



OFFICIAL MEDIA KIT / ROAD TO LA 2028

The Olympic skiffs and foiling catamaran.

49ER - 49ERFX - NACRA 17

International 49er & Nacra 17 Class Association

THREE BOATS. THREE OLYMPIC MEDALS.



49ER

MEN'S SKIFF

2

athletes · twin trapeze elite skiff racing

A black and white 49er sailboat with a large black sail featuring the "49er" logo in yellow.

49ERFX

WOMEN'S SKIFF

2

athletes · twin trapeze elite skiff racing

A black and white 49erFX sailboat with a large black sail featuring the "FX" logo in blue.

NACRA 17

MIXED MULTIHULL

2

athletes · full foiling catamaran

A Nacra 17 catamaran with a white hull and a large red sail.

BUILT FOR SPEED

OUR HISTORY

Innovation has always moved these classes forward—
from skiff design to mixed-gender foiling competition.

1995

2000

2012

2016

2020

2024

2028

49er designed

Olympic debut in
Sydney

49er Olympics London
49erFX and Nacra 17
selected for Next
Olympics

Nacra 17 and 49erFX
debuts in Rio Olympics

Full foiling era Nacra 17

Paris Olympics
49er, 49erFX & Nacra 17

LA Olympics
49er, 49erFX & Nacra 17

49er & 49erFX Champions History [\(LINK\)](#)

NACRA 17 Champions History [\(LINK\)](#)

THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC PODIUMS



49ER

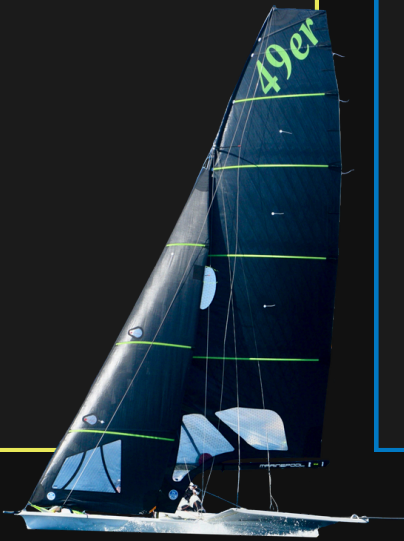


GOLD: SPAIN

Diego Botín & Florián Tittel

Silver: NZL
Isaac McHardie & William McKenzie

Bronze: USA
Ian Barrows & Hans Henken



49ERFX



GOLD: NETHERLANDS

Odile van Aanholt & Annette Duetz

Silver: SWE
Vilma Bobeck & Rebecca Netzler

Bronze: FRA
Sarah Steyaert & Charline Picon



NACRA 17



GOLD: ITALY

Ruggero Tita & Caterina Banti

Silver: ARG
Mateo Majdalani & Eugenia Bosco

Bronze: NZL
Micah Wilkinson & Erica Dawson



The Paris 2024 sailing events were raced in Marseille, on the Mediterranean.
Source: Paris 2024 official Olympic sailing results.

TITLES BY NATION

49ER

			OLY	WORLDS	EUROS	TOTAL
01		NEW ZEALAND	1	7	7	15
02		SPAIN	2	5	5	12
02		GREAT BRITAIN	1	4	7	12
04		AUSTRALIA	1	7	2	10
05		NETHERLANDS	0	3	0	3
05		FRANCE	0	1	2	3
05		GERMANY	0	0	3	3
08		DENMARK	1	0	1	2
09		FINLAND	1	0	0	1

49ERFX

			OLY	WORLDS	EUROS	TOTAL
01		NETHERLANDS	1	5	2	8
02		BRAZIL	2	1	2	5
03		DENMARK	0	1	3	4
04		SPAIN	0	3	0	3
04		NORWAY	0	1	2	3
06		ITALY	0	1	1	2
06		CANADA	0	0	2	2
06		GERMANY	0	0	2	2

NACRA 17

			OLY	WORLDS	EUROS	TOTAL
01		ITALY	2	6	4	12
02		GREAT BRITAIN	0	4	5	9
03		FRANCE	0	4	1	5
04		NETHERLANDS	0	0	2	2
05		ARGENTINA	1	0	0	1
05		SWEDEN	0	0	1	1

Gold medals and titles only. 49er records from 1997, 49erFX and Nacra 17 from 2013. Every Olympic gold medal nation is shown.

