

OFFICIAL MEDIA KIT / ROAD TO LA 2028

The Olympic skiffs and foiling catamaran.

49ER - 49ERFX - NACRA 17

International 49er & Nacra 17 Class Association

THE OLYMPIC CLASSES

THREE BOATS. THREE OLYMPIC MEDALS.

49ER

MEN'S SKIFF



2

athletes · twin trapeze elite skiff racing

49ERFX

WOMEN'S SKIFF



2

athletes · twin trapeze elite skiff racing

NACRA 17

MIXED MULTIHULL



2

athletes · full foiling catamaran

BUILT FOR SPEED

OUR HISTORY

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



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)

PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC PODIUMS





49ER

GOLD: SPAIN

Diego Botín & Florián Trittel

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





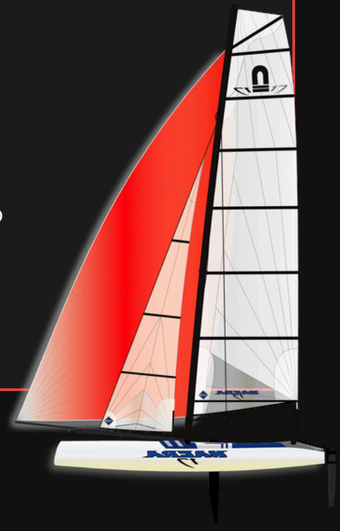
NACRA 17

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.

OLYMPIC GAMES · WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS · EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

