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The 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships

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Introduction

1. Introduction



CEO Foreword

The World Sailing Championships is a unique event. It is an elite sporting spectacle which embraces diversity and sustainability, takes place in nature's greatest arena, and provides matchless legacy opportunities for a host city or region.

With over 1200 athletes under the flags of 80 countries, the depth of competition is greater than the Olympic Games.

Men and women compete on an equal footing, and shoulder to shoulder. No other sailing event brings Olympic and Para sailors together as peers.

The relationship between sailing and the natural world means a global audience of millions get to see a host city or region at its best. And that relationship means the World Sailing Championships are the ideal stage on which to promote action on sustainability.

Sailing also has a proven ability to engage communities in a life on water, and all the physical and mental health benefits that brings.

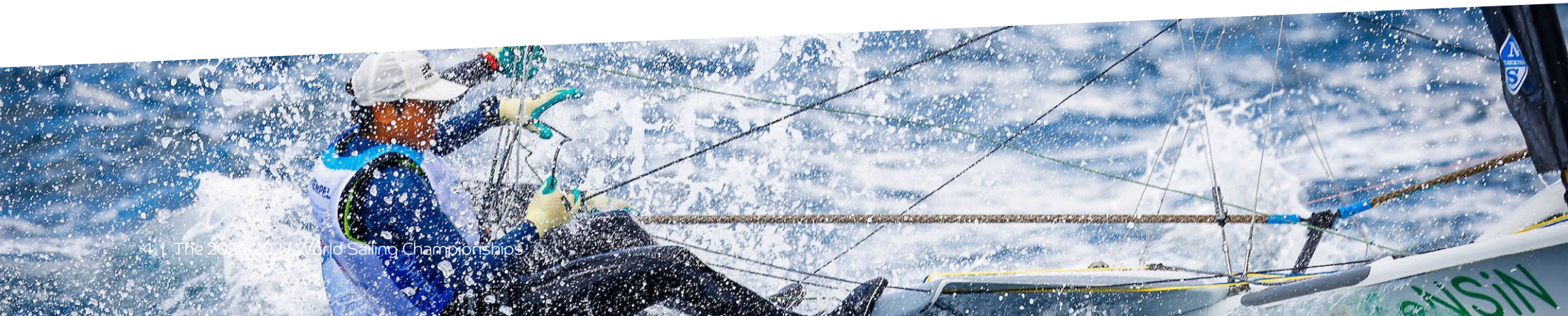
To open up this opportunity to more cities and regions, we have taken the decision to split the World Sailing Championships into two sessions and we look forward to working with a broad range of potential hosts in the initial stages.

Sailing is – above all else – a friendly sport and my team and I are here to help. If you have any questions, or need help with any aspect of a bid, please ask.

I look forward to hearing from you.



David Graham
World Sailing Chief Executive



Introduction

About World Sailing

World Sailing is the world governing body for the sport of Sailing, officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Founded in Paris in 1907, World Sailing now has 147 Member National Associations.



Our Vision

World Sailing has a clear and ambitious vision:

A world in which millions more people fall in love with sailing; inspired by the unique relationship between sport, technology and the forces of nature, we all work to protect the waters of the world.

Our Mission

Make sailing more exciting and accessible for everyone to participate or watch.

Use our reach and influence to create a sustainable future for our sport and the waters of the world:

- To create, and regulate, exciting competition events to showcase the natural power of wind-driven water sport;
- To build a strong profile and image for sailing, using our key points of difference to resonate with people and give them a lifetime of sport;
- To enable sailors from around the world to participate and compete at the highest level against their peers on equal opportunities;
- To create a tangible sustainability program that maximizes the positive effect that the sailing community can have on our environment.



The World Sailing Championships

The World Sailing Championships shall be instrumental to deliver World Sailing's vision and key objectives that shall be fully embraced by the Host:

- An exciting competition with **excellent racing conditions, format and location.**
- The major Olympic Qualification Events for each Olympic Event, driving global participation and ensuring the best athletes.
- An inclusive event encouraging as many nations as possible by providing sailors worldwide equal opportunities to compete. Therefore, partnering fully with World Sailing to **bring the Emerging Nations Program to its full potential.**
- An inclusive event allowing Para Sailors to participate at the same level of competition with the addition whenever possible of para events and a Para Development Program.
- **Maximising** national/regional and international audience engagement with a comprehensive marketing and communications plan.
- **Mobilising local support** for the event through cross-sector engagement including but not limited to city and/or regional government, tourism, business, education and the arts.
- An event that is designed through the lens of sustainability and where **the Host takes the lead to deliver its own initiatives in addition to World Sailing Agenda 2030.**



The 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships

The World Sailing Championships - featuring all 10 Olympic events and four Para events - is the greatest championships in our sport.

No other sailing event brings together so many sailors from so many nations with a depth of competition greater than even the Olympic Games. Men and women compete on the same footing with an equal number of medals available, and - uniquely - Para sailors compete alongside their peers from the Olympic classes.

The World Sailing Championships are held every four years. All other years, the world titles are spread out as separate events for the individual boat classes. The next edition of the World Sailing Championships will be split into two sessions as the 2026-27 World Sailing Championships.

As the primary qualifying event for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, the 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships is where the dream of Olympic medals in 2028 will begin for the greatest stars in sailing.



The Greatest Championships in our Sport



2003

Cadiz,
Spain

The largest congregation of Olympic sailors converged in Cadiz in Southwest Spain for the first World Sailing Championships in September 2003.



2007

Cascais,
Portugal

In 2007, Cascais, Portugal hosted the second edition. Building on the success of Cadiz four years earlier, 1,350 sailors and 900 boats represented 76 nations in the biggest Olympic sailing event yet. Footage of the event was broadcast on television networks across 61 nations with a worldwide TV footprint of 564 million viewers.



2011

Perth,
Australia

Perth, Australia hosted the third edition in December 2011. 1200 sailors from 79 nations took part, racing for world championship glory and Olympic qualification. As the principal qualification event for the London 2012 Olympic Games, 75% of all national places were decided.



2014

Santander,
Spain

Santander, Spain hosted the 2014 edition. More than 1,100 sailors in 700 boats raced over a two week period in the ten Olympic events. The event saw 50% of Rio 2016 Olympic Games places snapped up.



2018

Aarhus,
Denmark

The 2018 World Sailing Championships were organised in collaboration between World Sailing, Dansk Sejlunion, Sailing Aarhus, Sport Event Denmark and the City of Aarhus. It was the first gender equal event.



2023

The Hague
The Netherlands

2023 saw the successful introduction of the Para events alongside the Olympic events for the first time. New formats were showcased for the Windsurfing and Kite events and there was an increased focus on digital officiating.

Hosting the 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships

2. Hosting the 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships

This guide is intended for Member National Authorities and cities wishing to bid to host the 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships. It is an outline specification of minimum requirements for both the sporting competition and the on-shore event, and sets out the rights and responsibilities of each party in hosting an event.



The Event Concept

Frequency of the championships

The World Sailing Championships is organised every four years.

World Sailing Championships Title

The official title is the 'World Sailing Championships.' The World Sailing Championships may also be referred to as the 'Worlds', with or without the year. The Host needs World Sailing approval for any translation of the title if the official language of the host nation is not English.

World Sailing Championships Dates

The World Sailing Championships will be split over two sessions for the Los Angeles 2028 quad. World Sailing is inviting individual bids to host each of the two sessions. The first session will be scheduled between October and December 2026, the second will be scheduled between July and September 2027. Please note the World Sailing Board may change this date when there is good reason.

Events & Classes

All events and equipment (classes) chosen for the Olympic and Para World Sailing Competition will be on the program of the World Sailing Championships. World Sailing may select some additional events and equipment that may be included in the World Sailing Championships, but no other classes or events are to be part of the World Sailing Championships unless approved by World Sailing. All Olympic Classes are committed to participate in the World Sailing Championships by contract.



Hosting the 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships

Format for a split World Sailing Championships

It is recommended that the Championships are divided as follows:

World Sailing Championships – Host City:

Event	Equipment (class)
Men's Windsurfing	iQFOiL
Women's Windsurfing	iQFOiL
Men's Kite	Formula Kite
Women's Kite	Formula Kite
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6
Para Event 1	Para 1
Para Event 2	Para 2
World Sailing Invited Event 1	Invite 1

World Sailing Championships – Host City:

Event	Equipment (class)
Mixed Dinghy	470
Men's Skiff	49er
Women's Skiff	49er FX
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17
Para Event 3	Para 3
Para Event 4	Para 4
World Sailing Invited Event 2	Invite 2

World Sailing reserves the right to consider flexibility on the split.

Finance

The Host is responsible for the financial and organisational requirements of staging the World Sailing Championships as outlined in this document and in the Championship Agreement.



