



Fahid Island Watersports Festival SFT Surf Foil World Tour E-Foil World Cup 2025 Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates October 25th-26th, 2025

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

which will mark the 4th stop in the E-foil discipline.

The dates will be 25th-26th of October

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 24th October 2025 for E-foil. 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 E-Foil Entry Fee (80 EUR): [Stripe link]:
- * <https://buy.stripe.com/eVq00k74p9byd9t7XT5EY1G>
- * 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.

Disciplines

E-Foil: Pro competition (defined by time trials). Awards: Pro Men, Pro Women, Youth (U15), Masters (40+).

Divisions:

Pro (minimum 16 years old), Open.

Categories:

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

Event Seeding:

Seeding will be based on the current SFT E-Foil Ranking or time trial results. Competitors without ranking will be seeded by draw.

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.

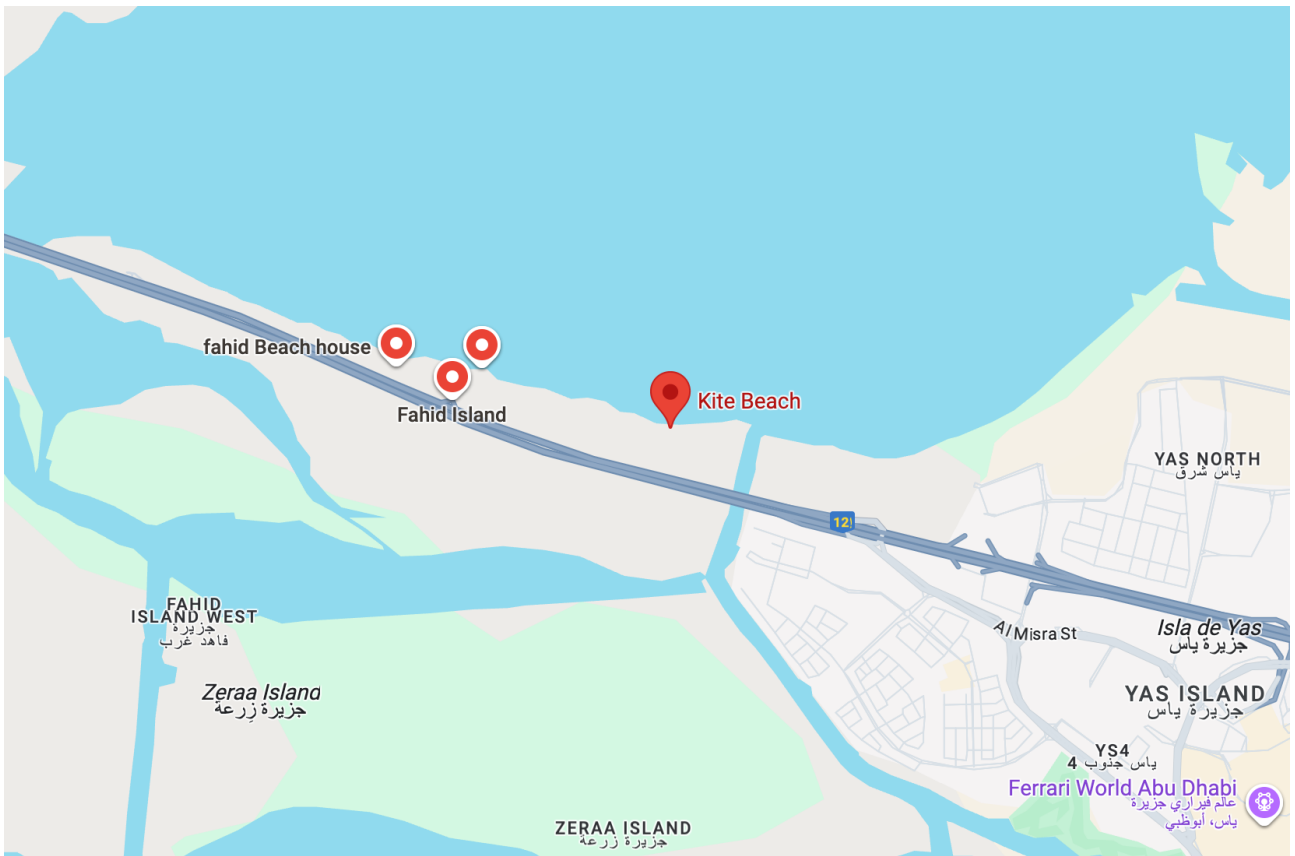
