: Erwan Jauffroy

PRESENTING PARTNERS: SLAM / GARMIN

NOMINEES: Mattias Coutts - Moth Worlds | James Carew - GKA World Cup | Magnus Overbeck - WASZP Games | Charlie Dalin - Vendée Globe | Nicolò Renna - iQFOiL Worlds | Tom Reuveny - Olympic Champion iQFOiL | Valentin Bontus - Olympic Champion Formula Kite | Cash Berzolla - GWA Wave | Christopher MacDonald - GWA Wave and Surf Freestyle e Big Air | Francesco Cappuzzo - GWA Freely Slalom | Erwan Jauffroy - Downwind Toulon to Calvi

SAILING TEAM

For the best foiling achievement of a crew.

WINNER: Spain SailGP Team

PRESENTING PARTNERS: GOTTIFREDI MAFFIOLI / GARMIN

NOMINEES: Team New Zealand - 37th America's Cup | Spain SailGP Team - 2024 SailGP Winners | Ruggero Tita e Caterina Banti - Olympic Champions Nacra 17 | Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli - Women's America's Cup | Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli - Youth America's Cup

INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY

For the best foiling technical advancement and/or solution (hull excluded), applicable on sailing and/or powered vessels or boards.

WINNER: WASZP - New Rudder Foil

PRESENTING PARTNER: METSTRADE

NOMINEES: WASZP - New Rudder Foil | SiFly - HU 75 Quick Mount System | Foil Drive - Assist Slim | Chubanga - Foil V4/V5 | OCEANFLIGHT - Universal foil control platform

SUSTAINABILITY

For the best foiling idea, invention, design and/or initiative, significantly reducing environmental impact.

WINNER: POLIMI Sailing Team

PRESENTING PARTNER: BIODESIGN FOUNDATION

NOMINEES: Grand Annecy - Servizi commerciali SeaBubbles | Trafikverket & Region Stockholm - "Nova" Ferry Service by Candela | ONIX Enterprises - Innovation | POLIMI Sailing Team

PROJECT

For the best project of a sailing or powered vessel still in the design phase.

WINNER: Gitana Team / G. Verdier - Gitana 18

PRESENTING PARTNER: ROPNER

NOMINEES: Kaebon - ELEKTROBOOT EINS Fly | SanGiorgio Marine - OD Metis 45 Foiling | EcoMov Nautical - MOZZIE | WILSON / MARQUINEZ - MW400F | Pboats - Pocket E Racer | ENAUTIC - WaveFlyer ROGUE | Gitana Team / G. Verdier - Gitana 18 | VOODOO Yachts - XF95 | Bluegame - Foiling Powercat BGF45 | Flighter Electric AB

FOILING EVENT

For the best foiling event (if a series of events in multiple locations, only single events are considered).

WINNER: Vendée Globe 2024-2025

PRESENTING PARTNER: PINDAR BY MANUPOUT LOGISTICS

NOMINEES: ACE - Louis Vuitton 37th America's Cup | ACE - Puig Women's America's Cup | ACE - Unicredit Youth America's Cup | SailGP San Francisco | SailGP Auckland | WASZP Games 2024 | Vendée Globe 2024-2025 | IQ Foil Games Lanzarote | Foiling Week Malcesine | Foiling Week Pensacola

FOILING PATHWAY

For the National Federation or Organization that realized the best foiling development and accessibility initiative.

WINNER: Foiling Base Cadiz powered by SailGP Inspire

PRESENTING PARTNER: VAKAROS / WORLD SAILING

NOMINEES: America One Racing - Foiling Pipeline | Wylde Wind & Water - Wingfoil Youth Programs | Foiling Base Cadiz powered by SailGP Inspire | Athena Pathway | weCANfoil | FIV / Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli - Next Generation Foil Academy | Magenta Foiling Team

PRODUCTION MOTOR BOAT

For the best foiling engine powered craft already in production and being sailed (prototype or boat 1 built at minimum).

WINNER: Foilone - PEGASUS

NOMINEES: SeaBubbles - Smart Bubble | De Antonio Yachts - E23 | Foilone - PEGASUS | ENVGO - NV1 | Mantaray - M25 | Bering Marine - BM34 | Arronet - Arrofoil 25 Cabin

COMMERCIAL PROJECT

For the best foiling vessel project intended for Public transportation, SAR, pilot or other professional or work use

WINNER: Artemis - EF-24 CTV

NOMINEES: Fly-Box | EcoMov Nautical - HydroMov | Artemis - EF-24 CTV | Maris Vessels | Alwena Shipping - F3 (F CUBE)

COMMERCIAL VESSEL

For the best foiling vessel, already launched and sailing, intended for Public transportation, SAR, pilot or other professional or work use.

WINNER: Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli - HSV

PRESENTING PARTNER: CARIBONI

NOMINEES: MG Engineering - SeaGlide | Vessev - VS—9 | Chartwell Marine - TriFoiler | Artemis - EF-12 Escape | BLuegame - HSV | Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli - HSV

ONE-OFF SAILING OR POWERED YACHT

For the best foiling vessel not intended for commercial production, already in a prototype or testing/commissioning phase.

WINNER: Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli - AC75

PRESENTING PARTNER: PERSICO MARINE

NOMINEES: Persico Marine - Cat 72' | Emirates Team New Zealand - AC75 | Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli - AC75 | American Magic - AC75 | Vital Spark Paul Sparrow V3

PRODUCTION SAILING BOAT

For the best foiling sailing craft already in production and being sailed (prototype or boat 1 built at minimum).

WINNER: BirdyFish - S

NOMINEES: BirdyFish - S | Devoti Sailing - D-Foil

BOARDS AND WATER-TOYS

For the best foiling board or water-toy powered by human, wind or motor.

WINNER: aerofoils - AIRFLY

NOMINEES: SiFly - Stellar Series | Lift Foils - LIFTX | Lift Foils - LIFT5 | Fliteboard - Flitescooter | Fliteboard - ULTRA L2 | The Hydroflyer - Sport | Waydoo - Flyer EVO Efoil | Awake - VINGA Ultimate | aerofoils - AIRFLY