The Bid Process

World Sailing will appoint an Evaluation Commission to evaluate the bids.

There are two submissions required as part of the bid process. An Expression of Interest Document will be used to assess the potential to succeed. A Final Bid Document will then form part of the decision to award the right to host the World Sailing Championships.

Following the submission of the Final Bid Documents, the Evaluation Commission will hold a meeting at the World Sailing Executive Office to receive bid presentations for the World Sailing Championships.

A schedule will be offered to arrange a time for each presentation. Approximately two hours will be scheduled for each bid.

The bidding cities may be represented by a maximum of five persons.

Please refer to Section 11, Bid Guidelines for a full guide to the process.



The Role of World Sailing after the Bid Process

The Evaluation Commission will attend a series of meetings with the Host to review the preparations of the World Sailing Championships. World Sailing will appoint two Technical Delegates, and other specialist delegates, per area (communications, branding, technology), as needed from time to time, who will represent World Sailing in its relations with the Host, during the years of preparation and at the World Sailing Championships.

Site visits for World Sailing delegates shall be the financial responsibility of the Host. Site visits or meetings with the Host will be held on a bi-annual basis at the venue. Additional meetings at the World Sailing Executive Office or at World Sailing Meetings may also be required.

Technical Support

- a** To advise on and approve the specification and technical aspects of the competition venue on and off shore.
- b** To consult and assist in the appointment of the Event Director, Competition Manager, and key professional staff.
- c** To establish the format of competition and the schedule for the World Sailing Championships.
- d** To establish and operate the qualification system for the World Sailing Championships.

- e** To establish the rules and regulations for the World Sailing Championships.
- f** To appoint the World Sailing Officials according to World Sailing Regulations and the Championship Agreement.
- g** To advise on and approve the specification of all official vessels and the appointment of boat drivers.
- h** To consult and advise on the race management, international jury and technical committee equipment required to deliver the World Sailing Championships.
- i** To consult and advise on the World Sailing Championships volunteer program.
- j** To work with the Host on the preparation of training sessions for athletes and, if necessary, test events.
- k** To advise on and approve the World Sailing Emerging Nations Program.
- l** To advise on and approve the World Sailing Inclusive Development Program.
- m** To advise on and approve the event sustainability plans.

Marketing, Media, Broadcast and Communications Support

- a** Consult and approve the appointment of Marketing and Communications personnel.
- b** Co-ordinate a joint marketing and media plan with the Host.
- c** To appoint the Host Broadcaster for international TV production and distribution.
- d** To appoint competition technology partners to provide timing, scoring, tracking, adjudication and real-time data presentation systems.
- e** To consult and approve the Championships Presentation plan and spectator facilities.
- f** To establish the World Sailing Championships websites, and consult and approve all online/digital content.
- g** To advise and approve the communications plan and facilities for the media and broadcast.

Brand, Sponsorship and Protocol

- a** To consult and assist on the sponsorship rights and sales plan.
- b** To set the overall brand identity for the event, and approve all branding, marketing, and communications material and the overall venue branding and signage plan.
- c** To determine and approve World Sailing and VIP arrangements.
- d** To determine and approve the corporate hospitality and VIP facilities on and off shore.
- e** To approve the format, arrangements, program and scripts for the official ceremonies.

Growth in Sailing – Get on the Water – Care for the Oceans

- a** To consult and advise on an 'Experience Sailing' program for local activation and learn to sail opportunities.
- b** To consult and advise on Sailing club outreach programs, where athletes interact with the existing sailing community.
- c** To consult and advice on the sustainability program.
- d** To consult, advise, and liaise with watersport industry to enable mass use of waterways as activation for the regatta.

The Role of the Member National Authority (MNA)

All bids shall be supported by a recommendation of the MNA of the host country.

The MNA, in support of the World Sailing Championships, will assist both the Host and World Sailing by providing advice and technical support to the World Sailing Championships in order to be run successfully.

If there is a conflict with national rules and regulations the World Sailing rules shall apply.

Fees Charged by World Sailing

The following fees shall be charged to the Host by World Sailing.

- a** Host venue rights fee.
- b** International broadcasting fee.
- c** Competition technology fee.
- d** Digital Media fee.
- e** Olympic Classes fee.

Please contact World Sailing for full details of the fees.

Entries

All entries shall be made in accordance with a World Sailing approved qualification system and online entry/registration system.

Entry/Registration Fees

The entry fee paid by the MNA, shall be approved by World Sailing. The entry fee shall include local taxes (e.g. VAT) where applicable.

A registration fee to be paid by each Support Team Person registered shall be approved by World Sailing.

Supplied Equipment

World Sailing requires some events from Olympic and Para classes to have equipment supplied by the Host. World Sailing will endeavour to facilitate negotiations with manufacturers to minimise cost to the host.

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Event Quotas

The guide quotas for the 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships are:

Event	Equipment (Class)	Minimum Quota	Host City Maximum Quotas	Host City Preferred Quotas
Men's Windsurfing	iQFOiL	100		
Women's Windsurfing	iQFOiL	100		
Men's Kite	Formula Kite	90		
Women's Kite	Formula Kite	90		
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7	140		
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6	140		
Para Event 1	Para 1	15*		
Para Event 2	Para 2	15*		
Invited Event 1	Invite 1	TBD*		
Mixed Dinghy	470	80		
Men's Skiff	49er	80		
Women's Skiff	49er FX	80		
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17	80		
Para Event 3	Para 3	15*		
Para Event 4	Para 4	15*		
Invited Event 2	Invite 2	TBD*		

*numbers depend on equipment selected.

World Sailing requests that the bidders indicate the maximum as well as the optimum preferred quota per event based on their venue capacity, resources and budget. The final quota decision will be made by World Sailing.

As a principle, no start (fleet) should have more than 60 boats. Events over 60 entries, will be divided in fleets.



World Sailing Championships Schedule

The schedule for the World Sailing Championships will be defined by World Sailing.

For each event there will be a clear date when the boat park will open and close. Training days should be made available straight before the event and during some period of times in the previous years and months.

During the event, the schedule will be dependent on the number and nature of the classes taking part and shall include sufficient time for:

- Bump in: venue is open to bring the boats and team support vessels – three to five days depending on numbers.
- Accreditation, registration, para sailors classification, equipment inspections: four days on average depending on numbers. Please note that all registration is done digitally well ahead of the championship.
- Racing days including reserve days and finally a medal race/ medal series day (an average of seven days in total with some classes racing starting during Equipment Inspection days).

Format of Racing

The format of racing for the World Sailing Championships will be defined by World Sailing. It is anticipated that the racing format will reflect that of the 2028 Olympic Games taking into consideration the increased fleet quotas of the Championships.

For each event, it is anticipated that there will be an Opening Series, consisting of a qualifying series and a final series, followed by a Medal Race or Medal Series.

Documentation

The text for all official documents for running the competition will be supplied or shall be approved by World Sailing.

World Sailing Documents relating to the World Sailing Championships:

- a** World Sailing Constitution.
- b** World Sailing Regulations.
- c** The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- d** Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- e** World Sailing Race Management Manual.
- f** Race Management Policies for World Sailing Events - Fleet Racing.
- g** World Sailing Judging Manual.
- h** Equipment Inspection policies.
- i** World Sailing Sports Presentation Guidelines.

Observer Program

The Host shall run an Observer Program for Member National Authorities, event Organisers and bid committees and ensure that a full transfer of knowledge is completed with World Sailing within six months of the end of the World Sailing Championships.



Hosting the 2026-2027 World Sailing Championships

3. Para World Sailing Championships



Para World Sailing Championships

As part of the bid, please ensure the following issues and questions are addressed:

Field of Play

- The number of sailing race areas shall be between two and four depending on the number of events run, prevailing wind conditions and the number of hours that can be sailed during a day.
- Racing areas must be no less than one nautical mile in diameter. Neither changed marks nor beating legs shall interfere with the neighbouring area. Some racing areas may be located in close proximity to the shore, to facilitate viewing of the racing.

Boat Park

The boat park area should be close to the competitors' area and the launching ramps/pontoons.

The boat park area should be fully accessible.

- There shall be provisions to tie-down the boats to the ground in order to keep them on the trolleys in windy conditions.
- Each team requires an area adjacent or at walking distance to the boat park for storage of one 40 foot container (or equivalent space). The size of this container or space may be limited depending on the size of the team. Electric power shall be available for the containers.

- If this is not possible other arrangements shall be made. For teams that travel by road, adequate storage (parking) for trailers should be available adjacent or near the venue.

Launching/Mooring Facilities

- Docks/pontoons accessible to wheelchair users and stable enough to not tilt over and submerge if everyone moves to one side.
- At least one crane for hoisting boats in and out of the water (capable of lifting up to two tonnes).
- At least one personal hoist for lifting disabled sailors with sling.