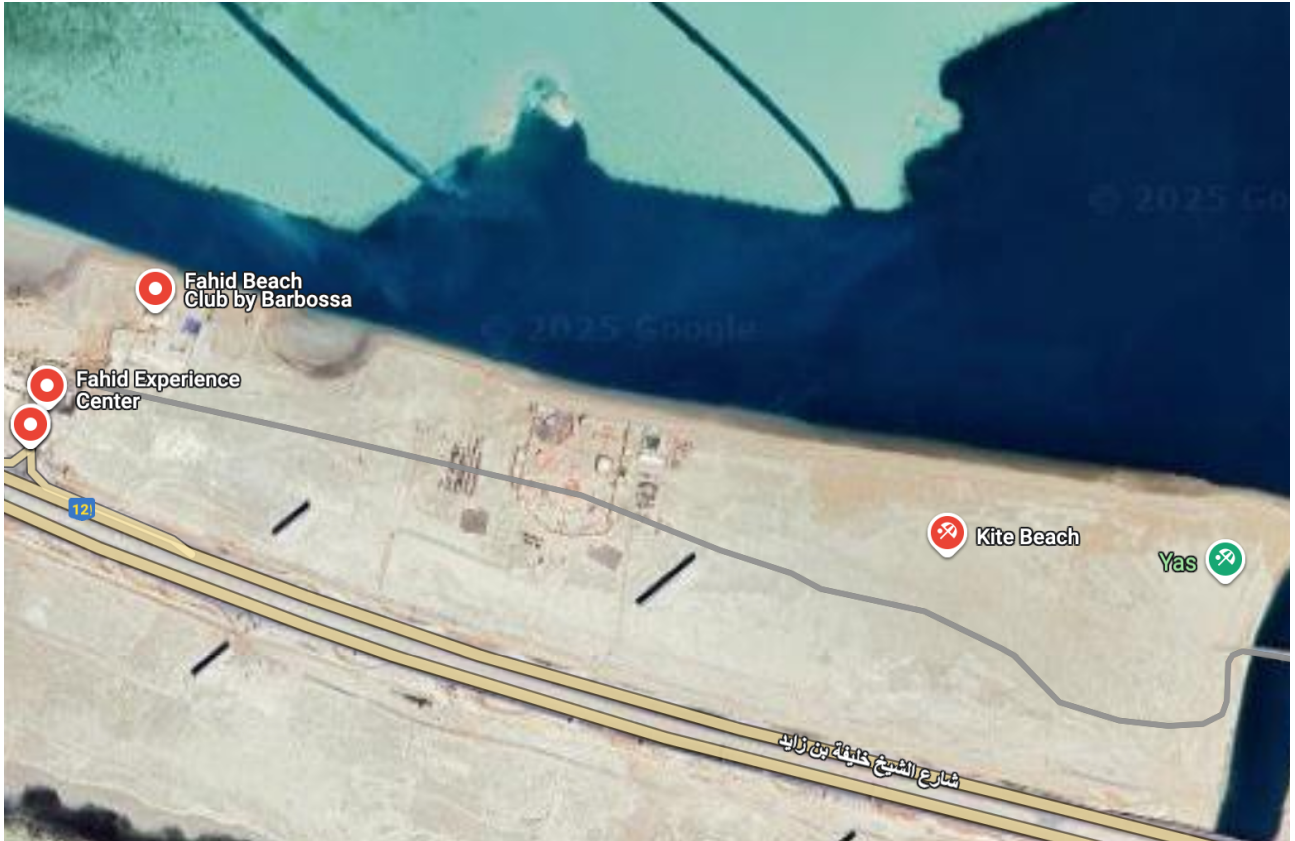
The exact event address is Fahid Beach Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE. Onsite facilities include athlete gear storage tents, toilets, male and female showers, a paid bar, six food trucks, six retail kiosks, and a medical tent. Camper vans and motorhomes are not allowed.

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, 25th October – E-Foil

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

09:30 onwards – Competition heats, followed by finals

18:00 – Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving (E-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 E-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:

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 the money will be distributed.**

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.



E-Foil competition

Format

The **Fahid Island Watersports Festival 2025** will consist of various distinctive courses, designed to test different aspects of foiling skills. There will be 2 days of competition: Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of October 2025.

