

# Swiss Sailing

Youth Conference 2025

Potential Pathway

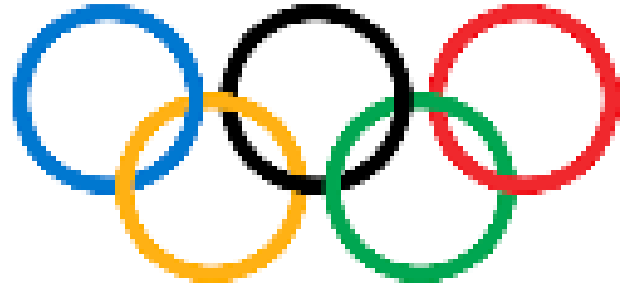
„Foil boats“

Roman Christ (OSVV) | 15.03.2025

# Why sail foiling\*?

\* "sail foiling": RYA and AUS have the disciplines KiteFoil, WingFoil, WindFoil and **SailFoil**

## Why sail foiling?



AMERICA'S CUP

## It's all about foiling



## Why sail foiling?

## At the first look



**FAST**



**FUN**



**TRENDY**



**COOL**

## Why sail foiling?

## On closer look



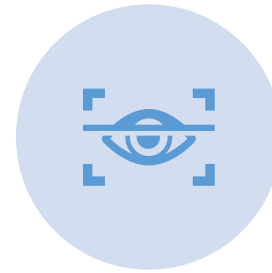
### COMPLEXITY

independent  
operation of all  
components



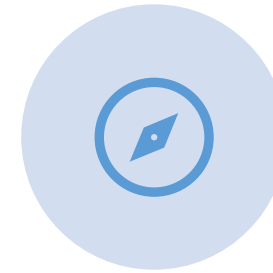
### AGILITY

everything much  
faster. sharpens the  
agility



### SENSES

less feedback from  
the material. sharpens  
the senses





### ELEMENTS



getting familiar with  
the 3D dimension and  
the apparent wind

# Why sail foiling @ Swiss Sailing ?

# Lowriding vs Foiling in wind-powered water sports

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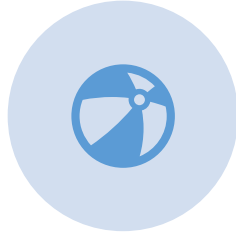
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FUN



TRENDY



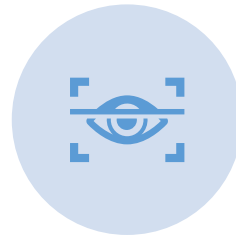
COOL



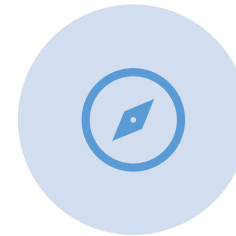
COMPLEXITY



AGILITY



SENSES



ELEMENTS

**higher motivation and excitement of → can create live time passionate sailors**

When starting into foil sailing?

## When starting into sail foiling

### The earlier the better

... since **sail foiling differs** a lot from low-riding sailing (windwards heel, leeward heel jibes, looking for wind holes not gusts, etc.)

... since foiling skills should be learned in parallel at early age so that it is **internalised** and does not have to be relearned

### Getting Olympic soon?

... if single-handed sail foiling gets Olympic by 2036  
its athletes **are 9-15y old now**

## Why starting in now 2025?

### **Technical achievement**

Foiling boats are nowadays available for a all sailor weights and strength  
by different boat types and (rigg)sizes

Simpler Handling (eg. slippable with trolley, fast rigged, easy storable)

### **Safety and fast learning**

Riggs without shourds

Sails can be lowered on water

Safe sailing in low ride mode (too much or too less wind)

Which foiling sailboat / dinghy ?

## Foiling single-handed boats/dinghies

# Moth

open  
construction  
class



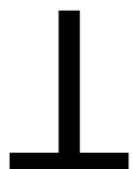
## Upgrade kits for existing dinghy classes



nice ideas but expensive and always a compromise

# One Design Foiling single-handed boats/dinghies

**Centre-Line-Foiler**



**J-Foiler**



non-exhaustive listing



The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a sailboat's foil and rigging. The foil is a light blue or grey color with a repeating zigzag pattern. The rigging consists of various cables and lines, some of which are blue. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor setting.

# Junior Foil Sailing at Club Level Open Sailing Vingelz/Vigneules (OSVV)

## Focusing on Junior One Design Central-Line-Foiler



**Wasp X**

Selection Criteria
Robust
Safety
Learning Curve
Pricing
Storage
Transport
Handling
Weight Ratio



**Nikki**

# OSVV - Key Points in Boat selection

easy launching



sailing in low-ride mode



almost no windward capsizes



easy to redress from 30kg sailor weight



lower the sail



safe island if capsized

## OSVV - started in 2020 with Foiling Weekends



**10**

Youngest  
Competitor Age

**13**

Average  
competitor age

**30**

up to % Female  
competitors

**100**

% foiling  
success!

