



Fahid Island Watersports Festival SFT Surf Foil World Tour Wake Foil World Cup 2025 Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates November 1st and 2nd, 2025

It is a pleasure to announce the 10th global event of the SFT SURF FOIL WORLD TOUR 2025

which will mark the 1st stop of our Wake-Foil discipline.

The dates will be 1st and 2nd of November 2025 for the Wake-foil discipline.

This is a SFT Surf Foil World Tour event.

The event will be held under the title Fahid Island Watersports Festival SFT Pump Foil World Cup Abu Dhabi. The venue is Fahid Beach Island, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The event is part of the Surf Foil World Tour (SFT) 2025 calendar. The local organizer is Linkviva, in coordination with the Surf Foil World Tour. This event is sponsored by Aldar Properties



Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter a SFT Surf Foil World Tour event shall register through the link on the respective event page on the SFT Surf Foil World Tour website, or under the following direct link:

👉 <https://app.surffoilworldtour.com/>

Alternatively, registration may be sent via email to carlos@surffoilworldtour.com

The registration period and payment deadline will close on November 1st for wake foiling. Late registration may be accepted but will incur an additional late-entry fee of 20 EUR (total entry fee 60 EUR).

Entry restrictions

The entry fee for this event is 80 EUR per discipline, and a valid SFT membership is required (one-event membership 20 EUR or full-season membership 40 EUR).

Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments may be accepted in cash during inscription at the event. Cash payments will only be accepted in EUR or USD, with an additional 30 EUR processing fee. Failure to complete full payment by the close of the announced inscription time will result in exclusion from competition.

Payment links will be provided as follows:

- * SFT Abu Dhabi Wake-Foil Entry Fee (80 EUR): [Stripe link]
- * <https://buy.stripe.com/cNi7sM3Sd3Re9Xhgup5EY1H>
- * SFT One Event Membership Fee (20 EUR): [Stripe link]
- * <https://buy.stripe.com/28o6rw8HS6KOawo15t>

Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any SFT event if he or she holds valid worldwide personal medical insurance. Proof of coverage may be requested at registration. Competitors cannot hold the SFT, GKA Event GmbH, Deep Ocean Consulting Ltd, or the event organizer responsible for damages resulting from insufficient insurance or third-party liability.

A valid competitor's membership with the SFT World Tour is required.



Entry Allocation

There is an unlimited number of entries per division for the SFT Abu Dhabi World Cup.

Discipline

Wake-Foil: Open and Pro competitions. Top amateurs from the Open division may earn wildcards for the Pro division (8–16 riders). Awards: Pro Men, Pro Women, Open Men, Open Women, Youth (U16), Masters (40+).

Divisions:

Pro (minimum 16 years old), Open.

Categories:

Pro Men, Pro Women, Open Men, Open Women, Youth (U16), Masters (40+).

Event Seeding:

Competitors without will be seeded by draw. We might do a training session were we can pre-seed top performing athletes.

Important Info:

All riders must wear a helmet during competition. Competitors must wear the official lycra vest provided by the organizers during competition and training. Each competitor is responsible for their vest, no replacement will be issued.

Competitors must place one SFT board sticker on both the top and bottom of their board. Advertising and media rules as outlined in the SFT Rulebook apply. Breaches may result in warnings or fines up to 500 EUR.

Attendance at all official rider meetings and ceremonies is mandatory. Riders may not associate their names with unauthorized events. A social event calendar will be published and riders are encouraged to join and share via social media.



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 SFT 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.
- Competitors are not fully covered by SFT membership. They must still prove that they have accident insurance and a civil liability. There may be a request for 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 or USD currency.
- The cost of the SFT membership for this one event is 20.-euro. Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the standard 40 € per year to cover you for all remaining events in 2025.

Travel Info

The closest international airport is Zayed International Airport (AUH), located 6.4 km from Yas Island with a travel time of approximately 11 minutes by car. An alternative option is Dubai International Airport (DXB), 127 km away, with a driving time of around 1 hour and 15 minutes.

By car, access from Abu Dhabi Airport is under 15 minutes, while travel from Dubai requires over one hour.

A daily shuttle will operate from the Radisson Blu Hotel on Yas Island to the event venue for athletes and crew (Run by the company Nirvana Transfers). Taxi services are also widely available.