Equipment Inspection

- A sheltered area i.e. temporary structure or other covered space free from wind and environmental effects (rain, direct sunlight etc.) shall be provided. Openings shall be sufficiently large enough to wheel boats in and out of with their mast down. The location of any such tent should be within easy access of the boat park and less than 100m far from the boat park.
- The minimum size of any tent shall be 5m wide x 10m long x 3m high. Openings shall be a minimum of 3.5m wide.
- Sail Inspection Table: A table of minimum dimensions 9m x 3m x 0.75m high shall be available in a tent or other covered space free from wind and environmental effects (rain, direct sunlight etc.).

World Sailing and Organising Committee International Classifiers

Two rooms, each equipped with a medical examining table, stepping stool, desk, four chairs, and wifi access. Each room should be air-conditioned and appropriate for medical type examination of athletes during the period of Classification. A waiting area adjacent to the two rooms should be equipped with a desk and two chairs. One of the two rooms, and the waiting area can be subsequently allocated to the Jury on Day 1 of racing.

Other venue facilities/equipment

Adequate accessible toilet and shower facilities need to be available for the sailors within the boat park (at least one accessible toilet every 20 sailors).

Male and female wheelchair accessible changing facilities

Accessible Parking Spaces should be available close to the sailing venue building. Clear signage for designated spaces reserved for drivers and passengers with disabilities should be made available.

Inclusive Development Program

Where the venue allows, World Sailing would like, in cooperation with the Host, to develop a plan to provide the opportunity to organise an Inclusive Development Program immediately before the event, in the same venue. Please refer to the Section 10 for details. Budget on demand.



4. Venue Requirements

World Sailing is seeking venues that meet the sports criteria set out within this bidding guide, are attractive to spectators, and in a location that is already a visitor destination with good footfall.



Venue Requirements



Ideally, the venue will have an existing walk-up audience that could be engaged in the World Sailing Championships. If this is not the case, the Host will need to demonstrate how they will attract spectators to the World Sailing Championships with good public transport links.

Competition Venue

The Competition Venue should be compact with a central area which is the 'heart' of the World Sailing Championships. The Competition Venue shall include all administration, race management, jury and equipment inspection offices, boat parks, media centre, broadcast facilities and the Field of Play. The overall size of the venue and the plan for communications and logistics are vital issues. The accessibility of the venue to all with both Olympic and Para classes is key to athletes, teams, staff, volunteers and visitors.

The central area should include a race village for spectators and sailors. The public should be able to view the boat parks, preparation areas and launching areas.

The Competition Venue shall have a spectator area adjacent to the Medal Race/Medal Series racing area.

Field of Play

The number of sailing race areas shall be between 5 and 8 depending on the number of events run, prevailing wind conditions and the number of hours that can be sailed during a day.

Race areas will be needed with diameters between 1.2 and 1.5 nautical miles. Neither changed marks nor beating legs shall interfere with the neighbouring area. Some areas on the Field of Play shall be located in close proximity to the shore, to facilitate viewing of the racing.

Race areas should be placed to minimize sail out time.

There should be a designated Medal Race/Medal Series racing area, close to the shore and suitable for spectators to view the racing from on-shore.

Maximum depth shall not be more than 45 metres. If the depth at the race area exceeds this, special permission should be obtained from World Sailing.

Maximum current shall not exceed 1 knot. If the current (tide) at the race area exceeds this, special permission should be obtained from World Sailing. Details on wind, current and waves shall be presented to World Sailing.

All race areas should be free of any commercial or recreational traffic.

A Field of Play Mixed Zone should be incorporated into the Medal Race/Medal Series racing area to allow on water interviews with athletes.



Venue Requirements

On-shore Facilities

On-shore facilities for competitors shall include space according to the quota and equipment type.

Boat Park

The following space (approximate) will be required per boat in the boat-park(s):

Boards	5 x 2 m per board
One Person Dinghies	3 x 4 m per boat
Two Person Dinghies	7 x 4 m per boat
Multihulls	5 x 10 m per boat
All equipment spares locations in defined areas as specified by the Technical committee	tba

- CAD drawing or similar should be used to ensure that boat park spaces are big enough for all of the boats that are expected to enter.

- All competing boats will be stored on launching trolleys supplied by the competitors themselves (unless the equipment is supplied by the Host). There shall be provisions to tie-down the boats to the ground in order to keep them on the trolleys in windy conditions.
- A covered storage room/marquee with sufficient racks to store the boards, kites and rigs and agreed number of spares.
- Racks for spare masts and containers for larger spare equipment shall be available at a short walking distance from each boat parks.
- The Online Notice Board (ONB) will be the Official Noticeboard. Screens shall be placed in the race offices and boat parks.
- Flag poles for signals ashore in different locations to be visible from all boat parks.
- Sufficient water hoses for spraying the boats with fresh water need to be supplied, preferably near the launching area.
- A waste management plan with sufficient waste management stations (including hazardous waste bins) for appropriate waste disposal.
- Additional shade/shelter shall be provided along the edge of the boat park area and pitlane areas for teams/athletes to relax.
- PA system(s) shall be provided.
- Boat Parks shall have sufficient space for distributing, storing and charging tracking modules.

Venue Requirements

Launching Facilities

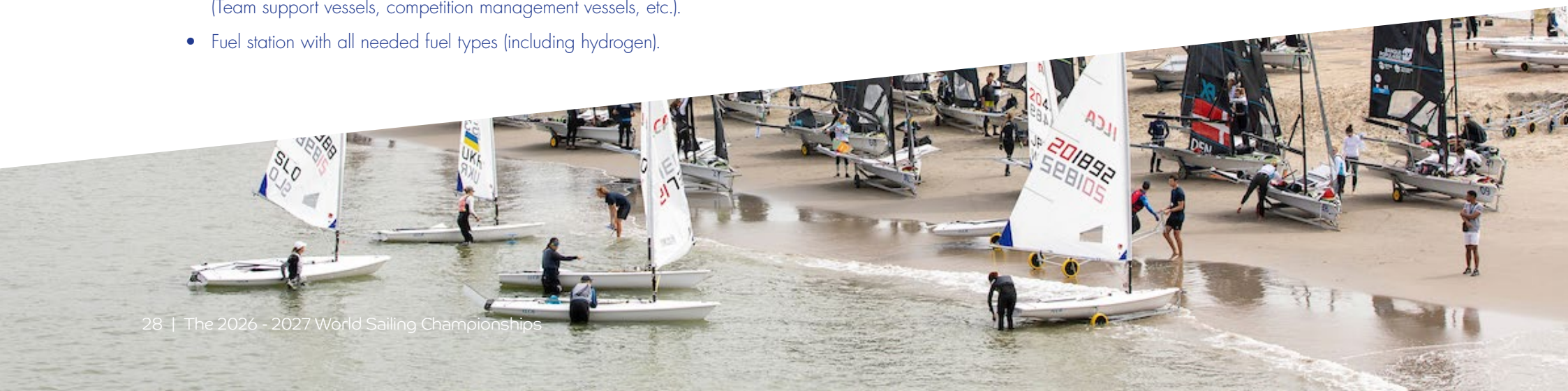
- Ramps for dinghies and boards, (ending under the water surface with an angle of no more than 10°) will be required. The ramps should be located on the prevailing windward side of the harbour, and should have padded edges. The ramps should be accessible from the sea, allowing for different wind directions.
- A suitable launch area for kites that takes in account the prevailing winds.

Mooring Facilities

- Mooring facilities for approximately 300 support vessels will be required with electrical recharging facilities.
- Mooring facilities will be needed for all the vessels required with electrical recharging facilities for: Race Committee, Jury, Umpire, Technical Committee, rescue, press and television, VIP and spectators.
- Cranes will be necessary for launching and hauling out all vessels (Team support vessels, competition management vessels, etc.).
- Fuel station with all needed fuel types (including hydrogen).

Containers

- Each team requires an area adjacent to the boat park(s) for storage of one 40 foot container (or equivalent space). The size of this container or space may be limited depending on the size of the team. Free of charge electric power shall be available for the containers.
- Around four 40-foot containers per team can be expected to be used for the shipping of equipment to the venue and these should be stored in a separate storage area adjacent or close to the venue. If this is not possible other arrangements shall be made. For teams that travel by road, adequate storage or parking for trailers should be available adjacent or near the venue.



Equipment Inspection (EI) Facilities

A sheltered area, ie temporary structure or other covered space free from wind and environmental effects (rain, direct sunlight etc.), shall be provided. Openings shall be sufficiently large enough to wheel boats of all classes in and out of with their mast down (except for the ILCA area which needs mast bottom sections up). The location of any such inspection area shall be within easy access of the boat park. Directly in front of the area entrance/exit, no boat spaces shall be foreseen allowing manoeuvring of boats.

