

2022 World Sailing Mid Year Meeting Athlete Commission Statement:

Unfortunately none of the current Athletes Commission are able to attend this Mid Year Meeting in Abu Dhabi. However, we would like to note the following areas of concern for us, and ask for your help in ensuring these topics are on the table in Abu Dhabi.

- 1) **Cost of Campaigning:** We and the World Sailing community need real numbers on the real costs of campaigning. This isn't simply the minimum costs of entry to an Olympic class, nor the various costs of equipment. Accurate valuation is critical for further discussions around what can be done to limit some of these costs to sailors & MNAs, alike.

We suggest a Working Party be set up to investigate this area in further detail.

- 2) **Equipment Quality:** The most talked about issue by any Olympic sailor. We want greater transparency and accountability of Olympic Classes for:
 - a) 'One Design' tolerances and lack of clear measurement rules for 'One Design' Classes
 - b) Global access of equipment
 - c) Consistency of equipment in 'One Design' classes.
 - d) Higher standards for a class that becomes Olympic.
- 3) **Environmental Impact:** We support any and all steps to make our sport more environmentally responsible, including regulating coach boats as long as Athlete Safety remains properly catered for. We want there to be further discussion around other environmental impacts that we can and should be making.
 - a) Lack of consistent equipment resulting in higher production & consumption of equipment than required if production tolerances were lower.
 - b) No end of life strategy for any and all sailing equipment. Boats, masts, sails, ropes, wetsuits. World Sailing & all associated equipment manufacturers can lead this and enforce the expectation of life cycle responsibility for products.
 - c) Regatta scheduling & locations. Unnecessary shipping and personnel travel due to events in multiple continents and geographically spread locations. Shipping is especially difficult in the current Covid climate.

Thank You

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