

Group Council Member Nomination Information Pack

2025 - 2028

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1. Introduction

Under the bridging provisions in the new Constitution the appointment of Group Council members will be conducted under the provisions of the new Constitution.

The Group Council Members will serve a four-year term from 2025 to 2028. The term of office will commence at the conclusion of the 2024 General Assembly.

A Group Council Member shall not hold office for more than three terms in total (consecutively or nonconsecutively) however as part of the bridging provisions for 2024, those who will have completed the maximum number of terms of office permitted by the end of 2024, may serve one additional term of office.

The Group Council Member must be:

1. A member of an MNA in the Group.
2. A national of, or ordinarily resident in, a country in the Group

The Election Period commences 60 days before the General Assembly on 9 September 2024 and closes 30 days before the AGM on 10 October 2024.

Member National Authorities may nominate candidates for each vacancy in their Group by completing the attached form and sending it together with a letter confirming the nomination to the Chief Executive Officer at office@sailing.org

Please note the closing date is 10 October 2024.

After this date the Chief Executive Officer will calculate the results, the candidate(s) with the greatest number of nominations are deemed elected by the Group for the 2025 to 2028 term.

The results will be published on or about the 16 October 2024.

Those Group Council Members appointed will be requested to complete a form which provides their contact information, conflict declarations and data protection consent for the World Sailing Yearbook, website and other formal documentation.

2. Extracts of World Sailing Articles and Regulations

Relevant provisions of the new Constitution.

31. Council: Group Appointments & Removals

31.1 The Group members of Council are appointed by the groups of Member National Authorities (each "a Group") shown in the table of Schedule 1 to this Constitution.

Each Group is entitled to appoint the number of members shown opposite its entry in the table.

31.2 Group members of Council must throughout their term of office be:

(a) a member of a Member National Authority in the Group; and

(b) either a national of, or be Ordinarily Resident in, a country in the Group;

31.3 On admission of any new Member National Authority, the General Assembly must amend Schedule 1 accordingly.

31.4 The appointment of Group members of Council must be administered by the Chief Executive Officer.

31.5 The election period for Group members begins 60 days before the ordinary annual General Assembly at which the election of the President and the Vice Presidents is scheduled to occur. The election period closes 30 days before the General Assembly. During the election period, Member National Authorities may nominate candidates for each vacancy in their Group in writing to the Chief Executive Officer (and may change their nominations at any time during the election period). Any nominations received after the close of the election period are invalid and must not be counted.

31.6 Following the close of the election period, the Chief Executive Officer must calculate the results and publish them. The candidate(s) with the greatest number of nominations are deemed elected by the Group for the forthcoming term.

31.7 If there is an equal number of nominations for a vacancy, then all other unsuccessful candidates are eliminated and a ballot of the Group is held between the tied candidates. If a tie remains, this procedure must be repeated until one candidate receives a simple majority of the votes. However, if a tie still persists seven days before the start of the General Assembly, the President must break the tie in their sole discretion and appoint one of the tied candidates to fill the vacancy.



3. Groups and number of Council Members per group

For ease of reference, the Groups and the number of Council Members per Group is shown below:

Group		Nominating Authorities (World Sailing Member National Authorities)	Numbers to be appointed to Council
A	Ireland United Kingdom	Irish Sailing Association Royal Yachting Association	2
B	Central Europe	Austrian Sailing Federation Croatian Sailing Federation Czech Sailing Association Deutscher Segler-Verband Hungarian Yachting Association Sailing Association of the Principality of Liechtenstein Slovak Sailing Union Slovenian Sailing Federation Swiss Sailing	2
C	East Europe	Belarus Sailing Union Bulgarian Sailing Federation Kosovo Sailing Federation Macedonian Sailing Association of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Moldovian Yachting Federation Montenegro Sailing Federation Polski Związek Żeglarski Romanian Sailing Federation Serbian Sailing Federation Sailing Federation of Ukraine	2
D	South Europe	Cyprus Yachting Association Fédération Française de Voile Italian Sailing Federation Federazione Sammarinese Vela Hellenic Yachting Federation Israel Yachting Association Fédération Libanaise de Yachting Malta Sailing Federation Turkish Sailing Federation Yacht Club de Monaco	3