- The minimum size of any inspection area shall be as stated in the Equipment Inspection requirements document (i.e. minimum 5 m x 10 m for Kite; minimum 10 x 15 m for other events).
- Any inspection area shall be at least 3m high. Inspection area for Mixed Multihull shall be at least 4.5 m high.
- An adequate windproof location for the 3D scanner with hard stabilised floor. The location shall provide space to allow the size of any boat plus 1.5m around it.
- Inspection area openings shall be a minimum of 3.5 m wide.
- Weighing Gantry (mandatory for Mixed Multihull; subject to agreement for Skiff events). The minimum size of the weighing gantry shall be 3.5 m wide x 2.5 m high. The gantry shall be sufficiently stable for weighing boats of up to maximum of 200kg and 3 m wide x 5.5 m long.

- Scales and check weights:
 - The Organising Committee shall make service arrangements with its scale supplier for both equipment inspection and racing days, either by means of a technician on site or on call. Response and solution times shall be as follows:

	Response time (technician on site within...)	Solution time (max. interruption)
Equipment Inspection days	1 hour	4 hours
Racing days	Next day	Next day

- Service agreement shall consider extended working hours (on EI days) and service times (i.e. also on Saturdays and Sundays/Holidays).
- All weighing scales shall have a certificate of calibration, valid for the event venue.
- Capacity and resolution of scales, as well as type (hanging vs. flatbed), shall be as stated in the Equipment Inspection requirements document. Flatbed scales shall have separate readout displays.
- Certified check weights for scales up to 200 kg (quantity and type of individual weights subject to mutual agreement). In case activities are spread out over multiple venues, several packages of check weights may be needed.

Venue Requirements

- Sails & Spars Inspection Tables with dimensions as stated in the Equipment Inspection requirements document shall be available in a sheltered area free from wind and environmental effects (rain, direct sunlight etc.)
- Waterproof equipment event limitation stickers: on average 10 unnumbered stickers per boat. The final number of stickers per event, size and design are subject to mutual agreement by the Organising Committee and the Equipment Inspection Committee.
- Event stamps and waterproof ink and pads shall be provided by the Organizing Committee for stamping of sails. The final number of stamps/pads, size and design are subject to mutual agreement by the Organising Committee and the Equipment Inspection Committee.
- Measurement equipment as stated in the equipment inspection requirements document; including but not limited to steel rules, steel tape measures, permanent pens and tape.
- Table, chairs and stationery for administration.

Mixed Zone

The Host shall create and manage a mixed zone, or mixed zones as required by the venue design, for press, photographers and broadcasters for media use on a daily basis before and after racing in an area close to the press centre and boat launching/recovery area(s).

The mixed zones should include a designated area for Host Broadcaster interviews, Domestic Broadcaster interviews, rights-holding broadcasters, non-rights holding broadcasters and press as well as zones for photographers.

The format, setup and branding of the area shall be jointly agreed between the Host and World Sailing.

Following final venue selection, a suitable space will be allocated for the official medal ceremonies.

Quarantine Zone and Pit Lane

A secure quarantine area for Medal Race/Medal Series equipment is required and shall be near to the pit lane for media interviews before racing. This should be adjacent to the mixed zone and boats launching area.

In case of multiple boat parks feeding into a single Quarantine Zone/Pit Lane/Mixed Zone, the Host shall make arrangements for the transfer of launching trolleys.

Venue Requirements

Public Engagement and Spectator Area Facilities

The Host will be responsible for creating a Race Village. This Race Village will be the hub of spectator activity and engagement. The spectator area should be as close to the Medal Racing area as possible and allow for good viewing of the racing. Facilities should include:

- Giant screens and stages, to display live and recorded footage with subtitles, tracking and commentaries, and with a daily event program which could include live music, cultural initiatives, athlete and coach interviews, daily leader bib presentations, and other entertainment.
- A PA system for commentators, operating across the whole venue, including the race village and spectator areas.
- Space for public engagement (showcasing of the sport, explanation of equipment and competition etc.).
- Inclusive accessibility including appropriate viewing facilities for wheelchair users and ambulant persons with disabilities.
- A viewing facility for the public to watch live medal stage from the shore, and general seating throughout race village. The provision of grandstand seating will depend on the specific venue but should be considered.
- All facilities should be inclusive with accessibility requirements including disabled toilet and viewing facilities.
- Food and beverages.

- Toilet facilities.
- Space for retailers/sponsors/merchandise sales should be available.

The Host will be responsible for providing all above facilities in order to create an effective Race Village.

Athlete Facilities

Athlete facilities should be in close proximity to the Regatta Office and Official Noticeboard.

A sailors' lounge with catering and free Wi-Fi should be available for all athletes close to their boat park.

Toilet facilities with cubicle options shall be provided (male, female and disabled).

Changing rooms and shower facilities with cubicle options shall be provided (male, female and disabled).

Medical services including first aid facilities, free physiotherapy and massage should be available for all athletes close to the sailor's lounge.

MNA & Class Facilities

Competing MNA and classes shall be given an opportunity to create an area for their own stakeholders, in or near the venue at a cost to be approved by World Sailing.

World Sailing and Host Facilities

The following office space/meeting rooms are required. All offices require basic office furniture, power, hi-speed internet connection, etc. Additional requirements such as computers, screens, photocopiers and printers shall be provided as appropriate.

Depending on the geographical location of the event, it may be advisable for the host to provide local sim cards with spare mobile phones for key people.

Organising Committee and Administration Staff

Including:

- Regatta Office and boat park offices.
- Briefing room for up to 150 people (can also be used for press conferences).
- Competition management team offices.

World Sailing President and Executive Office

- An office for the President.
- An office for the CEO.
- An office for the Technical Delegates with 1 computer screen and 1 white board.
- An office for 10 World Sailing staff.
- One meeting room

Event Disciplinary Investigating Officer (EDIO)

- An Event Disciplinary Investigating Officer office with two work stations. The EDIO needs to be assisted by a National Technical Officer (NTO)/Volunteer who can do the paperwork while the EDIO does the investigation.

World Sailing International Jury

- International Technical Officer (ITO) Secretary Office – adjacent to the Jury working room with space for the Jury Secretary and four support staff, plus two jury members during hearing planning times.
 - Sufficient space on cabinet or shelves for the office supplies, case folders, forms etc. Printer/photocopier (multifunction printer capable to scan and print).
 - Two screens to connect to laptops plus.
 - One to two big screens capable of connecting to the internet to display ONB, hearing planning etc.
 - Office supplies.
 - One white board and markers.
 - Tea/coffee facilities and fridge.
- Hearing Rooms - five rooms for hearing protests.
 - Each room should be air-conditioned.
 - Must be able to seat ten people on chairs around a large table.
 - Provide whiteboards, flipcharts, a large HDMI screen with internet connection, power lines, etc.
 - For temporary venues a 6x6m portable cabin is a good option.

Venue Requirements

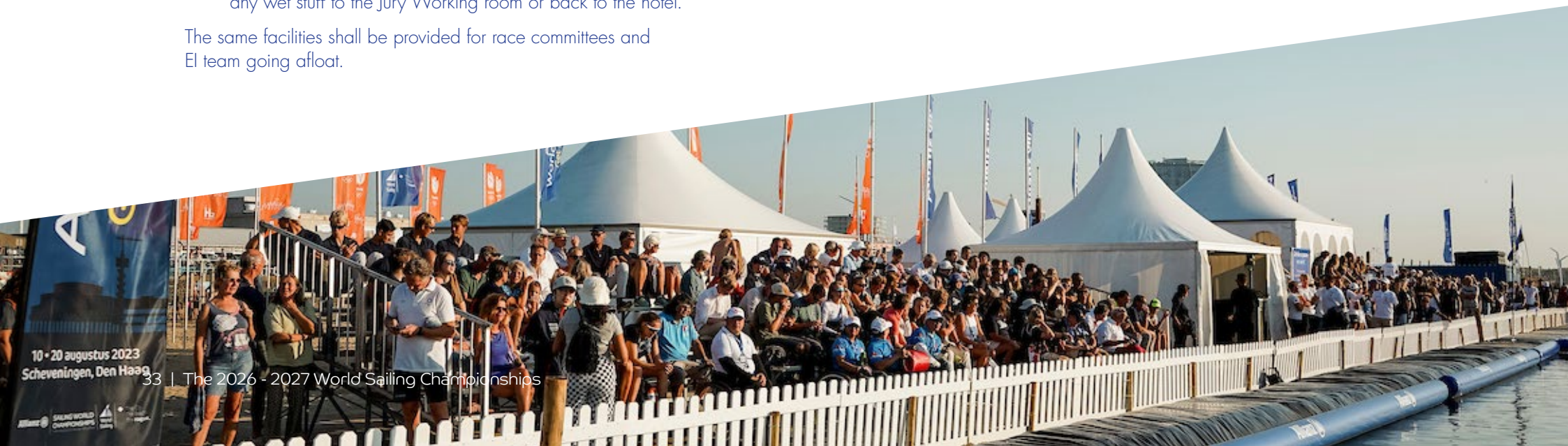
- Jury Working Room – The room for the jury to hold the morning meetings and for the judges to work and to prepare and finish cases when they are not in a hearing room.
 - It needs to be large enough to seat all the judges (a minimum of 30 persons) on chairs with the tables set on 'meeting' shape, plus the DITOs and the staff of the ITOs Secretary Office. For temporary venues, a double cabin is a good base: 6x12m.
 - There must be also room to leave the jury equipment (flags, radios, charging stations, if necessary, etc.), lunches plus a station for the incoming/outgoing cases.
 - It has to include two screens with internet connection, enough power lines for all judges and at least one white board.
 - Changing rooms, showers & Lockers – Facilities where the judges can change to go afloat and where the wet weather gear can be left to dry overnight. One locker per judge and where the water equipment can be stored safely, to avoid having to take any wet stuff to the Jury Working room or back to the hotel.

