

World Sailing Classes Committee
2023 Mid-Year Report to Council

Following last year's Annual Conference where the Classes, among other things, discussed their quad priorities, and in agreement with a wish from the Board, the World Sailing Classes Committee conducted a first of several extra Classes Meetings.

It is a fact that our meetings may no longer automatically be in-person—as is the case with this year's Mid-Year Meeting—but at the same time more meetings of the WSCC are on our priorities list. So, we organized a virtual meeting last April and will try and, from this year on, organize a total of four meetings through the year, the Annual Conference included.

I do hope that, with the offer of more and virtual meetings, the attendance rate and involvement of the classes will go up. Meeting regularly to discuss important topics is vital.

The April meeting covered several topics on compliance with the regulations, specifically regulation 10 issues regarding IMs, Class Rule updates and Building Specs. It seems the COVID pandemic caused more disruption and slackness with classes than thought before. It's obvious the work never stops.

One topic that is of growing concern is the issue of third-party liability insurance. We've seen Australian sailors who could not get insurance for events in the US and at the same time Chinese sailors from Hong Kong who could not get insurance for an event in Australia. The WSCC is working with the Office to find a, hopefully global, solution to this problem.

The WSCC has a very good ongoing working relationship with the Office and we like to thank them all for that. The lines are short and efficient.

While World Sailing Classes bring with them a vast amount of experience and knowledge, especially in all technical aspects of the sport the Committee also acknowledges the fact that as most of the work is done by volunteers there seems to be more strain on the volunteer workforce—maybe because of the pandemic.

Our extra WSCC Meetings will hopefully also help them in getting more traction and involvement with their volunteers.

The Olympic Classes Sub-Committee as a Sub-Committee of the WSCC works on issues directly related to the Olympic Classes. The OCSC is in constant discussions throughout the year and is involved in the preparation of World Sailing's major events. In addition, the Olympic Classes have representatives on most Events Committee Working Parties that deal with Olympic issues.

For this Mid-Year Meeting there are no submissions from the WSCC.

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