

Report of the Offshore Doubles Sailing Association
October 21, 2022

Dear Matt, Corinne and Committee Members:

Offshore Doubles has been working with World Sailing towards finding suitable partners for a Doublehanded World Championships (to be anointed by World Sailing) on a schedule that can be published well in advance and keeps the costs within reach for a majority of countries.

We have had discussions with OC Group about the possibility of using their already existing Transat en Double (Concarneau-St Barth on odd years) as an event, although the costs are quite high to run a campaign. There have been very preliminary discussions with RORC (by World Sailing) about using some of their events like the 600 mile offshore races in Europe, Caribbean and Australia as the base, which could be very positive. It remains to be seen whether supplied boats can be offered at a reasonable price as they have been in Italy's Nostra Rosa in the past which saw excellent racing.

While the event did not make it to the Olympics so far, the growth in doublehanded offshore sailing continues to be strong in many parts of the world and there is strong interest to continue both open events and events with a man and woman as the required

Our immediate goal is to develop a World Championship for 2023 and beyond and support the growth of fleets and associations worldwide. There are options to grow the association for the discipline but to do so may take more substantial funds than currently available, so a partner may be needed to help take on the task, depending on the future goals of the board. We are also looking to broaden the active members and advisors from Europe/UK.

Any input or help from the committee is most welcome.

Thank you for your continued support.

Larry Rosenfeld
President
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