The same facilities shall be provided for race committees and EI team going afloat.

World Sailing Equipment Inspection Committee (EIC)

- EIC Office Olympic Classes – should be air-conditioned; shall be able to seat 14 people on chairs around a large table and provided with whiteboards, flipcharts, etc.
- EIC Office Para Classes – desk and meeting table for up to 2 people.
- In case Para Classes should race from the same venue as the Olympic Classes, the main EIC Office shall seat 16 people.

World Sailing Course representatives meeting room



Venue Requirements

International Technical Officials (ITO) lounge

An ITO lounge for the judges, measurers and course representatives is required. Individual lockers for clothing and personal possessions will be necessary.

Race Committee Equipment storage

Class Associations Offices

Accreditation Centre

On Venue Technology Centre

- Results (scoring) operations.
- Results review meeting area.
- Tracking operations.
- Analytics operations.
- Adjudication operations.
- Room for storage/charging of tracking units & equipment.

Meteorology Office

Radio communications room

Radio storage and allocation room

Volunteer Centre

Catering

Security and Police

Medical Centre

First aid facilities and doctors in case of serious injuries for athletes, team support personnel, Organising Committee personnel and volunteers should be available.

Facilities and Equipment for Doping Control

Rooms for Doping Control are required with individual male and female, including disabled accessible, toilet facilities. There should also be a desk and normal office equipment for the doping control officers and a seated waiting area for 6-8 athletes. Lockable cupboards and filing cabinets should be provided.

Venue Requirements

Media Centre and Media Services

The Media Centre should accommodate a minimum of 200 people and shall be of a major international sporting event standard, including a dedicated 200 MB/s wireless high speed internet and cable connections for the exclusive use of accredited media.

The Media Centre shall also provide an on-site media office for the World Sailing media team, Host media team and official photographers.

The Media Centre should be within close proximity of the main venue, mixed zones and Pit Lane on Medal Race days.

A high-speed photocopier and black and white printing facility should be available as well as a noticeboard for key regatta information, storage for photographer and media personnel items and five TV screens to broadcast live tracking and television coverage.

Air conditioning and adequate refreshment provision should be available within the media centre.

A press conference facility, capable of hosting a minimum of 40 people should also be available.

Facilities and Equipment for the Host Broadcaster

The Host should budget for equipment and facilities for use by the Host Broadcaster. This includes:

- Supply of an international broadcast centre (with facilities and dedicated hard-wired symmetrical internet access with a minimum 200 MB/s), which has a suitable, secure outside area for broadcast truck(s).
- Technical links and screens at the venue (spectator area/ media centre).
- Outside Broadcast truck to meet the requirements set by the appointed Host Broadcaster.
- Helicopter for use for at least four hours per day, which is suitable for TV sports production.



Venue Requirements

World Sailing's Central Hospitality Area

The Host will need to provide adequate space, should World Sailing decide to create a hospitality setup for VIPs and other stakeholders.

Ideally, this could be an existing venue that is in a prime location, has capacity to host up to 200 people in a flexible lounge space, with the ability to dress the venue as is seen fit. The space must be exclusive to World Sailing only.

Alternatively, if this is not available, the Host will need to provide a semi-rigid, temporary structure in the heart of the venue of 100-200sq metres depending on whether a single or double-storey structure can be sourced.

The venue will need to have high-speed internet, storage space, accessibility, toilet facilities (or be close to), and the ability to provide catering.

World Sailing will work with the Host to define the exact requirement and best options depending on the opportunities the venue offers and the Host's own plans for hospitality.

Other Venue Facilities/Equipment

Waste management infrastructure including recycling shall be provided within all areas, both back and front of house. A 'green team' should be considered to facilitate waste management. A daily cleaning and emptying schedule shall be maintained. Data will be made available for wider carbon footprinting.

A suitable number of drinking water stations will be available throughout the venue for use by event stakeholders.



Official Vessels

World Sailing shall approve all official vessels and drivers. Low carbon options for support fleets should be put forward by the Host .

The following is an estimate of required vessels:

Race Committee

- Starting vessels (Primary Race Committee Vessels) – 1 per race area.
- PRO vessel - 1.
- Pin end starting vessels (RIB or other) – 1 per race area.
- Finishing vessels – 1 per race area.
- Pin end finishing vessels (RIB or other) – 1 per race area.
- Mark-laying – 4 for Trapezoid courses, 2 for Windward-Leeward.
- Marshall vessels – at least 1 on each race area depending on fleet sizes.
- Rescue vessels (RIB) – at least 1 on each race area depending on fleet sizes and weather conditions, at least 2 on Kite and iQFOiL.
- Jury vessels (RIB) – based on an International Jury of 30 at least 14 RIBs will be required.
- Measurer vessels (RIB) at least 1 on each race area depending on fleet sizes.
- World Sailing Technical Delegate vessel (RIB) – 1.
- Organising Committee Competition Manager vessel (RIB) – 1.

Media/TV vessels/Timing and Scoring

- Media vessels – three large vessels.
- Timing and Scoring – 1 RIB.
- Photo vessels – 8 x 8 metre RIBs for registered photographers, each capable of handling up to 5 photographers and 740mm x 460mm x 265mm protector cases.
- Broadcast – 8 vessels for host broadcaster.
- TV – 6 vessels for attending broadcasters to be managed by the Host Broadcaster.

Note: Broadcaster vessels will not carry still photographers.

VIP Vessels

- 1 vessel for the World Sailing President & CEO (incl. driver) for the duration of the event.
- 1 vessel for VIPs, with a capacity of 50 people on pre-agreed event dates.

Spectators

Spectator vessels for with a capacity of 100-200 passengers.

Competition Management Equipment

The following equipment is essential for organising the World Sailing Championships including provision for spares:

Communications Equipment

VHF radios or equivalent, mobile phones and GPS units.

Visual Signals

All visual signals (flags) shall be a minimum size of 60 x 90 cm and be displayed on poles at least six meters above the water surface.

Marks & Ground Tackle

Each area shall have marks in different colours. Each mark should be approximately two metres high and one metre in diameter. The Marks shall have facilities for the attachment of tracking devices and be suitable for carrying branding material. Robotic marks shall be considered generally and especially in deep waters.

Sounds Signals

Handheld anemometers, compass and laser range finder

Competitor Identification

The Host shall supply identification options including:

- Boat/board identification decals and event stickers for all competitors. Sustainable options should be included as part of the selection process.
- Competitor bibs with three-letter country code to all competitors (World Sailing shall approve the design of competitor bibs). Sustainable procurement principles should be applied including recycled content of materials.
- Yellow, blue and red leader bibs for leaders of each fleet plus four sets of four colour bibs for kites finals.

Please contact World Sailing for full details of the competition management equipment required.



5. Personnel and Accommodation

World Sailing Officials, VIPs, Staff and Personnel

The following people will be present at the World Sailing Championships:

- 1 President and 1 CEO.*
- 8 World Sailing Board members.
- 2 World Sailing Technical Delegates.*
- 1 World Sailing Brand/Protocol/Commercial Delegate.*
- 1 World Sailing Communications and Digital Delegate.*
- 3 World Sailing Events Delegates.*
- 2 World Sailing Media Delegates.*
- 30 World Sailing Judges and Umpires.* ++
- 6 World Sailing Course Representatives.* ++
- 6 World Sailing International Measurers, OLY classes.* ++
- 2 World Sailing International Measurers, PLY Classes. * ++
- 3 Equipment Inspection Committee.*
- 10 World Sailing Staff.
- 6 Class communications representatives.
- 6 Class official representatives.
- In addition, 25 daily accreditation passes should be reserved for World Sailing VIP guests.

Expenses for World Sailing Officials, VIPs and Personnel

Travel (including travel to and from all airports), food (good quality and healthy), per diems (to cover the costs of dinner and other expenses) and accommodation (with free Wi-Fi) for those indicated with a * shall be the financial responsibility of the Host.