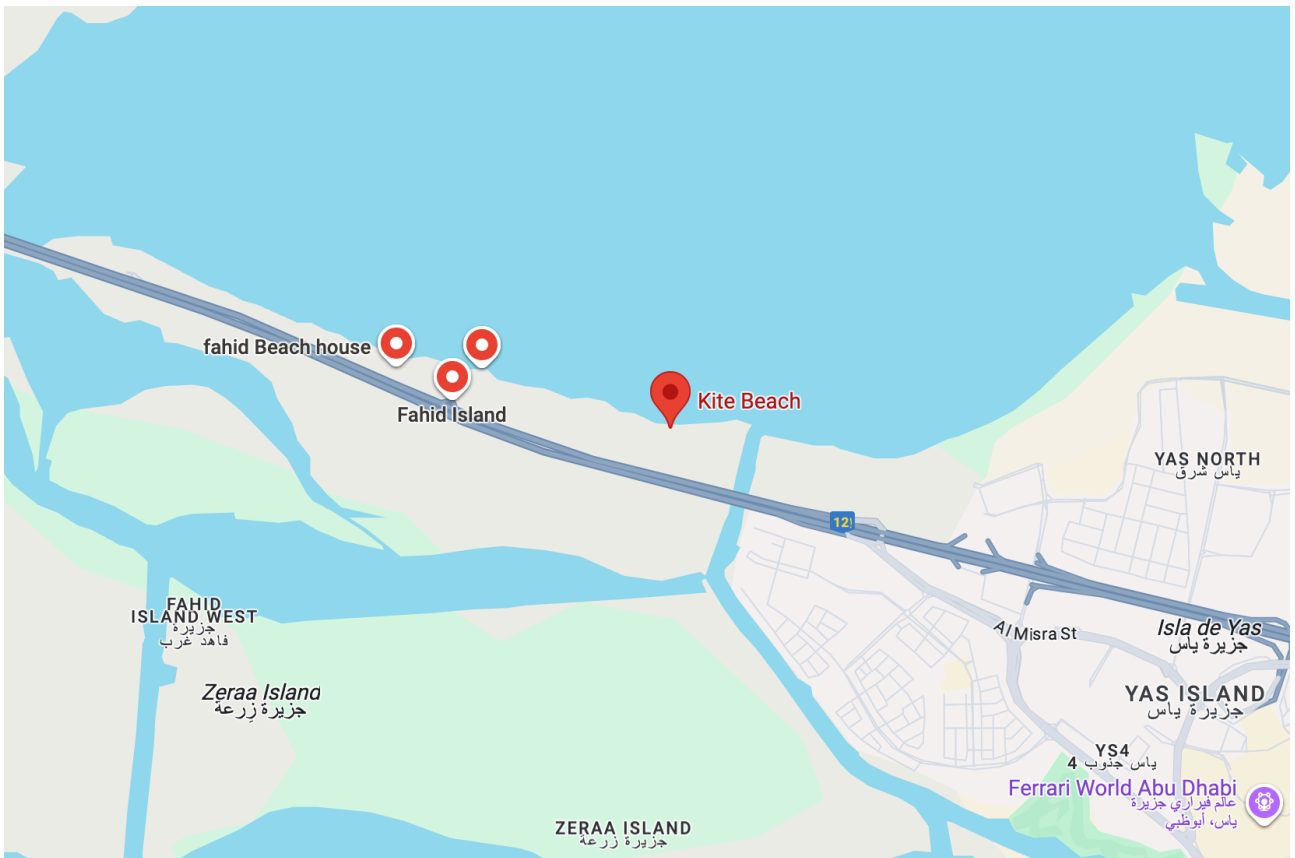
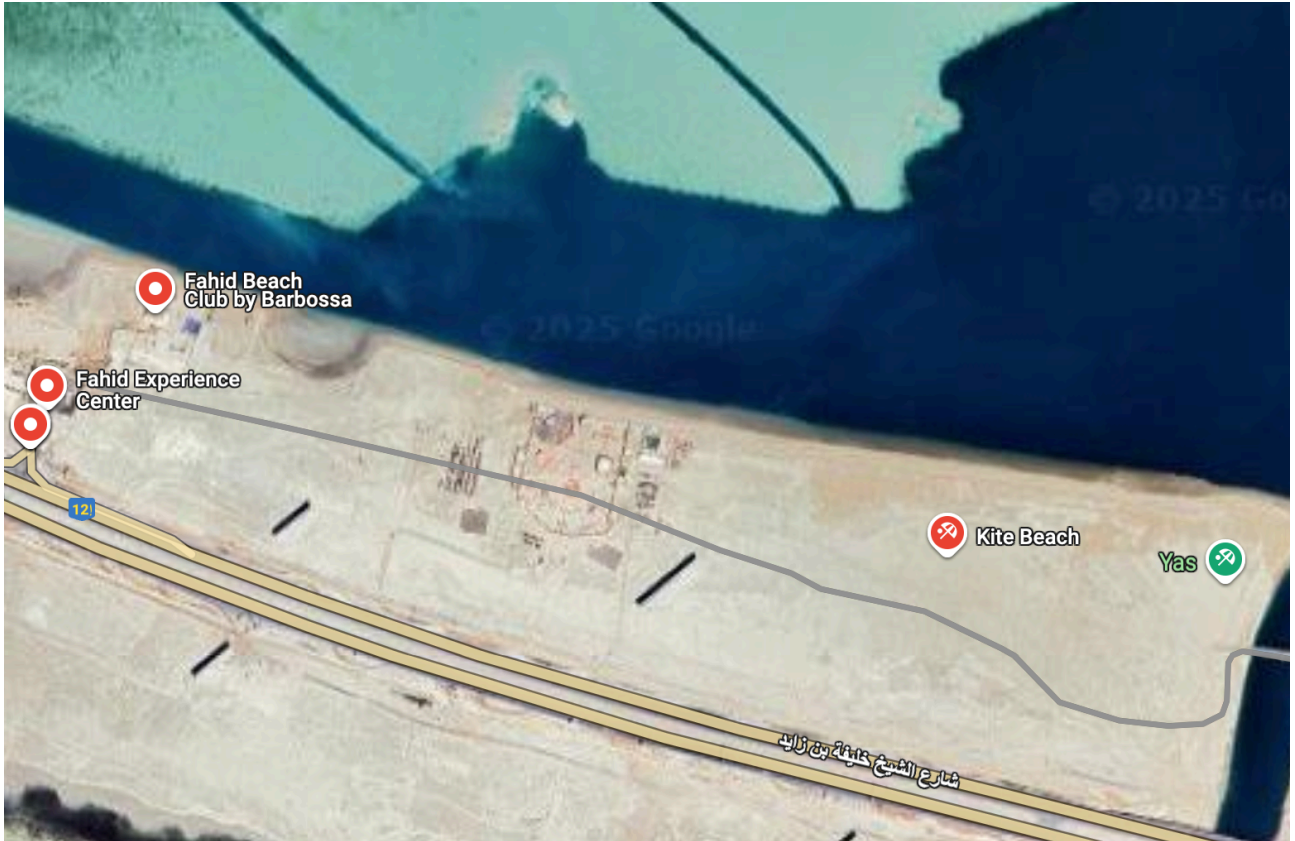
Public parking is available at the venue, with staff and crew having a dedicated area. Parking is charged at 2 AED per hour in standard zones, 3 AED in premium zones, and residential areas may only be used during non-permit hours. Parking is free on Sundays, public holidays, and overnight (12AM–8AM). Payment is via the Darb App or SMS. Fines apply for violations.

