

## Mallorca Flying 15 fleet compete in the Palma Vela 2026

For the first time in a number of years the Mallorca flying 15 fleet were given a designated class in this years Palma vela regatta hosted by the Real Club Náutico Palma.

Congratulations to all teams who made the effort to travel down from Pollençà to compete. As many sailors mentioned, this has been a good exercise to compete and train in Palma Bay ahead of the European championships scheduled by club de mar in October.



The conditions over the 3 planned days of sailing were hard to predict with shifty wind off the land and a sea breeze that at one point did fill in on day one.

Day two was also light and shifty from the east which gave some tactical challenges, waves and light wind is always difficult in the flying fifteen so the ability to gear change when necessary is an important factor.



Day 3 was unfortunately cancelled due to rain, storm clouds and unpredictable winds.

With several new sailors in the class the competition was tight, but the series was won by Mark Branagh and Victor Perez with 3 race wins sailing Femme Fetale 4009

Josh Banks and Dylan Long in Osprey 3831 sailed well to secure second place while a fierce battle raged for 3<sup>rd</sup> place between the 2 Brazilian teams. Bernardo Arndt (3 times Olympian) and crew Patrick Hallkvist in FFiskado 3650 finally getting ahead on the final race from Ralph Henning and his son Ivo.

Congratulations to the 2 women's teams competing and to all those who made the effort and to our fleet captain, Rafa, who helped to arrange logistics for moving boats to Palma

Also, a big thanks to RCNP for hosting such a great event and welcoming the Flying 15 class back into the Palma Vela.

We hope to be back next year in larger numbers.



*“The fleet was exceptionally competitive this year and the changing conditions across the bay made every race a challenge. We were pleased to put together a consistent series, and it was great to be back racing at PalmaVela with such a strong turnout on the water.” – Mark Branagh*

## Flying Fifteen Class Results



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CLASIFICACION GENERAL						Clase : FF		Descartes : 1		
Pos	N.Vela	Yate	Armedor	Patron	Club	1	2	3	4	Puntos
1	ESP4009	FEMME FATALE	MARK BRANAGH	VICTOR PEREZ	CMSAP	3	1	1	1	3
2	ESP3831	OSPREY	JOSH BANKS	JOSH BANKS	RCNP POLLENSA	2	3	2	6	7
3	ESP3650	FFISKARDO	BERNARDO ARNDT	BERNARDO ARNDT	IC RIO DE JANEIRO	5	2	3	3	8
4	ESP3804	SPEEDY GONZALES	RALPH HENNING	RALPH HENNING	RCNP POLLENSA	1	4	5	4	9
5	GBR4122	NO WAY JOSE	JOHN WALKER	JOHN WALKER	RCNP POLLENSA	7	6	4	2	12
6	ESP3724	ACADEMIA BIGBOY NAUTICA 1	PILAR CASARES	PILAR CASARES	RCNP POLLENSA	6	5	6	5	16
7	ESP724	FOMO	LUCIA GUERRERO	LUCIA GUERRERO		4	7	7	8	18
8	ESP3728	WIGHT FLYER	STEPHEN PARRY	TERESA PARRY	RCN PALMA	8	8	8	7	23

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