

MEDIA RACE NOTES

April 11-12, 2026

KEY EVENT INFORMATION

- As the **first SailGP event in South America**, the Enel Rio Sail Grand Prix will redefine the image of sailing in Brazil and attract a new audience of followers, with more than 8,000 spectators expected across the weekend. By racing in the iconic location of Guanabara Bay close to Sugarloaf Mountain, SailGP is inspiring a new audience with a fan-first approach and celebration of sport.
- Brazil has a rich sailing history and is home to multiple Olympic and world champions in the sport, making it the perfect stage for this historic event.
- Rio will be the **fourth stop of the 2026 Rolex SailGP Championship**, and the first in the Americas region.
- Fans can expect fast, physical and unpredictable racing, with identical F50 foiling catamarans reaching speeds up to 100 km/h and ensuring every race is tightly contested from start to finish – with national pride, personal glory and the sport's top prize (U.S. \$12.8 million) all on the line.
- This will be the first time local fans have the chance to see the Mubadala Brazil SailGP Team race at home, as the crew races in its second season.
- In SailGP, athletes compete side by side in a truly mixed-gender environment, where performance is defined by skill, precision, and teamwork. Through its **Women's Performance Program** SailGP is breaking down barriers and creating pathways for women to compete alongside men, including Mubadala Brazil's **Martine Grael** - the first female driver in SailGP.
- 12 of 13 teams will compete in Rio, with the DS Automobiles Team France returning for the first time since their F50 sustained significant damage at February's Auckland event. The Black Foils New Zealand SailGP Team will not be on the startline, with extensive repairs ongoing.
- Rio fans will be at the heart of the action in the **Waterfront Grandstands**, perfectly positioned in the race stadium with prime views, live commentary, and food, beverage and merchandise available for purchase.
- Rio will see the debut of the **VELA Beach Club** – SailGP's new global premium hospitality offering that combines world-class racing with a chic waterside social scene. *VELA Beach Club* draws its spirit from the Latin term "vela" – meaning "sails" – a symbol of freedom, momentum, and the exhilarating pursuit of new horizons. Guests will enjoy elevated viewing, stylish lounge spaces, and an atmosphere designed for a unique sporting experience.

RACE START TIMES

RACE DAY 1 | SATURDAY, APRIL 11

RACE STADIUM OPENING HOURS

14:00 - 17:30 BRT

RACE TIMES

15:00 - 16:30 BRT

RACE DAY 2 | SUNDAY, APRIL 12

RACE STADIUM OPENING HOURS

14:00 - 17:30 BRT

RACE TIMES

15:00 - 16:30 BRT



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MEDIA INFORMATION

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HOW TO WATCH

SailGP's events are broadcast in more than 200 countries and territories. Fans can find their national broadcaster at [SailGP's How to Watch page](#), and should check their local listings for air times.



CREW ROSTERS

ROCKWOOL RACING SAILGP TEAM

Nicolai Sehested	Driver
Kahena Kunze	Strategist
Ed Powys	Flight Controller
Tom Johnson	Wing Trimmer
Luke Payne	Grinder
Hans Christian Rosendahl	Grinder

ARTEMIS SAILGP TEAM

Nathan Outteridge	Driver
Julia Gross	Strategist
Andy Maloney	Flight Controller
Chris Draper	Wing Trimmer
Brad Farrand	Grinder
Julius Hallstrom	Grinder

BONDS FLYING ROOS SAILGP TEAM

Tom Slingsby	Driver
Tash Bryant	Strategist
Jason Waterhouse	Flight Controller
Iain Jensen	Wing Trimmer
Kinley Fowler	Grinder
Sam Newton	Grinder

LOS GALLOS SAILGP TEAM

Diego Botin	Driver
Nicole van der Velden	Strategist
Joel Rodríguez	Flight Controller
Florian Trittel	Wing Trimmer
Joan Cardona	Grinder
Bernardo Freitas	Grinder
Andres Barrio	Grinder

GERMANY SAILGP TEAM BY DEUTSCHE BANK

Erik Kosegarten-Heil	Driver
Anna Barth	Strategist
James Wierzbowski	Flight Controller
Kevin Peponnet	Wing Trimmer
William Tiller	Grinder
Linov Scheel	Grinder

NORTHSTAR SAILGP TEAM

Giles Scott	Driver
Annie Haeger	Strategist
Billy Gooderham	Flight Controller
Paul Campbell-James	Wing Trimmer
Tom Ramshaw	Grinder
Tim Hornsby	Grinder
Alex Sinclair	Grinder

RED BULL ITALY SAILGP TEAM

Phil Robertson	Driver
Jana Germani	Strategist
Andrea Tersei	Flight Controller
Kyle Langford	Wing Trimmer
Enrico Voltolini	Grinder
Will Ryan	Grinder

UNITED STATES SAILGP TEAM

Taylor Canfield	Driver
Andrew Campbell	Strategist
Hans Henken	Flight Controller
Michael Menninger	Wing Trimmer
Peter Kinney	Grinder
Anna Weis	Grinder
Mac Agnese	Grinder