All visitors must hold a passport valid for at least six months. Depending on nationality, a visa may be required to enter the UAE. Please check entry requirements before traveling.

The exact event address is Fahid Beach Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE. Onsite facilities include athlete gear storage tents, toilets, male and female showers, a paid bar, six food trucks, six retail kiosks, and a medical tent. Camper vans and motorhomes are not allowed.

Event site and Event area:

https://www.google.com/maps/search/Fahid+Beach+/@24.5120978,54.5453646,2957m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MDkwOS4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D





Accommodation for Competitors

The official event hotel is the **Radisson Blu Hotel, Abu Dhabi Yas Island**, located minutes from the venue and connected by the shuttle service. Additional hotels and apartments are available on Yas Island and in central Abu Dhabi. Apartments may be booked via platforms such as Airbnb or Booking.com. Camping and motorhomes are not allowed. **The Top 8 riders will be provided free accommodation at the official hotel. For all other competitors, special discounted rates are being arranged and will be communicated once confirmed.**

Activities

Athletes and guests can enjoy Abu Dhabi's cultural and entertainment highlights including the Louvre Abu Dhabi, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, and Yas Mall. Yas Island attractions include Ferrari World, Warner Bros. World, Yas Waterworld, and the Yas Marina Circuit, home of the Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Weather

In October, Abu Dhabi experiences warm and dry weather with daytime temperatures averaging 32–35°C and night temperatures between 24–26°C. UV levels are high; competitors are advised to use sunscreen and stay hydrated.