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Source: 49er.org and nacra17.org champions lists

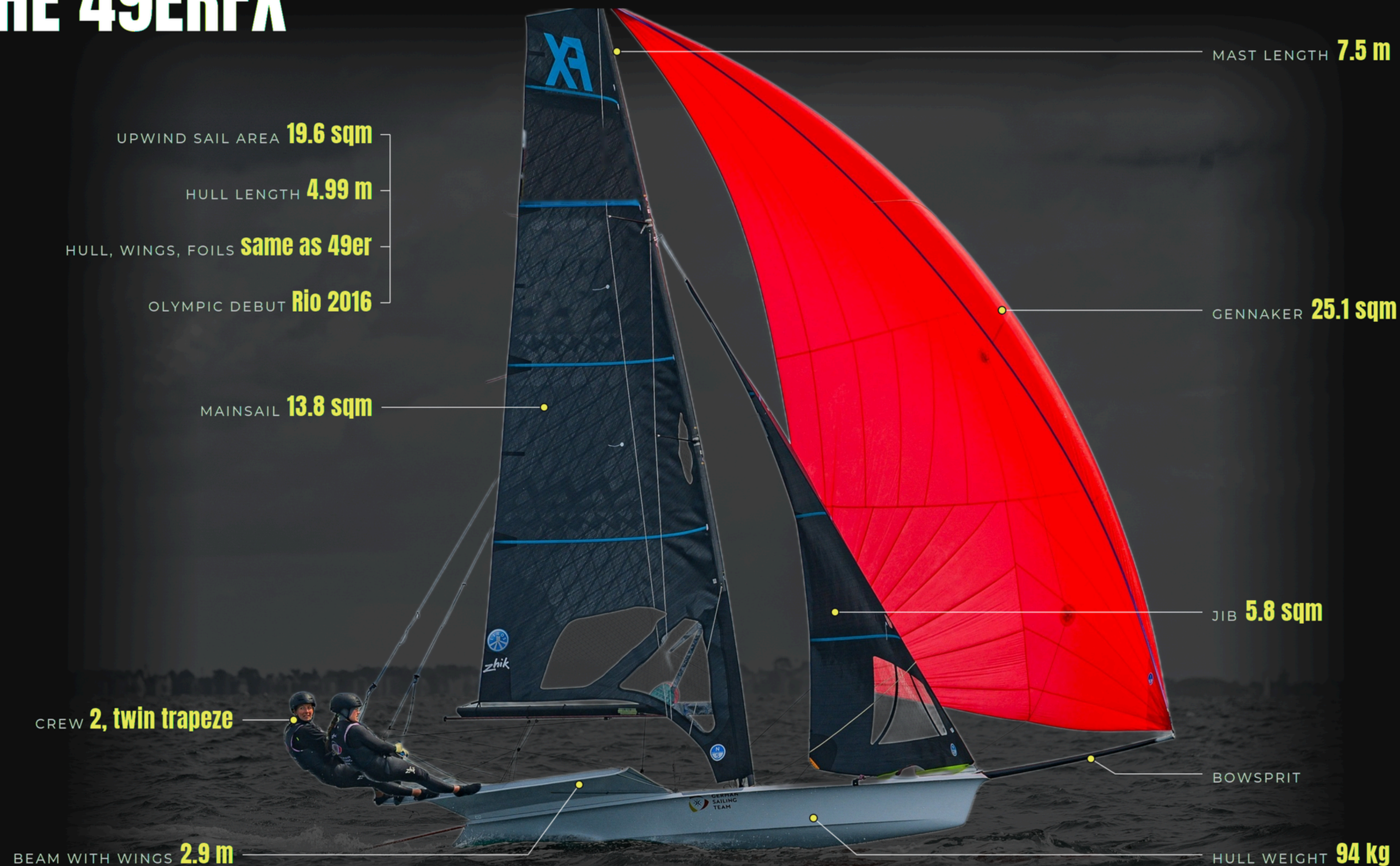
THE BOAT / MEN'S OLYMPIC SKIFF

THE 49ER



THE BOAT / WOMEN'S OLYMPIC SKIFF

THE 49ERFX



THE BOAT / MIXED OLYMPIC MULTIHULL

THE NACRA 17

MAST LENGTH **9 m**

UPWIND SAIL AREA **20.1 sqm**

BEAM **2.59 m**

MIXED CREW **1 man, 1 woman**

OLYMPIC DEBUT **Rio 2016**

MAINSAIL

GENNAKER **19 sqm**

JIB **4 sqm**

BOWSPRIT

CREW **2, twin trapeze**

HULL LENGTH **5.25 m**

FOILS **flying since 2017**



LA 2028: CALENDAR

Major events for the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17

26 MAR TO 3 APR 2027	TROFEO PRINCESA SOFÍA	Palma de Mallorca, Spain
17 TO 24 APR 2027	SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANÇAISE	Hyères, France
19 TO 23 JUN 2027	KIEL WEEK	Kiel, Germany
22 JUL TO 1 AUG 2027	WORLD SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS	Gdynia, Poland · Olympic qualifier
27 AUG TO 4 SEP 2027	OLYMPIC TEST EVENT	Los Angeles, USA
9 TO 14 NOV 2027	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP	La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain
31 JAN TO 6 FEB 2028	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Tangier, Morocco
31 MAR TO 8 APR 2028	TROFEO PRINCESA SOFÍA	Palma de Mallorca, Spain
22 TO 29 APR 2028	SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANÇAISE	Hyères, France
JULY 2028	OLYMPIC GAMES	Los Angeles, USA

