

Establishment of Safety Commission

Regulation 8

A submission from the World Sailing Executive Board

Purpose or Objective

World Sailing initiated a Safety Panel in November 2017. The purpose of the Safety Panel is to assist the Board in ensuring safety in the sport of sailing. In particular, the Panel assess reports of safety incidents and identify and monitor trends in order to take any corrective action to continuously improve safety standards within the sport.

In 2018 World Sailing introduced regulation 38 on 'Safety reporting' requiring MNAs, Classes and Rating systems to report any incident of which they become aware and which: (a) occurs at an event using the RRS; (b) which falls within their jurisdiction; and (c) falls within the scope of an incident reporting system established by the Board from time to time.

In 2021 the Board approved a proposal from the Safety Panel to establish and appoint a Safety Commission to coordinate all safety related areas within World Sailing. The Commission would be updated by the Safety Panel on reported incidents identified by the Panel to be of relevance and tasked with developing and monitoring investigation reports, coordinating the different groups within World Sailing looking into safety related matters (i.e.: Medical Commission, Personal Safety Equipment WP, Safety within Race Officiating etc.)

It is now proposed that the introduction of the Safety Commission into the Regulations is formally approved by the Council with the intention being that the Safety Commission can be appointed by the Board no later than at the Annual Conference in November 2023.

Proposal

A. New Clause 18.15 be inserted into the Regulations:

8.15 Safety Commission

Constituting the Commission.

8.15.1 The Safety Commission has been established for the purpose set out in Regulation 8.15.

8.15.2 There shall be at least eight members of the Commission, including:

(a) A Board Liaison Vice-President;

(b) A Medical Commission representative;

(c) An Oceanic & Offshore Committee representative;

(d) An Equipment Committee representative;

(e) An Athlete Commission representative;

(f) A Coaches Commission representative;

(g) An Events Committee representative;

(h) A Race Officials Committee representative;

Those with other specific areas of expertise (i.e., ISO standards, race management, foiling, high speed racing and special events) may be co-opted as required.

Terms of Reference.

8.15.4 The Safety Commission shall:

(a) analyse incidents received by the World Sailing Safety Panel;

(b) make recommendations and identify relevant bodies within World Sailing to develop safety procedures or corrective actions where appropriate;

(c) monitor work relating to safety made by Committees, Commissions and other relevant bodies within their subject relevant areas;

(d) coordinate any combined/collaborations of work on safety related matters progressed by other Committees, Commissions and other relevant bodies;

(e) report progress on safety related matters to the Safety Panel which advises the Board;

(f) promote and advocate safety matters within World Sailing and the sport of sailing generally; and

(g) develop educational materials for stakeholders.

8.15.5 The Commission shall report to the Board and shall also produce an annual report to the Council.

8.15.6 The Commission may adopt its own rules of procedure to govern its meetings and operations.

B Typo in 8.2 to be corrected to remove reference to 8.15

8.2 Subject to Regulations 8.9 **and** 8.14 **and** ~~8.15~~, the appointment and removal of members of commissions is the responsibility of the Board (including the appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman).

Reasons

1. World Sailing needs to have a Safety Commission to lead on safety matters for World Sailing and the sport of sailing generally.
 2. With the increased popularity of high speed and foiling events (5 out of 10 Olympic Events are now foiling) it is essential that World Sailing appoints a Safety Commission to review and advice on best practice to sailors, coaches, MNAs and event organisers.
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