**33**

Lightest  
Competitor in  
kgs

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a sail. The sail is white with a prominent blue zigzag or chevron pattern. The pattern is formed by a series of connected, slightly irregular lines, creating a textured, three-dimensional effect. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the texture of the fabric. In the top-left corner, a portion of a dark-colored wheel or pulley is visible, suggesting the sail is part of a boat's rigging system.

# Junior Foiling Clinics

## Junior Foiling Cup

## Junior Foiling Clinics & Camps 2025



29.05.	Lake Uri
..	..
23.-29.06.	Foiling Week (IT)
5./6.07.	Lake Biel
..	..
2-8.08.	Lake Reschen (IT)
..	..
..	..
30./31.8.	Lake Biel



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# Junior Foiling Cup Australia 2025



**9**  
Youngest  
Competitor Age

**13**  
Average  
competitor age

**42**  
up to % Female  
competitors

**100**  
% foiling  
success!

**27**  
Lightest  
Competitor in  
kgs

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# Junior Foiling Cup Switzerland 2026



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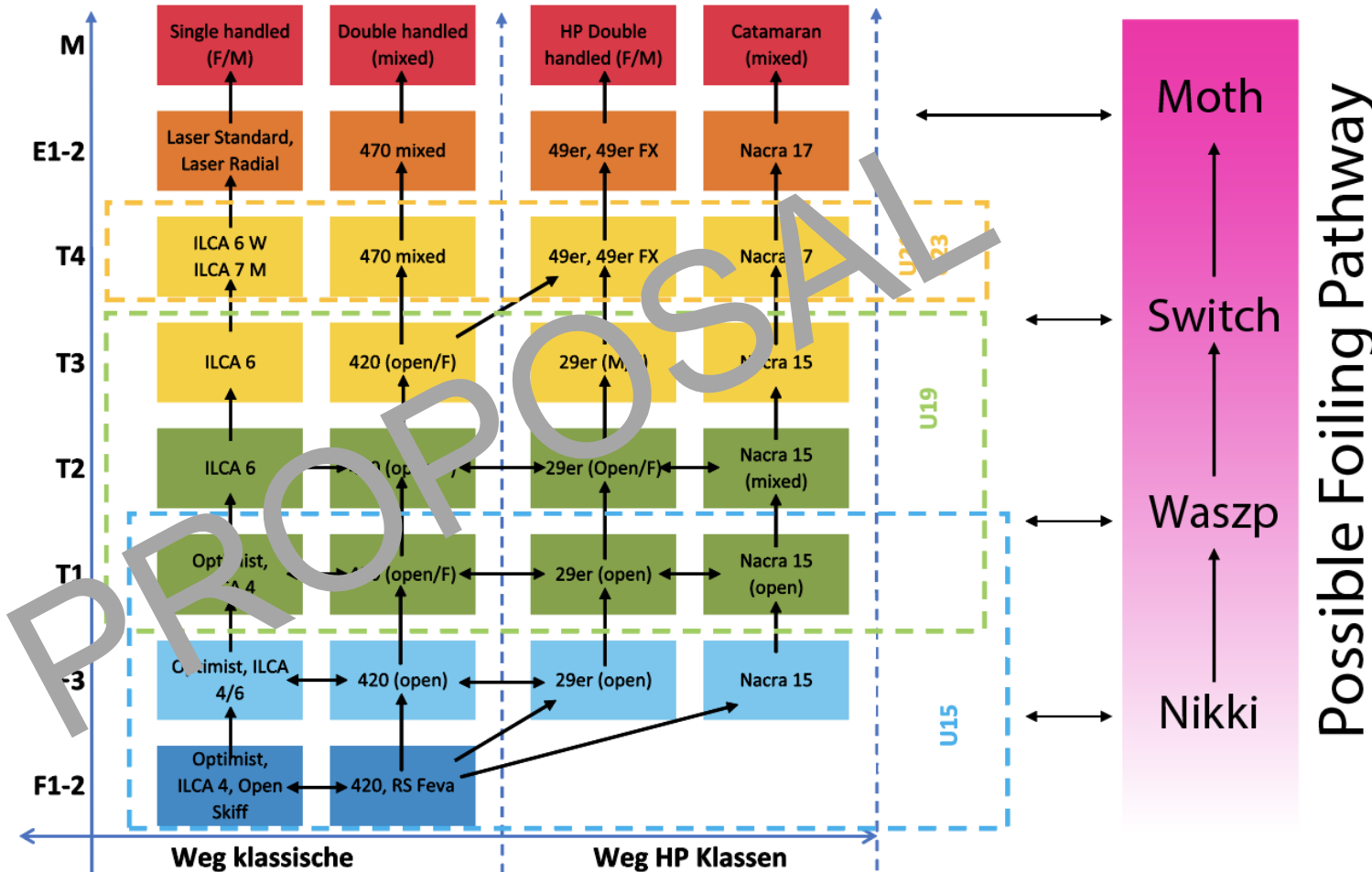


# Sail Foiling Pathway

# Possible Foiling (Side) Pathway



SAIL GP™





several events with the primary goal of taking sailing skills and the joy of sailing to new heights

Enriching the classic ways with foil sailing skills on a single handed monofiler is **key**

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## Outlook ?

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**Thank you for your attention !  
Let's go sail foiling !**