MUBADALA BRAZIL SAILGP TEAM

Martine Grael	Driver
Richard Mason	Strategist
Paul Goodison	Strategist
Rasmus Køstner	Flight Controller
Pietro Sibello	Wing Trimmer
Jeremy Wilmot	Wing Trimmer
Marco Grael	Grinder
Mateus Isaac	Grinder

SWITZERLAND SAILGP TEAM

Sébastien Schneider	Driver
Maud Jayet	Strategist
Bryan Mettraux	Flight Controller
Arnaud Psarofaghis	Wing Trimmer
Arno de Planta	Grinder
Matt Gotrel	Grinder

EMIRATES GREAT BRITAIN SAILGP TEAM

Dylan Fletcher	Driver
Hannah Mills	Strategist
Luke Parkinson	Flight Controller
Stuart Bithell	Wing Trimmer
Nick Hutton	Grinder
Neil Hunter	Grinder

DS AUTOMOBILES SAILGP TEAM FRANCE

Quentin Delapierre	Driver
Liv Mackay	Strategist
Jason Saunders	Flight Controller
Glenn Ashby	Wing Trimmer
Timothe Lapauw	Grinder
Bruno Mourniac	Grinder
Olivier Herledant	Grinder

WEEKEND PREVIEW

KEY EVENT NARRATIVES

RIO'S HIGHLY ANTICIPATED DEBUT & A GRAEL FAMILY HOMECOMING

For the first time, the Mubadala Brazil SailGP Team will compete on home waters as the championship arrives in Rio. The spotlight on Martine Grael will be larger than ever, and the event will carry deep personal significance for her and her brother and teammate, Marco Grael. The siblings grew up sailing in Rio and are part of one of Brazil's most celebrated sailing families – the children of Olympic legend Torben Grael. With family, friends and a passionate Brazilian crowd lining the shoreline, the event marks both a national debut and a powerful full-circle moment for one of sailing's most famed families.

GRAEL & KUNZE REUNITE IN RIO – AS RIVALS

Mubadala Brazil driver Martine Grael and ROCKWOOL Racing strategist Kahena Kunze will reunite on the SailGP stage Rio – but this time as rivals rather than teammates. The pair claimed Olympic gold together a decade ago at the Rio 2016 Olympics, building a reputation for tactical brilliance and composure under pressure. Now racing against each other on separate teams, the duo will bring back memories for hometown fans, and create new ones in a new sport.

U.S. SAILGP TEAM LOOKS TO RIDE SYDNEY MOMENTUM

The United States SailGP Team enter the Rio with renewed confidence after a breakthrough performance in Sydney, where the crew captured their first event title since October 2023 and the first with Taylor Canfield as their driver. The result signaled a potential turning point for the team, which has been steadily building cohesion with its new-look lineup. The team will look to prove its Sydney success was no one-off as it builds momentum to its own home race in New York in May.

RETURN OF DS AUTOMOBILES SAILGP FRANCE TEAM

France returns to racing after a dramatic crash forced the team out of competition in Auckland. Driven by Quentin Delapierre, the French crew suffered significant damage during the Auckland Sail Grand Prix, sidelining them while the team worked to repair and prepare their F50 for a return to the championship. Now back on the start line, France will be eager to reset their season by putting the setback behind them and reasserting themselves in the fight for crucial championship points.

SEASON LEADERBOARD STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE

Three different teams have claimed victories so far in 2026 – Emirates GBR, BONDS Flying Roos, and the U.S. – and several crews arrive in Rio firmly in contention near the top. Emirates GBR (28 points) and BONDS Flying Roos (25 points) have given themselves a bit of distance in first and second place, respectively, followed by the U.S. (20 points) and DS Automobiles France (20 points). Los Gallos (16 points) and Artemis (15 points) are not far off and looking for peak performances to gain ground in the standings.

ABOUT ENEL

By joining SailGP, Enel seeks to reinforce its commitment to promoting the construction of a more sustainable future, contributing to the dissemination of access to sport and culture. Enel is committed to contribute to actions that generate social impact in all regions where it operates. In Rio de Janeiro, the company is the largest sponsor of cultural and sporting projects in the state, through incentive laws. Last year, the distributor invested over R\$ 115 million in 108 initiatives that directly benefited approximately 800,000 people.

ADDITIONAL MEDIA TOOLS

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CURRENT STANDINGS

2026 SEASON LEADERBOARD	PTS
<i>EMIRATES GREAT BRITAIN SAILGP TEAM</i>	28
<i>BONDS FLYING ROOS SAILGP TEAM</i>	25
<i>UNITED STATES SAILGP TEAM</i>	20
<i>DS AUTOMOBILES SAILGP TEAM FRANCE</i>	20
<i>LOS GALLOS SAILGP TEAM</i>	16
<i>ARTEMIS SAILGP TEAM</i>	15
<i>RED BULL ITALY SAILGP TEAM</i>	11
<i>ROCKWOOL RACING SAILGP TEAM</i>	11
<i>GERMANY SAILGP TEAM BY DEUTSCHE BANK</i>	10
<i>NORTHSTAR SAILGP TEAM</i>	6
<i>MUBADALA BRAZIL SAILGP TEAM</i>	5
<i>BLACK FOILS SAILGP TEAM</i>	2
<i>SWITZERLAND SAILGP TEAM</i>	1