Those numbers indicated with a ++ may be increased or reduced by World Sailing to reflect the number of race areas, Host experience and the final choice of events and equipment for the World Sailing Championships.



Organising Committee Staff, Officials and Volunteers

The Host will need a large range of experienced, professional staff to manage and deliver the Championships.

A large number of volunteers will be required for the successful running of the World Sailing Championships.

Volunteers will be required for:

- Race Committee Teams (International & National Officials, mark layers, finish, safety and Marshall officers).
- Venue Services (regatta office, boat parks, VIP, transport, security, catering, clothing).
- Media operations.
- Timing and scoring.
- Protocol (Ceremonies).

A Volunteer Program will be required to ensure the recruitment and training of all volunteers.

Accommodation

Accommodation for Competitors

The competitors are responsible for their own accommodation during the World Sailing Championships.

Hotel Accommodation for World Sailing Officials, VIPs and Personnel

The World Sailing Officials shall be accommodated in a nearby hotel, in single rooms, three-star level, which should be a reasonably close walking distance from the Competition Venue.

A maximum of 15 double rooms may be requested for the World Sailing Board members and special guests. The hotel should be at least a four-star hotel and preferably in the area of the competition venue.

The World Sailing Delegates, Staff and media team, who will be on site before the World Sailing Championships begin, should be accommodated as close to the competition venue as possible.

Accommodation shall be evaluated using the World Sailing Sustainable Accommodation Questionnaire.

Hotel Accommodation for Broadcasting and technology partners

Accommodation (at least three star) for the Host Broadcasting and Technology Partner teams should be secured by the Host at preferential rates.

Hotel accommodation for attending media

A dedicated media hotel (at least three star) should be secured for visiting press, photographers and broadcasters at preferential rates.

Accommodation for Emerging Nations Program and Inclusive Development Program

Please refer to the specific sections for more details.

6. Marketing, Media and Communications

World Sailing is responsible for guiding and approving the marketing, media and communications of the World Sailing Championships. The Host will be expected to recruit all personnel or appoint agencies to execute a world class program which aligns to World Sailing's organisational mission and vision.



Broadcast, Digital and Photography

World Sailing will appoint the Host Broadcaster for the World Sailing Championships through a tender process and retains all rights to exploit the international broadcast of the TV programming. The Host Broadcaster appointment is strictly a World Sailing decision.

The Host will be expected to secure a partnership with a domestic broadcaster in their territory which will deliver nationwide coverage of the event and, to support this, will be assigned the domestic broadcast rights for the host nation of the World Sailing Championships.

World Sailing retains the right to exploit online broadcasting and media platforms including social media, mobile technology and applications. World Sailing will host the event website and will retain after the event access to any social media channels created to support the World Sailing Championships. The Host and World Sailing will jointly manage the website and any other digital platforms.

The Host will, subject to World Sailing approval, appoint an official photography agency to comprehensively cover the event and provide copyright-free distribution photographs for use by the media, World Sailing and the Host.

Marketing and Communications

The Host will deliver a comprehensive, world-class marketing and communications strategy, approved by World Sailing and designed to drive local, national and international engagement with the event.

Mobilising Local Support

The Host will deliver a local engagement plan approved by World Sailing and designed to mobilise cross-sector support for the event, including but not limited to city/regional government, business, education, tourism and the arts.



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7. Brand, Sponsorship and Protocol



Event Brand Identity

The presentation of the event venue and all collateral (including communications) need to reflect the standard of a world-class sporting event and must follow the approved World Sailing visual brand identity and guidelines of the World Sailing Championships.

The World Sailing Championships brand identity and guidelines will be provided by World Sailing and must be implemented in all communications, branding material and documentation.

The Event Organiser will work closely with the World Sailing Brand team to ensure execution is of the right standard, and that all World Sailing, Event and (both local and global) partner assets are used correctly and effectively.

In line with the World Sailing Championships brand identity guidelines and sustainable procurement requirements, the Event Organiser will need to put forward a branding plan for all advertising and communications, and the presentation of the event venue, for the approval of World Sailing.

The branding plan should include: digital communications, advertising, wayfinding signage, entrance signage, sports presentation throughout the venue, local and global partner recognition, stage dressing, podium backdrops, leader boards, event Programs etc.

Additional public-facing engagement collateral should be considered across the venue. For example: a hall of fame, class explanations, athlete bios etc.

Commercial Rights

The World Sailing Championships commercial rights are a key element of the overall World Sailing global commercial rights structure. This structure is designed to maximise commercial revenues for the benefit of the sport of Sailing. The assignment of rights between the Host and World Sailing is constructed to allow the Host to optimise local revenues, and for World Sailing to optimise global partnership revenues.

The Host will have the opportunity to secure sponsors for the World Sailing Championships. Such sponsors and available rights will be presented to WS for approval.

World Sailing have a range of global partners. These partners have exclusive category rights across the full asset base of World Sailing, which includes World Sailing events such as the World Sailing Championships. The specific rights vary between partner tiers, with level of branding rights granted accordingly. World Sailing will provide details of the specific rights that need to be made available to the partners as these may vary from time to time.

Event partners/sponsors, contracted by the Host, must not operate within the World Sailing defined excluded categories outlined on the following pages. The Host shall receive prior written approval from World Sailing of the sponsor packages offered to the market and before any contract with a sponsor/partner is signed.

The detailed summary of the commercial rights and obligations of World Sailing and the Host is available upon request.

In addition, the Host will have the right to grant aid or other support from national/regional/local government and other public institutions.

Division of Commercial Rights and Obligations

The Host will deliver a local engagement plan approved by World Sailing and designed to mobilise cross-sector support for the event, including but not limited to city/regional government, business, education, tourism and the arts.

Impact Study

The Host will provide a suitable event impact report covering Economic, Social, Environmental and media. The objective should be to establish the success of the event from an economic perspective for all stakeholders – both directly involved and those seeking to host similar events in the future. Existing studies can be provided as reference, and the organisation of record for World Sailing for these studies, SportCal, will be available to answer questions on the subject in advance. The study needs to be conducted in English and to an agreed format and level of integrity comparable to existing studies. The guide budget for these studies is £25,000. The proposed solution for this deliverable shall be signed off by World Sailing at least six months prior to the event.



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8. Sustainability, Environmental Impact and Legacy



Sustainability

Sustainability is a wide-ranging theme, central to the bid concept. In order to realise the full legacy promise of the World Sailing Championships, sustainability needs to be pillar of the ethos and organisational structure of all bodies responsible for the delivery of the event.

Capturing the full sense of the benefits of hosting the event is difficult. It is not an exact science and there are many tangible and intangible elements that contribute to the legacy of the event.

World Sailing's 'Sustainability Agenda 2030' outlines its sustainability related targets. Delivering sustainability through events is a key component of the strategy and requires a number of actions from event organisers.

Key targets for the World Sailing Championships are:

- A strategy for achieving gender equality of race officials.
- The carbon footprint for scope 1, 2 & 3* emissions. Reduction strategies need to be linked to the targets of World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030.
- Carbon emissions will be offset.
- Provision of and infrastructure for low carbon support fleet including race management and Team support vessels.
- No single use plastic at the event.

- Transport and Travel impact reduction plan for the event.
- Biodiversity plan for event.
- Achieve Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas: Platinum level.
- Engage with the local community through outreach activities.
- Provide opportunities for people from all social groups to try sailing at the event.

* Scope 1 emissions – direct emissions from sources owned or controlled by company.

Scope 2 emissions – indirect emissions from purchased electricity, steam, heat, and cooling.

Scope 3 emissions – all other emissions associated with a company's activities.



Water Quality

The Host should carry out a risk assessment to ensure that the quality of the water is suitable for sailing. No sailing should take place without reviewing results from water quality tests.

Data from the three years preceding the World Sailing Championships will be taken in account and water quality samples should be taken from three different locations on the Field of Play

Where there are water quality concerns, World Sailing may require weekly testing in the month preceding the event and daily testing in the week preceding the event and during the event.

Potential open water sailing venues need to be tested for E. Coli and Enterococci. It is essential that all sailing events taking place on open water meet the minimum standards set by World Sailing.

World Sailing Standards	E. Coli	Enterococci
Primary contact (NMP/100ml)	800	200
Secondary contact (NMP/100ml)	2000	500

Operational Requirements

In order to deliver sustainability and legacy requirements in line with World Sailing's sustainability 2030 Agenda, the following shall be implemented by the host:

Sustainability Strategy

Develop and publish a sustainability strategy indicating how sustainability will be delivered across the event to be approved by World Sailing.

