

SFT INDOOR PUMP FOIL WORLD CUP BOOT, Dusseldorf 17.-19.01.2025

It is a pleasure to announce the first ever event of the new SFT PUMP FOIL WORLD TOUR 2025

which will be held in a special indoor location at the BOOT in Dusseldorf, Germany.

The dates will be from the 17^h to the 19th of January 2025

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors competing will be reached out by invitational only.

Entry restrictions

There will be no Entry-fee payments however a SFT membership of 40euro will be required.

After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a membership payment link. 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.

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 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 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

Entry allocation

Selected Riders consisting of both men and women will be contacted by the SFT Tour Manager, Tom Hartmann prior to the event.



Disciplines

There will be One official discipline in this SFT World Tour event.

PUMP FOIL

Divisions:

Open Unisex (Men and women any age, minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

Seeding

There is no seeding for this invitational event.

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 during the event and one (1) 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.
- The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage space. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.
- 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.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts provided by the SFT social Media manager.

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 respectice World Tour 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.
- At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid SFT membership. After confirmation of participation, he will receive a payment link. 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 event only is 40 euro. Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the full year membership 80 € per year to cover you for all remaining events in 2025.



Equipment storage

There will be equipment storage next to the indoor pool on the event site. Access to the equipment storage by car is possible on Thursday 16th for free and Friday 17th for a deposit fee of 100euro which will be returned upon exit of the event area. On other remaining days there will only be allowed 2 registered vehicles.

Travel info

The closest airport to which to fly is Dusseldorf directly. Then it is a short drive to the event venue where the address can be found below. It is roughly 10 minutes by car, and by public transport roughly 20 minutes.

The event address

Messe Dusseldorf Stockumer Kirchstraße 61, 40474 Düsseldorf, Germany

Organiser Contact:

Michael Walther <u>Walter@hoeppner-kommunikation.de</u> Whatsapp: 0049 1736228467

Travel documents and Visa:

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email <u>tom@surffoilworldtour.com</u> and he will issue you the document.

Pool information:

The pool size is 60×20 with a depth of 1m. The largest recommended foil mast length is 75cm. Anything larger will have the risk of touching the base of the pool, but this is the rider's decision with what mast they choose to use.

Weather:

The event will be indoors however water temperature in the pool will sit around 18 degrees Celsius, so we recommend a wetsuit for athletes. Air temperature inside the event site will sit at around 20 degrees Celsius.



Event Schedule

Thursday 16.1.2025

- 14.00 Test wake cable
- 17.00-18.00 Rider Registration

Please note that entry by car is possible to drop equipment at event site on Thursday for free.

Friday, 17.1.2024

Entry by car is possible to drop gear on Friday however a 100 Euro deposit is required.

- 09.00-11.00 free warm up wing foil and pump foil
- 11.00-13.00 media visit wing foil and pump foil
- 14.00-15.00 exclusive pump foil training session
- 16.00-17.00 exlcusive pump foil training session
- 17.00 pool closed for rest of day for building stage and test opening ceremony
- 17.30-18.00 last rider registration

Saturday, 18.1.2024 - first competition day (qualification)

- Until 11.00 the pool closed for the official Boot opening ceremony
- 11.00-12.00 Pump Foil qualification
- 16.00-17.00 Pump Foil qualification
- 19.30 pool open for training
- 19.00-22.00 party

Sunday, 19.1.2024 - final competition day

- 8.30-10.00 access only for athletes and crew (possible training)
- 10.00 boat show open
- 13.00-14.30 Pump Foil final and podium

Be aware that times of competition can change. Riders Meeting time for the following day will always be communicated at the end of the previous day!

Equipment

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size, length and width of the quiver however a 75cm mast is recommended due to the depth of the pool.
- Foot straps, pads and wax are allowed.
- The use of a helmet is mandatory.

Prize money

The prizemoney for the SFT Pump Foil Indoor World Cup 2025 in BOOT, Dusseldorf will be 5.000 Euro.

The top 3 riders will share the prize money based off the following breakdown;

- 1st place: 50%
- 2nd Place: 30%
- 3rd Place: 20%



PUMP FOIL race

The course – pool layout, start dock

The pool is 1m deep, 60m long and 20m wide. The starting dock is approximately 180cm long and 60cm wide and the height of the start is around 40cm from the water surface.

There are 2 equal start docks next to each other on the short side of the pool and 2 equal courses with 4 marks each parallel to each other.

The finish line is positioned on the starting side of the pool.



Competition format

Two competitors at the same time will be competing in the pool next to each other in a parallel slalom race, each of them on his own course. Both competitors must start from the dock at the same time with a countdown timer signal. Each competitor needs to complete his course in a slalom format passing his course marks alternating on the left and ride side, turning around the last mark and passing his marks alternating again on the way back until crossing the finish line.

The format of the indoor pump foil competition will be a parallel slalom in heat of 2 riders competing head to head with the other competitor. The winner of each heat will advance to the next round and there will be a repechage round for the ones who got eliminated to get a second chance to advance.

Elimination format

The competition is spread over 2 days with Day 1 (Qualification day) seeing all riders competing in heats of 2. The winning riders from Day 1 will advance and qualify to the finals day which will take place on Day 2. The finals day will run an elimination system with heats of 2 riders until the event winner is determined.



Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer

In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the SFT and/or the Organizer, neither the SFT nor the Organizer can be hold legally responsible for any financial losses.

Each rider takes part in the event at his or her own risk, which includes also all travels because of his or her participation at this event. Each rider is responsible for ensuring and fulfilling all relevant individual travel requirements as well as fulfilling all legal requirements for border controls, which are necessary for the participation in the event and for the return home. The SFT and the event Organizer cannot be held legal and/or financial liable by the rider for damage and/or financial losses caused by travel restrictions, quarantine measures, flight changes or flight cancellations, tests required for entering or exit countries or because of any other regional, national or international measures not under the control of the SFT and/or the Organizer.

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

- to display visibly the sailing-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 life jacket and safety helmet during the competition,
- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- to place board stickers (GWA 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.

SFT BOOT, Dusseldorf Team 2025

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann Contest Director: Ignacio del Aguila Scoring Operator: Julio Furest Media Manager: Gemma Hamaini Video Production: Lukas Dürnegger

Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at <u>tom@surffoilworldtour.com</u> We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The SFT Team