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Sailor Categorization Commission Report

2022 was a very challenging year in the operation of Sailor Categorization. The new online application system which we had hoped for by the Fall in 2021 had numerous unforeseen delays that pushed back the initial roll out through the Spring until the end of April.

Subsequently, the initial date of functionality began on 28 April, 2022. From that time until the present, Sailors have been able to log in and obtain new or renewal Sailor Categorizations. Unfortunately the access needed by the Commission for reviews was not readily available at the roll out. Gradually issues with logging in, password resets and logic processes have been identified and resolved. Currently, pending a purge of incorrectly assigned reviews, we are almost fully functional.

What this has resulted in is an entirely new user interface that must be learned and operated by our Commission members. In order to effect this, we have had a series of U Tube tutorials made and presented to our Commission members. Subsequent to this we held our first online Commission meeting early last week.

In the interim, the work of Categorizing sailors around the world was accomplished using a combination of the auto assignment system with corrections by the Commission members and World Sailing staff. This was largely initiated by regatta urgency which generated emails and telephone calls to World Sailing seeking assistance. At the present time, this activity has subsided to a calmer level and work has been proceeding at a more normal pace.

Our Commission members were able to assist at the following events, either in person or remotely in 2022:

Newport Bermuda Race

Melges 24 Europeans and Worlds

ORC Europeans and Worlds

Swan Gold Cup

Rolex Maxi World Cup

J 70 Worlds

Etchells World Championship

NYYC Resolute Cup

Respectfully submitted

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