



Showdown in Vilamoura: The World's Sailing Elite Competes for the 2024 SAILING Champions League Title

Today marks the beginning of the grand season Final of the 2024 SAILING Champions League, held in collaboration with Vilamoura Sailing in the picturesque coastal town of Vilamoura, Portugal. Over the next four days, from 26 to 29 September, the 24 best sailing teams from around the globe will compete for the coveted title. These teams have earned their spot in the Final after advancing through multiple challenging qualifiers in various parts of the world.

A Global Event: Teams from Around the World Compete

The participants of the 2024 SAILING Champions League represent the elite of international sailing in the J/70 class. The Richmond Yacht Club from California, USA, secured their place at the Kickoff Event of the first-ever American Sailing League. The Australian team from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club also earned their qualification through the SAILING Champions League Asia Pacific. Additionally, teams advanced through three major Qualifiers held in Vilamoura, Berlin, and Warnemünde.

Special attention will be on the Finnish team Åländska Segelsällskapet, the defending champions from last year. In 2023, they triumphed in Travemünde and are now aiming to secure back-to-back titles. The 2022 German winner, Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, is also returning with an exceptionally young team, boasting an average age of just 20.4 years.

A Competition at the Highest Level

This season's level of competition is outstanding, as demonstrated by the extensive list of experienced and accomplished participants. Poland's Rafal Sawicki, who has been sailing since 1980 and is a five-time Polish champion, leads his team from Yacht Klub Polski Gdynia. Norway also demonstrates its sailing strength with four qualified teams from the *Seilsportsligaen*, reflecting the high standards of the sport in their country. In total, 18 clubs compete in Norway's league, similar to the format of Germany's *Deutsche Segel-Bundesliga*.

An Exciting Finale Awaits

"The SAILING Champions League Final is the highlight of the international sailing scene every year. The best clubs from around the world come together to determine



the top of the top in a fair and thrilling competition,” says Oliver Schwall, Founder and CEO SAILING Champions League.

Over the coming days, the sailors will not only be watched by their fans but by the entire sailing world. The organizers are excited to witness intense racing at the highest level and to crown the champion of the 2024 SAILING Champions League.

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