Governance

Develop appropriate governance arrangements for sustainability matters, that in particular:

- Define and oversee implementation of program-wide sustainability policies, strategies and plans;
- Resolve any potential breaches of policies, strategies and plans;
- Define an appropriate audit and assurance program to monitor compliance with sustainability policies, strategies and plans; and coordinate communications and responses to issues.



Sustainability Management System

Establish a sustainability management system that covers the key activities of the organisation that are material to delivering a sustainable regatta and ensure that this system is independently confirmed as being in accordance with the requirements of the standard ISO 20121.

The sustainability management system shall include the following activities:

- Procurement: Ensure that sustainability considerations and requirements are integrated into each stage of the procurement process for all supply, sponsorship and licensing deals, with mechanisms in place to ensure the requirements are effectively met. This includes any tendering process that will be executed by all delivery partners.
- Sustainability legislation inventory (an inventory of all sustainability-related/ environmental laws in force in the host country aligned with the relevant sustainability/ environmental candidature commitments and construction timelines); and
- Carbon management: In coordination with the Host City, develop a carbon management strategy to measure, manage and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions associated with the regatta in line with World Sailing's sustainability Agenda 2030.

- Waste inventory: Carry out a detailed waste scoping exercise covering all regatta operational activities; and interfaces with municipal waste management services. The resulting waste inventory shall define the disposal method, the final destination and who is responsible.

Sustainability Reports

In coordination with World Sailing, prepare and publicly report on progress towards delivering the sustainability strategy and plans by means of a sustainability report prior to the event and one post-event sustainability report.

Participation / Learn-to-sail Event

World Sailing would like the Event Organiser to develop a plan to provide the opportunity for young people to try out sailing, perhaps from an adjacent beach if available, to engage the next generation of sailors.

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9. Emerging Nations Program



Emerging Nations Program

The Host shall run a World Sailing Emerging Nations Program (ENP).

The aims of the ENP are:

- To ensure the maximum number of MNAs are able to compete in the Championships, including nations which may not have competed at the event before.
- The Program should enable athletes from emerging nations to receive training and coaching courses at the competition venue prior to the Championships, in a minimum of two training camps.
- To host athletes from a minimum of 20 countries.

The Emerging Nations program will select athletes based on a selection clinic.

After the selection clinic the program will select:

- 10 x ILCA 6 Sailors.
- 10 x ILCA 7 Sailors.
- 10 x iQFOiL Men.
- 10 x iQFOiL Women.

The two Emerging Nations Program training camps, will then be run as follows:

- Before the first test event (or around one year before the event).
- Immediately before the Championships.

For the two Emerging Nations Training Camps, the organising committee will provide through Value in Kind and free of charge:

- One Coach for each class, totalling four coaches.
- Two Fitness Coaches – the fitness coaches will work with athletes during the training camp and then provide each sailor with an ongoing fitness program to work on between the camps.
- Adequate safety cover (through powered coach boats) for all times when practical sessions take place afloat; as well as for the specified coaches during the Test Event and World Championships; a minimum of 8 RIBs.
- Training equipment including marks, for on the water training, minimum twelve marks.
- Access to a gymnasium or other type of physical training facility.
- Classroom space for theory, briefing, and de-briefing sessions.

Emerging Nations Program

The Organising Committee shall also provide the following:

- Local accommodation – the Host shall find local accommodation partners to host the group for the training and accommodation. The accommodation should be within a reasonable distance to the event and offer an affordable accommodation solution.
- Charter equipment – the Host will provide ten ILCA 6 and ten ILCA 7 charter boats for use during the two training camps.

World Sailing will provide:

- One additional coach per class, totalling four coaches
- Sailing World Championship entry fees for 40 Sailors identified above.

Additional Development Program: Coach Training Program

Alongside the Test Event, run a coaching course, offering a place to one coach from each country represented on the Emerging Nations Program. This is to develop them as a coach to support their athletes as they return home for training.

This course can run alongside the training camp, with coaches learning from the class specific coaches. World Sailing Coach Developers will lead classroom workshops, before coaches then also take part in practical sessions.

The course would be limited to 15 coaches and would require an additional budget.

Key considerations:

- Opportunities for Sponsorship, particularly from travel or accommodation partners.
- External funding opportunities – funding from Government or Non-Government Organisations eg Erasmus+, Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses for Coaches.

The recommended Budget for the Selection Event and Training Camps will be available on request.



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10. Inclusive Development Program



Inclusive Development Program

The Organising Committee shall run a World Sailing Inclusive Development Program (Performance), known as an IDP-P, to encourage more sailors with a disability to access top level competition.

The aims of the IDP-P are:

- To ensure the maximum number of MNAs are able to compete in the Championships, including nations which may not have competed at the event before.
- Enable access to coaching and support at the World Sailing Championships.
- The Program should enable athletes from emerging or MNA unsupported nations to receive training and coaching courses at the competition venue prior to the Championships.
- To host athletes from a minimum of ten countries.

The Inclusive Development Program (Performance) will run for four days prior to the World Sailing Championships.

For the IDP-P Camp, the host will provide through Value in Kind and free of charge:

- One Coach for each class, totalling three coaches.
- One Fitness Coach – the fitness coach will work with athletes during the training camp and then provide each sailor with an ongoing fitness program to work on for future events.

- Adequate safety cover (through powered coach boats) for all times when practical sessions take place afloat; as well as for the specified coaches during the Test Event and World Championships; a minimum of three RIBs.
- Training equipment including marks, for on the water training, minimum six marks.
- Access to a gymnasium or other type of physical training facility.
- Classroom space for theory, briefing, and de-briefing sessions.

The Host shall also provide the following:

- Local accommodation – the Host shall find local accommodation partners for the group during the training and competition. The accommodation should be within a reasonable distance to the event and offer an affordable accommodation solution. There should also be accessible options.
- Charter equipment – the Organising Committee will provide charter equipment as required to support the IDP-P sailors and coaches.

World Sailing will provide:

- One additional coach per class, three total
- One Specialist coach for meteorology or other specialist training

Additional Development Program: IDP-C

Alongside the IDP-P it could be possible to run an Inclusive Development Program (Coaching), known as an IDP-C. This would offer a place to one coach from each country represented on the IDP-P, in order to develop them as a coach to support their athletes as they return home for training.

This course can run alongside the IDP-P, with coaches learning from the class specific coaches.

World Sailing Coach Developers will lead classroom workshops, before coaches then also take part in practical sessions.

The course would be limited to eight coaches.

Key Considerations:

- Opportunities for Sponsorship, particularly from travel or accommodation partners.
- External funding opportunities – funding from Government or Non-Government Organisations eg Erasmus+, Olympic Solidarity.

Technical Courses for Coaches

The recommended Budget for the IDP-P and the IDP-C will be available on request.



11. Bid Guidelines

Bids to host the World Sailing Championships are welcomed from anyone who shares our ambitions for the significant impact the event can have on the sport, and on the host city or region.



Bid Guidelines

The table below outlines what is expected and when, as well as our commitments to support potential hosts.

All bids received will be treated as confidential. After indicating the intention to place a bid to host the World Sailing Championships, the host city will be required to enter into a non-disclosure agreement with World Sailing. Once this is completed World Sailing will be able to provide further details of the financial and contractual requirements

and historical data. This will assist in preparing the formal bid. The agreement will also bind World Sailing to non-disclosure of the bidding Host's details and proposals.

World Sailing reserves the right at any point and at its discretion to make amends to this timetable and process and will advise all parties immediately if this occurs.

Your Guide to the Bidding Process

Event	Date	What we expect from you	What you can expect from us
Publication of 2026 - 2027 World Sailing Championships Bid Guidelines	October 2023	Contact World Sailing with an expression of interest and to request supporting documents.	Help with initial enquiries on the bid process. To support the production of a preliminary bid and, subject to an NDA, we will supply a document detailing the fees structure and budget.
Appointment of World Sailing Evaluation Commission	November 2023		Appointment of an expert commission with the skills to objectively evaluate all bids.
Expression of Interest Deadline	30 November 2023 by 14.00 UTC	A document which summarises how you intend to fulfil the criteria outlined in section 11, Bid Guidelines. No more than 30 pages of A4 or equivalent. Letter of 'in principle' support from host country MNA and likely funders.	World Sailing will confirm receipt of all documentation. Advice and support on enquiry. Following the submission of preliminary bids, World Sailing will provide an initial assessment of preliminary bids and retain bidders who are believed to have a realistic chance of success.