Group		Nominating Authorities (World Sailing Member National Authorities)	Numbers to be appointed to Council
E	Iberian Peninsula	Federação Portuguesa de Vela Federació Andorrana de Vela Real Federación Española de Vela	
F	Low Countries	Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Voile Fédération Royale Belge du Yachting Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond	1
G	North Europe	Danish Sailing Association Estonian Yachting Union Finnish Sailing Federation Icelandic Sailing Association Lithuanian Yachting Union Norwegian Sailing Federation Swedish Sailing Federation Yachting Union of Latvia	2
H	Euro-Asian	Armenian Sailing Federation Georgian Sailing Federation Kazakhstan Sailing Federation Russian Yachting Federation Sailing Federation of Azerbaijan Sailing Federation of Kyrgystan	1
I	Middle East and West Asia	Bahrain Maritime Sports Association Kuwait Sea Sport Club Iran Canoeing, Rowing & Sailing Federation Iraqi Water Sports and Sailing Federation Oman Sailing Committee Palestine Sailing Federation Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation Royal Jordanian Marine Sports Federation Saudi Sailing Federation UAE Marine Sports Federation	1
J	East Asia	Chinese Taipei Sailing Association Chinese Yachting Association Guam Sailing Federation Hong Kong Sailing Federation Japan Sailing Federation Korean Sailing Association Yacht Racing Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2



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K	South and Central Asia	Brunei Darussalam Yachting Association Cambodia Sailing Federation Indonesia Sailing Federation Malaysian Yachting Association Myanmar Yachting Federation Pakistan Sailing Federation Philippine Sailing Association Singapore Sailing Federation Timor Leste Sailing Federation Vietnam Canoeing, Rowing and Sailing Federation Yachting Association of India Yachting Association of Sri Lanka Yacht Racing Association of Thailand	2
L	South West Pacific	Australian Sailing Limited Fédération Tahitienne de Voile Fiji Yachting Association Pago Pago Yacht Club (American Samoa) Papua New Guinea Yachting Association Sailing Cook Islands Samoa Sailing Association Solomon Islands Sailing Association Tonga Sailing Federation Yachting New Zealand Vanuatu Sailing Association	2
M	South and West South America	Federación Argentina de Yachting Federación Chilena de Navegación a Vela Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting Federación Peruana de Vela Yacht Club Uruguayo	1
N	Central and East South America	Confederação Brasileira de Vela e Motor Federación Paraguaya de Vela (FEPAVE)	1



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O	North South America, Central America and Caribbean	Antigua Sailing Association Aruba Sailing Association Asociación Nacional de Navegación a Vela (Guatemala) Bahamas Sailing Association Barbados Sailing Association Inc. Belize Sailing Association Bermuda Sailing Association Cayman Islands Sailing Club Cuban Sailing Federation Federación Colombiana de Vela Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico Federación Dominicana de Vela Federación Mexicana de Vela Federación Venezolana de Vela Grenada Sailing Association Inc. Jamaica Yachting Association Netherlands Antilles Sailing Federation Nicaraguan Federation of Sailing Panama Sailing Association Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club St Kitts and Nevis St Lucia Sailing Association St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association Salvadorean Sailing Federation Trinidad and Tobago Sailing Association Virgin Islands Sailing Association (US)	2
P	North America	Sail Canada US Sailing	3
Q	Africa	Federação Angolana de Vela Botswana Yacht Racing Association Egyptian Sailing and Water ski Federation Federação Moçambicana de la Vela e Canoagem Fédération Algerienne de Voile Fédération Djiboutienne de Voiles Fédération Royale Marocaine de Yachting a Voile Fédération Senegalaise de Voile Fédération Tunisienne de Voile Kenya Yachting Association Libyan Sailing Federation Madagascar Yachting and Rowing Squadron Mauritius Yachting Association Namibia Sailing Association Nigeria Rowing and Yachting Federation Sailing Association of Zimbabwe Seychelles Yachting Association South African Sailing Sudan Sailing Federation Tanzania Sailing Association Uganda Sailing Federation	2



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