Time Trials - Qualification Series

Day 1 on Saturday 25th we will run the time trials, that count as qualification and seeding for the elimination series on the same day. If a competitor is missing the time trial race, the athlete can still compete for the elimination series, but will be entering the first elimination race with a seeding lower than those who have participated in the time trials.

Elimination Series

On both Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October we will run elimination series. The elimination series will run one or multiple races. If multiple races are run, then the results of each race count together towards the event ranking. One race is run in an elimination ladder format, where each heat has 2 athletes competing against each other at the same time on the course and the best athlete advances into the next round until the final of the race.

Race Course:

Saturday 25th October - Time Trials - Sprint race (Individual race format) and elimination series (man to man format).

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September - Elimination series (Group race format, man to man)

Principles of the race

- The E-foil competition is a timed race on a marked course.
- Start: Participants must be stationary at the start. They start on the command of the horn (3...2...1... Horn/Signal)
- The best time of the two heats determines the ranking and the winner.
- Each participant is entitled to 2 falls. The 3rd fall is eliminatory.
- If a participant interrupts his race for any reason, he must immediately leave the race area.

Course Diagram Abu Dhabi:

Will be shown at the riders meeting and drawn according to be the most suitable regarding weather and spot conditions.



Equipment

- Helmets and impact vest are mandatory
- Participants must bring their own E-Foil board. Demo boards might be available for racing, but not guaranteed.

Free trial phase:

- No rules, under the responsibility of each participant

Timed trial phase (optional):

- The timed trial phase is optional and depending on number of participants
- The racing order is determined by the numbering of the race number in ascending order.
- The results of the time trials determine the starting order of the race (slowest to fastest).

Race phase:

- The running order is determined by the time trials (slowest to fastest)
- The race phase is divided into 2 heats. Only the best time over the 2 heats will be counted.
- The ranking is determined by the best time.

Elimination ladder:

Any race in the competition can be run using either an **elimination ladder** or a **round robin system**.

In an **elimination ladder** (knock-out format), multiple athletes compete against each other in different heats, where the best competitors of a single heat advance into the next round until the final. Different elimination ladder systems can be applied depending on the total number of participants and the number of competitors per heat.

In a **round robin system**, all athletes have the chance to compete in multiple heats, which guarantees more competition time and opportunities for every rider. This format is especially suitable when participation numbers are lower, or when the focus is on maximizing rider experience and fairness.

Seeding in Elimination ladder:

For the first race of the elimination series, all competitors get seeded into the elimination ladder according to their result from the time trials. If multiple competitors have the same result from the time trials cause they did not start in the time trials or crashed at the start,

- those competitors who crashed at the start will be seeded below those who have a ranking from the time trials and a draw will determine the positions between those who do not have a ranking.
- Those competitors who did not start at all in the time trials, will be seeded below those who participated in the time trials and a draw will determine the positions between those who have not participated.



For the second and any following race of elimination series, the result of the previous elimination race counts for the seeding of the next race. Shared positions are split for the allocation in the elimination ladder by the result from the time trials.

Event Ranking:

If the Elimination Series runs one race only, the result of that one elimination stands as the final event ranking. All heats need to be completed to have a valid result.

If the Elimination Series runs multiple races, the results of each race count towards the final event ranking. A competitor collects points for every result of a single race according to the position the athlete finishes within that race.

Event ranking points

The winner receives 0,7 points, second place receives 2 points, third place receives 3 points, 4th place receives 4 points and after that the athletes being knocked out receive the average points of all other competitors also being knocked in the same round in same finishing position.

The competitor with the lowest accumulated points is in first position of the event ranking, the competitor with the second lowest accumulated points is in second position of the event ranking and so on.

Discards

- If four or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard one result of all races. This meaning the highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.
- If seven or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard two results of all races. This meaning the two highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.
- If ten or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard three results of all races. This meaning the three highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.

Tie Breaks

If multiple competitors end up with the same total points in the event ranking, a competitor is ranked on top of another competitors by the following order of rules:

1. In favour of the competitor with the better result from the time trials
2. In favour of the competitor with lower points discarded, if any discard(s) have been effected
3. In favour of the competitor who has finished more often on top of the other one throughout all races including discarded races.
4. In favour of the competitor with the higher number of first, second, third, etc place finishes throughout all races including discarded races.
5. In favour of the competitor who finished better in the last race
6. If all of the above rules miss to determine who is finishing on top of the other competitor, then the final event ranking shall stand with a shared position between these competitors.



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Any question please contact our Sports Director at carlos@surffoilworldtour.com
We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The SFT Team.