Your Guide to the Bidding Process Continued

Event	Date	What we expect from you	What you can expect from us
Final Bids Deadline *Requests for an extension of this deadline will be considered on a case by case basis.	30 March 2024 by 14.00 UTC)	A document which provides a detailed proposal of how you intend to fulfil the criteria outlined in section 11, Guidelines. A letter of confirmed support from host country MNA and your funders.	World Sailing will confirm receipt of all documentation. To support the production of a final bid and, subject to an NDA, we will supply a detailed Host cost template, and World Sailing costs breakdown. Advice and support on enquiry.
Presentation of the bids by the candidates to the World Sailing Evaluation Commission and signing of the bid documents as a pre-contractual engagement	April/May	Attendance at a meeting of the Evaluation Commission at the World Sailing Executive Office in London in April/May 2024 to present bids for the World Sailing Championships. Approximately two hours will be scheduled for each bid. The bidding cities may be represented by a maximum of five persons.	Advice and support on enquiry. A rigorous, objective and fair assessment of each bid against the criteria outlined in this document.
Awarding of 2026-27 World Sailing Championships	To be agreed		

Information to be included in Bid Documents

As part of the bid, please ensure the following issues and questions are addressed:

Motivation

Principal motivation for hosting the World Sailing Championships

The impact and legacy for your city/region of hosting the World Sailing Championships.

General Information

Provide a brief description of the country: geography, population and political structure.

Host

Please give details of the proposed Organising Committee including a short CV for each member.

- Details of Member National Authority (MNA).
- Detail permanent staff of bidding organisation (if relevant).

- Proposed structure of staff within the Organising Committee and their anticipated start date.
- Please indicate if you intend to outsource any specific areas (e.g. marketing/sponsorship/media) and if you have any details of the proposed partner organisation(s).

Concept

Briefly describe your vision of the World Sailing Championships in your city/region.

Detail the following aspects:

- Motivation behind the choice of location of key infrastructures.
- Expected benefits during and after the Championships.
- Explain how your vision of the Championships fits into your city or region's long-term strategy.
- Provide a map of your city/region on which your project is superimposed thus giving a complete visual overview of your project. This map should include the location of all major infrastructures (venue, main hotel area, main transport infrastructure – airport(s), motorways, train station, etc.).

Media and Communications

Please indicate how you intend to leverage the World Sailing Championships to maximise exposure of the event nationally and internationally across print, online, radio and television.

Outline any communications initiatives to help increase attendance and coverage of the event.

Indicate any governmental authority laws related to the flying of drones.

Public Opinion

The general public opinion in your city/region and country towards your project of hosting the World Sailing Championships.

What opposition might there be to your project? Please detail.

Please indicate how you intend to mobilise public support for the World Sailing Championships in your region by engaging across the sectors including but not limited to business, tourism, public administration, education and the arts.

Political Support - Government

The status of support of the national, regional, local government and city authorities for your bid and for the organization of the World Sailing Championships in your city/region.

Please confirm that the government guarantees free access to and free movement around the host country for all accredited persons on the basis of a passport (or equivalent document).

Please provide dates of any elections due to take place in your city/region/country between now and the time of the World Sailing Championships in 2026-2027.



Finance

World Sailing is trying to stop the ever increasing “benchmark inflation” that arises from comparisons of services provided at past World Sailing events or other major events.

Service levels should be of a reasonable standard and be adapted to each event’s real needs.

It is very important that the Host minimises the costs and maximises the use of competition and non-competition venues and guarantee an efficient usage in terms of time, space and services, while taking into consideration the needs of the sailors.

Candidature Budget

Should you be accepted as a Candidate to host the World Sailing Championships, describe how and by whom your candidature will be financed? What is your budget (in Euros) for staging the Championships?

Budget Definitions

Organising Committee budget: this is the operations budget for the organisation of the World Sailing Championships. Infrastructure development costs for competition venues, marinas, sailing clubs or other major infrastructure projects shall not be included in this budget.

Non-Organising Committee budget: for financing the construction of the main and sailing infrastructure required for the World Sailing Championships which will be a long-term legacy. The financing of such investments should be undertaken by the public authorities or the private sector.

Explain how your budget will be structured (private vs. public financing vs. other financing)?

Government Contributions

- What financial commitments have you obtained from your national, regional or local government and city authorities?
- Please note that in the candidature phase it will be essential for you to obtain, the following commitments from your public authorities or private owners as they are vital to the successful staging of the Championships:
- A commitment to provide security, medical, customs and other government related services at no cost to the Host;
- A commitment to make available all venues (marinas, harbours, boat parks etc) owned privately or by the public authorities to the Host at no cost or at a rental cost to be detailed in the budget;
- Is there a provision of coverage of a potential economic shortfall of the Host?

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- Detail any commitments to undertake and finance the necessary infrastructure developments, if needed.
- Please indicate source, estimated amount and background information on how these estimates were reached.
- What other revenue do you expect to be able to generate?
- What are the expectations of the financing body/bodies in respect to rights and hospitality at the championships?

Venues

Please detail the following:

Existing Competition Venue

Indicate the existing competition venue, which you expect will be used for the World Sailing Championships.

Please give a detailed description of the competition venue including maps and pictures.

Planned Competition Venue

Indicate all competition venue developments that are planned, irrespective of your bid applications, which will be used for the championships.

On The Water (Field of Play)

Describe the sailing areas and indicate the position of the racing areas and surroundings, cliffs, mountains, current, sand bars.

Indicate the maximum time/distance to sail and be towed to each racing area.

Submit a nautical chart of the area.

Accommodation

Hotels

Please indicate the number of hotels and hotel rooms within a radius of 10km from your venue and within a radius of 10-50km from your venue. Please indicate average convention rates in 2023 for 3, 4 and five star hotels during the month of the World Sailing Championships, including breakfast and all applicable taxes.

Apartments

Please indicate the number of apartments within a radius of 10km from your venue and within a radius of 10-50km from your venue. Please indicate average rates per week in 2023 for 3, 4 and five star room apartments, including all applicable taxes.

Transport Infrastructure

Existing Transport Infrastructure

Indicate your existing transport infrastructure: motorways and major urban arterial network, suburban rail, subway and light rail public transport systems.

Planned Transport Infrastructure

Indicate all transport infrastructure developments that are planned irrespective of your application but that may have a possible impact on venue accessibility.

Additional Transport Infrastructure

- Indicate the additional transport infrastructure you feel will be necessary.
- Which is the main international airport you intend to use for the World Sailing Championships?
- For the airport(s) you intend to use, please indicate capacity (number of runways, number of gates, passenger terminal capacity), distance to the venue and existing and planned public transport links to the venue.

- Provide a Map of your city/region onto which we ask you to superimpose all the transport infrastructure you have listed above, colour coded in line with the instructions to differentiate between existing, planned and additional transport infrastructure.
- What current transport challenges does the venue face and how do you intend to overcome these at the time of the Championship?



Equipment Transport

- Which are the main port(s) you intend to use for receiving and shipping containers? Indicate all distances (in km) and 2023 journey times (in minutes) by the most appropriate route. If a rail connection is available, add in parentheses (rail) for the appropriate connection.
- Indicate shipping lines, routes and destinations that service the ports, including distance and journey times (in days) for a container to arrive from the major ports in the World.

General Conditions, Logistics and Experience

Proposed Dates of The World Sailing Championships

State your proposed dates to host the World Sailing Championships and specify your reasons.

Meteorology

Please give detailed statistical information for the time of year and hours of racing including:

- Average wind speed.
- Wind direction.
- Current speed.
- Current direction.
- Air temperature.
- Water temperature.
- Average number of days with precipitation

Experience

- What experience have you had in hosting international sailing events or other international sports events?
- Please list a maximum of ten major events over the last ten years, indicating dates.

Emerging Nations Program

Please indicate the resources you will have available for running an Emerging Nation Program and highlight any other initiatives.

Inclusive Development Program

Please indicate the resources you will have available for running an Inclusive Development Program and highlight any other initiatives.

Water Quality

Please indicate and substantiate with an official report the cleanliness/pollution levels of the sea/lake water in the proposed sailing areas.

Sustainability

In coordination with delivery partners, establish specific sustainability implementation plans that address all matters that are material to such entities' particular roles and responsibilities and include resource needs, issues and risks, and a clear program of actions.

Spectator Experience

- Describe your vision for the spectator experience you wish to create at the World Sailing Championships, including how you will create a festival atmosphere throughout the event and building up to the medal races and prize giving.
- Please give a detailed description of spectator experience facilities and initiatives, that include medal race viewing areas, big screen viewing experience, spectator engagement opportunities, onshore activities, learn to sail / learn about sailing activities etc.
- Whether your venue has an existing walk-up audience or not, please indicate how you will drive footfall to the competition area.

- Please indicate if you have any pre-existing commercial relationships where parties are interested in being involved in the Event or where parties are within World Sailing's sponsorship excluded categories list.
- Indicate expertise in obtaining commercial partnerships for events.
- Indicate whether you are intending to engage a sponsorship agency or if you have one already.

Hospitality Initiatives

- Describe your vision for VIP and guest hospitality programs at the World Sailing Championships.
- What facilities and expertise are available to enable the delivery of hospitality programs.

Other Initiatives

Please indicate any other initiatives that you will introduce to ensure the success of the World Sailing Championships.





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