

Para World Sailing Committee –

PWSC Report to EQ on Para Sailing Equipment

PWSC As set in the Para Inclusive Sailing Strategy 2024-2029 there are several aspects on Para Sailing Equipment. It requires equipment that is available, affordable, transportable and well-suited to inclusive and para sailing programs.

Special attention must be paid here to availability.

Some classes are more widespread in the Oceania and Asian region, others in the Anglo-American region, and still others in the European region and are therefore available.

One of the challenges is to bring this diversity from the local and national level to the international level. Equipment should be of universal design, enabling the same boat to be used for mainstream and Para sailing activities.

A list of suitable equipment and recommended Para and Inclusive sailing Classes is published on the WS website which includes: 2.4mR OD – used open gender technical at PWSC sanctioned events Hansa 303 – used female and male non-technical at PWSC sanctioned events RS Venture Connect – used double handed at PWSC sanctioned events.

Hansa Class, Challenger, Martin 16, SKUD18, Sonar, Neo 495, SV14.

Still on topic is to reduce the cost of competition by selecting equipment for Para World Sailing and Regional Championships that: -

Has a lower purchase price and/or affordable charter fee structure -
Is distributed worldwide - Can be shared by multiple charterers for
affordability - Has a supply of used boats available - Is inexpensive to
transport (more boats per container)

To PWSC the format (e.g. sailing league format instead of fleet racing)
is one of the adjusters to cope with these points.

But Para Sailing can be and is so much more. It and can provide new
or existing classes and disciplines an opportunity to be evaluated for
a wider community (i.e. seated kiteboarding, multihull, deaf sailing,
vision impaired).

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