Also on the calendar: [HERE](#)

GDYNIA 2027: THE TOP 8 NATIONS IN EACH CLASS QUALIFY FOR LA 2028

THE REMAINING PLACES ARE DECIDED AT CONTINENTAL QUALIFIERS AND A LAST CHANCE REGATTA

ROAD TO LA 2028

THE CALENDAR

49ER • 49ERFX • NACRA 17

05 / 10  **USA**

LOS ANGELES

OLYMPIC TEST EVENT

27 AUG TO 4 SEP 2027

OLYMPIC GAMES

JULY 2028

01 / 08  **ESP**

PALMA DE MALLORCA

TROFEO PRINCESA SOFÍA

26 MAR TO 3 APR 2027

TROFEO PRINCESA SOFÍA

31 MAR TO 8 APR 2028

07  **MAR**

TANGIER **LIVE**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

31 JAN TO 6 FEB 2028

06  **ESP**

LA PALMA, CANARIES **LIVE**

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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03  **GER**

KIEL

KIEL WEEK

19 TO 23 JUN 2027

04  **POL**

GDYNIA **LIVE**

WORLD SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

22 JUL TO 1 AUG 2027

02 / 09  **FRA**

HYÈRES

SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANÇAISE

17 TO 24 APR 2027

SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANÇAISE

22 TO 29 APR 2028

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS / 2027

MAIN EVENT: GDYNIA 2027

The championship brings the world's leading 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 crews together in Poland—a defining test in the final run toward LA 2028.



World Sailing

GDYNIA · POLAND

Top 8 Nations selected for LA 2028



TEAMS TO WATCH

49ER



Seb Menzies / George Lee Rush

2026 World Champions
2026 European Champions
2025 European Champions

49ERFX



Georgia & Antonia Lewin- Lafrance

2025 & 2026 European Champions
Multiple Worlds & World Cup podiums

NACRA 17



Gianluigi Ugolini / Maria Giubilei

2026 World Champions
2025 Vice World & European Champions
2024 Vice European Champions
2021 & 2021 Vice World Champions

All top 49er & 49erFX Teams [\(LINK\)](#)

All top NACRA 17 Teams [\(LINK\)](#)

WHO GETS TO RACE AT LA 2028

20

49ER BOATS

Men's Skiff, 20 nations
8 at the 2027 Worlds in Gdynia
6 at continental qualifiers
5 at the Last Chance Regatta
1 for the host nation, USA

20

49ERFX BOATS

Women's Skiff, 20 nations
8 at the 2027 Worlds in Gdynia
6 at continental qualifiers
5 at the Last Chance Regatta
1 for the host nation, USA

18

NACRA 17 BOATS

Mixed Multihull, 18 nations
8 at the 2027 Worlds in Gdynia
6 at continental qualifiers
3 at the Last Chance Regatta
1 for the host nation, USA

1

BOAT PER NATION

Each nation can enter only one boat per class. Sailors win the place for their country, and the country then picks its crew.

Continental qualifiers: one place per class for each of Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Europe, North America and Caribbean, and Oceania.

SIX DAYS, ONE CHAMPION

DAY 1-5

QUALIFYING SERIES

The full fleet races in groups and every result counts.