Event Schedule

Saturday, 1st-2nd November – Wake-Foil

08:00–09:00 – Rider Registration (Wake-Foil competitors must check in during this time)

09:30 onwards – Competition heats, followed by finals

18:00 – Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving (Wake-Foil)

Notes for Participants

Public displays of affection should be minimal, with holding hands acceptable but kissing or hugging in public discouraged. Respect for UAE customs, leaders, and religion is mandatory.

Clothing must be modest in public areas; swimwear is only allowed at beaches, pools, and waterparks. Transparent or offensive clothing is strictly prohibited.

Photography of government buildings, military sites, and aircraft is forbidden. Individuals must not be photographed without their consent.

Alcohol consumption is only permitted in licensed venues for individuals over 21 years of age. The UAE enforces a strict zero-tolerance policy for drinking and driving.



Equipment

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any 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.
- No propulsion assisted devices are allowed for the pump foil competition
- The use of a helmet is mandatory.

Prize money

The total prize money for the **Fahid Island Watersports Festival 2025** will be **10.000 EUR for the Wake-Foil discipline.**

There must be a minimum of 4 competitors to run a valid division, otherwise men and women run together in one division.

Prize Money Distribution

Prize money will be split following the system agreed at the Traunsee event.

80% of the total prize money will be distributed among the **top 3 riders** of each division as follows:

1st Place: 50%

2nd Place: 30%

3rd Place: 20%

The remaining 20% will be distributed among the riders placing 4th to 6th, in both Men and Women divisions.

- This extended distribution will **only apply if there are more than 10 riders registered in the division.**

SFT World Tour

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

- to display visibly 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 podium.
- to wear a safety helmet during the competition,
- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- to place board stickers (SFT 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 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, fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 EUR and suspension for the next event.

SFT Wake Foil Competition Rules & Judging Guidelines

1. **Governing Principles** The *Wake Foil* discipline within the SFT aims to ensure **safety, competitive clarity, and a fair show** for riders, judges, and spectators.

2. Equipment & Safety

- **Only hydrofoils** are eligible for competition.
- **Helmet is mandatory** for all riders.
- **Personal Flotation Device** is mandatory and must be approved.
- The **Race Director** may inspect equipment before or during the event.
- Any gear considered unsafe may be rejected.

3. Competition Format

- **Cumulative scoring system:** Each rider has **2 passes** behind the boat. The final score is the sum of both passes.
- **Time or distance:** Each pass covers a course defined by the organizer (e.g., 45–60 seconds).
- **Falls and pickups:**
 - Maximum **1 pickup per pass**.
 - On the second fall, the pass ends.
- **Running order:** Determined by random draw or official ranking.
- **Call to start:** The rider must be ready at the dock or designated area when called; otherwise, the turn may be lost.

4. Judging Criteria

Scoring is based on **five criteria**, evaluated cumulatively:

1. **Technical Difficulty**
 - The technical level of tricks (rotations, foil variations, aerial transitions).
2. **Risk and Commitment**
 - Technical difficulty exposure: based on how hard it is a trick to land.
3. **Power and Amplitude**
 - Strength and amplitude of the maneuver, control on landings.
4. **Repertoire Variety**
 - Diversity of tricks performed (frontside/backside rotations, switch transitions, use of the boat wake).
5. **Accuracy and Flow**
 - Clean execution, control, style, and overall smoothness.
 - Each judge gives partial scores per trick, added together for the pass-run score.
 - The **final score** = sum of both passes (with possible discard if defined by the Race Director).



5. Athlete Responsibilities

- Be an **active SFT member** or of the corresponding federation.
- Know and respect all rules before competing.
- Follow conduct standards and **represent the sport professionally** (clothing, behavior, media).
- Attend the **Riders Meeting**, where rules and formats are explained before competition.

6. Tie Breaks

In case of a tie:

1. The **best single pass score** will be considered.
2. If still tied, the rider with the higher score in **Accuracy and Flow** wins.
3. If still unresolved, the **judge panel** decides.

7. Judge Panel

- Minimum of **3 judges** plus one **Chief Judge or Race director**.
- The Chief Judge/RD oversees format, timing, and rule enforcement.
- Judges' decisions are **final and not subject to appeal**.

SFT team Abu Dabi 2025

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann

Contest Director: Carlos Saez

Media Manager: Craig Cunningham

Any question please contact our Sports Director at carlos@surffoilworldtour.com

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The SFT Team.