

Applications for World Sailing Class Status

There is an application process for a Class to become a World Sailing Class that includes fulfilling several criteria as follows:

1. Timescale:

Application for WS status must be received before August 1st, for consideration by Council at the next scheduled Annual World Sailing meeting

2. Requirements for Application:

To be designated as a World Sailing Class Association, a Class must be recommended for designation by the Equipment Committee and must receive a majority vote of Council.

For an application to be valid it needs to demonstrate the requirements set out in World Sailing Regulation 10:

1. Reg. 10.1, Classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the respective criteria set out below may be designated as a World Sailing Class Association.
2. Reg. 10.2.1(a), must be an active class/owner's association,
3. Reg. 10.2.1(b), have a constitution passed by class/owner's association approved by the Equipment Committee and Constitution Committee,
4. Reg. 10.2.1 (c), have class rules in Standard Class Rules format adopting ERS, and approved by the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee,
5. Reg. 10.2.1(d), demonstrated, either by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities set out below or a list of registered boat owners, that the class/owners association it is 'actively racing' at events where the class rules apply with at least the following global distribution:
6. Reg. 10.2.1(f), paid an application fee,

The regulations allow for the following exemptions:

- Reg 10.2.1(c): The Equipment Committee may approve an exemption to requirement 4 above if in its opinion the class rules are satisfactory and well established.
- Reg 10.2.1(e): requirement 5 above may be waived by Council, upon recommendation of the Equipment Committee, when considering a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing.

3. Next steps

The Equipment Rules Sub-Committee shall review the class rules of these classes at their upcoming meeting and report their recommendation to the Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee shall review these applications at their meeting and make a recommendation to Council on whether to approve, reject or defer.

The Class shall provide the relevant building specifications, measurement protocols, or equipment registration scheme details, that form part or complement the class rules to the Executive Office.

4. Summary review

The following pages include a summary review carried by the Executive Office based on the information provided by the applicants.

Persico 69F

High performance foiling monohull 6.90 m long presented as One Design, manufacturer controlled with class rules requiring it to be manufactured by the approved manufacturer, Coming Solutions srl and its sublicensees.

Class website: <https://69fsailing.com/>

1. Worldwide distribution

Requirement: minimum of 4 MNAs with at least 7 boats per MNA (2 Continents minimum)

- a. The Executive Office received in the Class application letter the boat owners list resulting in the following number of boats:

6 USA	6 ITA
5 CHE	4 HKG
2 FRA	2 RUS
1 FIN	1 NDL

A total of 27 boats have been manufactured with the 28th hull under construction. Sailed in 8 MNAs and 3 Continents. However, less than 7 boats per MNA.

- b. The Class requested the Equipment Committee to consider the Reg 10.2.1(e) exemption. The Class raised the following points as evidence of their “unique aspect of sailing”:
- i. “State-of-the-art design and technology”; Only team, one design, foiling monohull, with regattas around the world (other than the AC75 and AC40)
 - ii. “Foiling for everyone”; Boat accessible by men and women, including paralympic, from beginners to professionals.
 - iii. “Pay per Play formula”; moving fleets owned by the managing company to easy the access to newcomers and to respond to sustainability matters linked to building the boats and moving the boats around the globe.
 - iv. “Promotion of foiling”; Youth Foiling Gold Cup to promote foiling among young sailors.

2. Class Activity:

2019 testing and Class Rules drafting

2020 4 test events + boat handling & format adjustments
51 teams

2021 12 events (YFGC, Persico 69F Cup, PRO Cup)
45 teams
results: <https://69fsailing.com/results-2021/>

2022 19 events (YFG, Persico 69F Cup Europe, Persico 69F Cup USA, 69F US Select Series)
45 teams
Results: <https://69fsailing.com/results/#a2022>

Since 2022 there are two Cups, one in Europe with seven events on four locations (Valencia, Sardinia, Malcesine, Mallorca) and one in USA with three events in two locations (Miami, FL, and Newport, RI). 2023 planned events listed in “Appendix B – World Sailing Class Criteria: Regulation 10 - 10.2.1 (d)” document.

3. Constitution

The Constitution Committee reviewed the Persico 69F Constitution, and it fulfils the main criteria of being a members’ association with Not-for-Profit status, appropriate aims and objectives, and clear democratic processes for the election of officers

4. Class Rules

The Class has worked closely with the Office and the ERSC to adjust the Class Rules and get aligned with the SCR and ERS.

- a. The latest published Class Rules follow ERS and SCR.
- b. There are only minor required changes, already discussed and approved by the Class, for the document to be formally approved by the ERSC.

5. Agreement

To be developed. The Executive Office is in the process of defining details and has initiated discussions with the class.

- a. Class agreement shall follow the draft template which identifies approved manufacturers and includes requirement for right holder to license new manufacturers when evaluated and considered qualified by the class.
- b. Parties involved: Coming Solution srl (copyright Holder), the Class and WS.
- c. Plaque Fee Scheme agreed by the parties.
 - i. The copyright holder will buy WS plaques from WS for each boat manufactured.

6. Building Specification

The class agreement will require manufacturers to provide to WS ‘building specifications’ for all equipment items which are limited to ‘licensed manufacturers’ that form part or complement the class rules.

- a. The Class has agreed to share the building specification with the Office.
- b. The Office will work with the Class on the preparation of a full set of drawings, specification, and procedures to be collected on the so called “WS approved Builders Construction Manual” (as per Class Rules requirement)

Executive Office Review: Persico 69F

The following is an initial review from the Equipment Committee Working Parties and the Executive Office based on the information available at the time:

- The Class Rules follow the structure of the Standard Class Rules and make use of the Equipment Rules of Sailing. Minor Class Rules changes and the Builders Construction Manual are required to be fully aligned with the World Sailing requirements. The Equipment Committee should note any additional feedback from the Equipment Rules Sub Committee meeting on this matter.
- The Constitution has been reviewed and no concerns have been raised.
- The Class does not meet the WS global distribution requirements and requested to consider the Reg 10.2.1(e) exemption. The Equipment Committee should analyse the application focusing the review, but not limiting, on the following points:
 - i. Equipment Technical Aspects
 - ii. Racing Organization Format
 - iii. Image and Promotion of Sailing

Recommendation for approval of the application should be only considered subject to the Equipment Committee recommending Council that the Persico 69F serves a unique aspect of sailing.