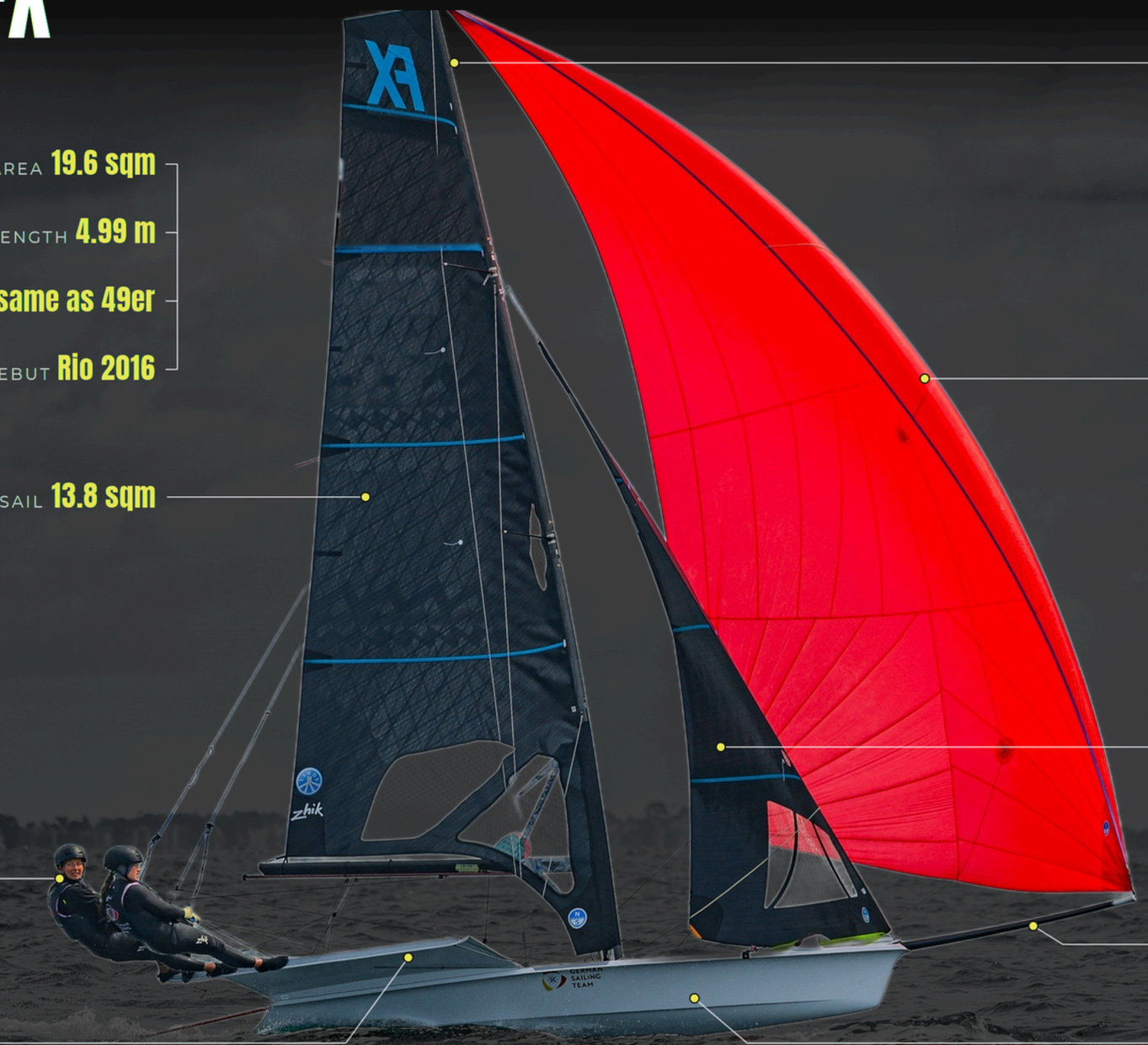
THE BOAT / MEN'S OLYMPIC SKIFF

THE 49ER



THE BOAT / WOMEN'S OLYMPIC SKIFF

THE 49ERFX



UPWIND SAIL AREA **19.6 sqm**

HULL LENGTH **4.99 m**

HULL, WINGS, FOILS **same as 49er**

OLYMPIC DEBUT **Rio 2016**

MAINSAIL **13.8 sqm**

CREW **2, twin trapeze**

BEAM WITH WINGS **2.9 m**

MAST LENGTH **7.5 m**

GENNAKER **25.1 sqm**

JIB **5.8 sqm**

BOWSPRIT

HULL WEIGHT **94 kg**

THE BOAT / MIXED OLYMPIC MULTIHULL

THE NACRA 17



UPWIND SAIL AREA **20.1 sqm**

BEAM **2.59 m**

MIXED CREW **1 man, 1 woman**

OLYMPIC DEBUT **Rio 2016**

MAST LENGTH **9 m**

MAINSAIL

GENNAKER **19 sqm**

JIB **4 sqm**

BOWSPRIT

CREW **2, twin trapeze**

HULL LENGTH **5.25 m**

FOILS **flying since 2017**

ROAD TO LOS ANGELES

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

03 GER

KIEL

KIEL WEEK

19 TO 23 JUN 2027

04 POL

GDYNIA LIVE

WORLD SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

22 JUL TO 1 AUG 2027

01 / 08 ESP

PALMA DE MALLORCA

TROFEO PRINCESA SOFÍA

26 MAR TO 3 APR 2027

TROFEO PRINCESA SOFÍA

31 MAR TO 8 APR 2028

05 / 10 USA

LOS ANGELES

OLYMPIC TEST EVENT

27 AUG TO 4 SEP 2027

OLYMPIC GAMES

JULY 2028

07 MAR

TANGIER LIVE

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

31 JAN TO 6 FEB 2028

06 ESP

LA PALMA, CANARIES LIVE

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

9 TO 14 NOV 2027

02 / 09 FRA

HYÈRES

SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANÇAISE

17 TO 24 APR 2027

SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANÇAISE

22 TO 29 APR 2028

Olympic qualifier and Olympic Games

LIVE Broadcast live

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



EDITORIAL WATCHLIST

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)

OLYMPIC QUOTA AND QUALIFICATION

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.

HOW A REGATTA WORKS

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

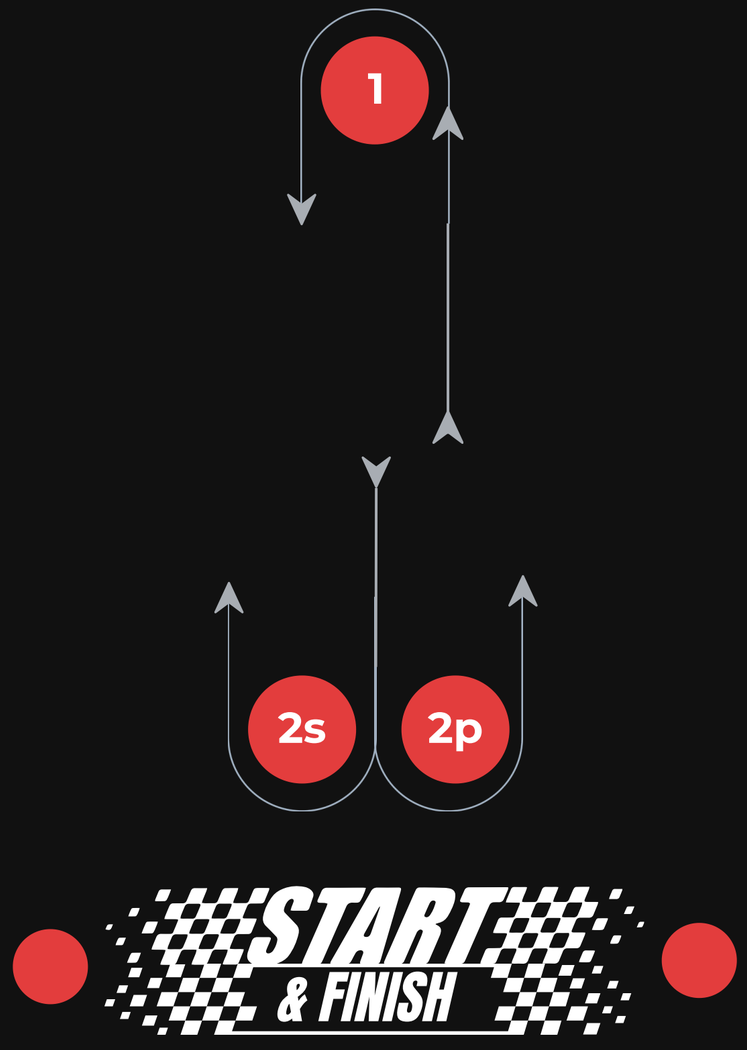
IN EACH FINAL

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.

THE RACE COURSE

UPWIND, DOWNWIND, REPEAT



1

UP TO THE TOP MARK

Sailing upwind, zig zagging against the wind.

2

DOWN TO THE GATE

Gennakers up, the fastest leg. Sailors pick the left or right gate mark.

3

BACK TO THE TOP

A second upwind leg where places change a lot.

4

FINISH

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.

WHO DOES WHAT

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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OVINGTON built to win

MackayBoats

NAFRA sailing

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High-resolution imagery, class data, results and accreditation resources are available through the official media channels.

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EVENT CALENDAR 49er & FX

TOP TEAMS 49er & FX

TOP TEAMS NACRA 17