PRELIMINARY SERIES

Yellow, Blue and Red fleets

ELIMINATION SERIES

Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets

DAY 6

FINALS

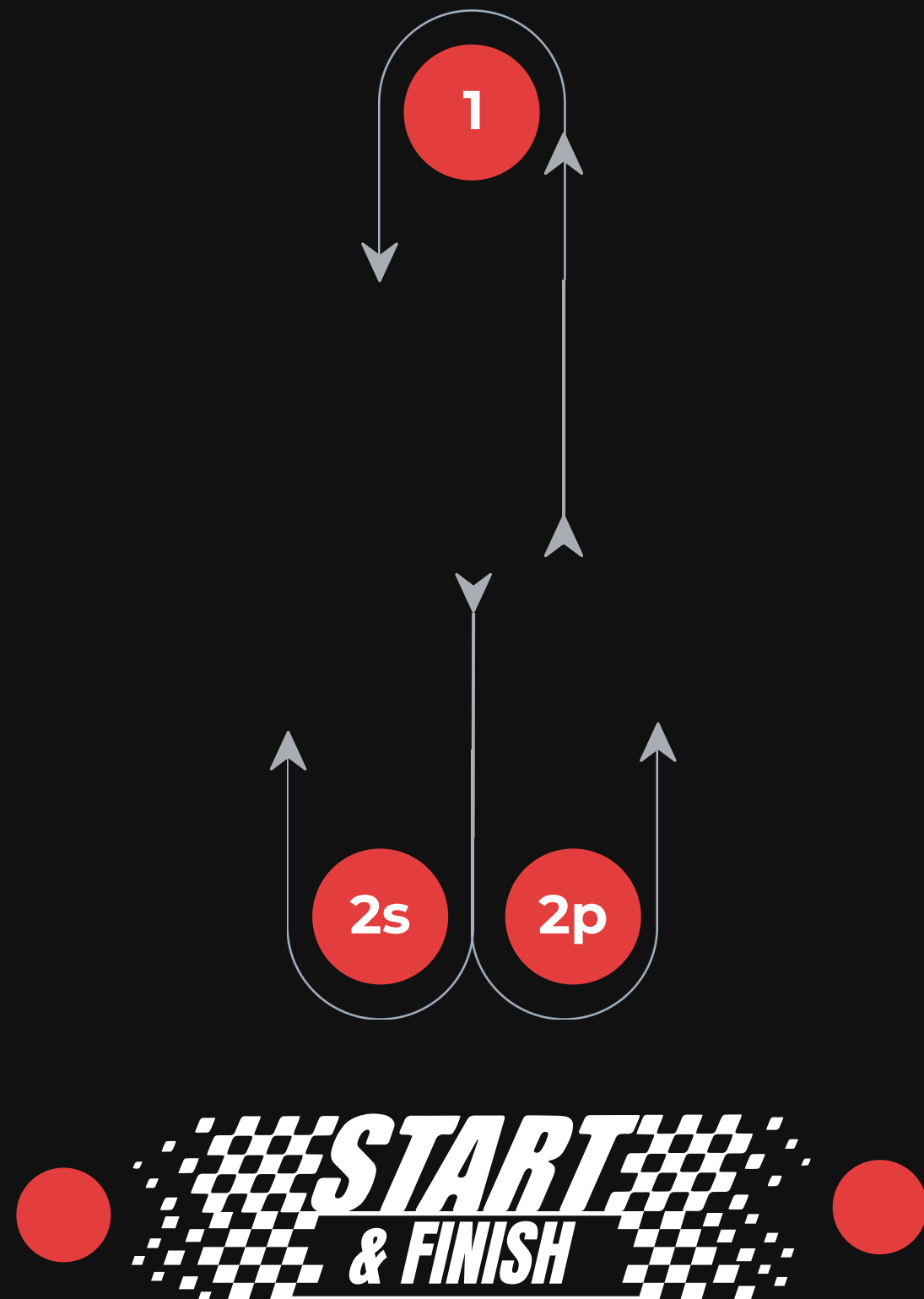
The best boats in each class race for the title and the podium.

TOP 10

IN EACH FINAL

Only the top 10 boats in each class make it to the final day.

Every race counts towards the overall ranking. The final day is where medals and titles are decided.



A second upwind leg where places change a lot.

A final sprint from the top mark to the finish line.

SCORING

LOWEST SCORE WINS

1

POINT FOR 1ST

Win a race and you score just 1 point.

2

POINTS FOR 2ND

Second place scores 2, third scores 3, and so on down the fleet.

SUM

ADD THEM UP

Points from every race are added together across the regatta.

LOW

SCORE WINS

The boat with the fewest points is the champion. Consistency beats one big win.

Example after four races: Boat A finishes 1, 4, 2, 3 = 10 points. Boat B finishes 3, 1, 5, 2 = 11 points. Boat A leads.

HELM AND CREW

HELM

THE DRIVER

Steers the boat and trims the mainsail. Calls the starts and the big tactical moves.

CREW

THE ENGINE

Out on the trapeze. Trims the jib and gennaker, handles the hoists and drops, and watches the wind and rivals.

SKIFFS

49ER AND 49ERFX

Both sailors are out on the trapeze, working as one to keep the boat flat and fast.

FOILS

NACRA 17

A mixed crew, one man and one woman, who also manage the foils to keep the boat flying.

Two sailors, one brain. Talking all the time is what wins races in these boats.

THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAMS

OUR PARTNERS



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