

Please find below my report for 2024.

1. During 2024 the following World Sailing Events have taken place:

- 1.1. The 2023 Youth World Championships in Buzios, Brazil with the help of the Brazilian Sailing Federation
- 1.2. The “Last Chance regatta” held in Hyeres with the help of the French Federation de Voile (FFV) - alongside the Olympic Classes Regatta - to enable non-qualified nations a final opportunity to get to the Games and at minimal cost.
- 1.3. The Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing regatta led by the Paris Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, City of Marseilles and FFV, in Marseilles.
- 1.4. The 2024 Youth World Championships in July 2024 with the support of the Italian Sailing Federation, on Lake Garda.
- 1.5. My thanks to the staff team and the huge number of volunteers involved for each of these events.

2. Events Committee Working Parties

Since the conclusion of the Paris Olympic Games, several Working Parties met and produced papers and reports which were considered by Events Committee at their meeting in Singapore as follows:

2.1. Quotas & Qualification Working Party

- 2.1.1 The Q&Q Working Party (WP) makes recommendations to the Events Committee (EC) in respect of the Olympic Qualification process.
- 2.1.2 EC discussed and supported the 2028 LA Olympic Qualification paper from the WP in Item 5.5 which outlines the principles and potential Events that might be used once the IOC confirms the Athlete numbers and medals.
- 2.1.3 EC will look to make a final recommendation to Council at the 2025 mid-year meeting.
- 2.1.4 In EC Agenda Item 4.4 the WP paper World Sailing Championships 2026-27 was considered.
- 2.1.5 Due to the timing of the World Sailing Championship (WSC) Event in 2026 (for 5 Olympic Events and again at the 2027 WSC for the remaining 5 Olympic Events), the Quota and Qualification system for the World Sailing Championships (WSC) is required at this time to inform athletes and MNA's of the timelines and process.
- 2.1.6 The paper was approved unanimously by EC.
- 2.1.7 It is presented to Council as a recommendation not based on submission in the Yellow paper.

2.2. Format Working Party

- 2.2.1 The Working Party has reviewed the Paris 2024 Formats and made recommendations for the Los Angeles (LA) 2028 Games in the published paper related to Item 5.3 & 5.4.
- 2.2.2 Following detailed discussion at the Events Committee meeting there

were minor changes, it was approved unanimously. The paper has since been published on the website.

2.2.3 It is presented to Council to note the direction of travel.

2.2.4 This work is ongoing, and a final recommendation in respect of the 2028 Formats is anticipated in May 2025.

2.3. Calendar Working Party

2.3.1 The WP highlighted some of the logistical and practical challenges as the sport moves to two quadrennials outside Europe. These relate to the World Cup concept, Regional, Continental, Class and Youth Events as well as the Olympic Games.

2.3.2 The Working Party highlighted the challenges of schedule optimization in the next cycle and noted that congestion in July 2027 was likely to affect the double-handed Events in due to multiple Events around the World.

2.3.3 The WP is working closely with the Quota and Qualification WP to best deal with this.

3. Youth Events Sub-committee

3.1. The 2025 Youth Sailing World Championships will take place in Vilamoura from the 12th -20th December.

3.2. The bid process has gone live for the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships.

3.3. In June the IOC confirmed the excellent news that Sailing will remain one of the 25 Sports still included on the Sports Competition program for 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Dakar, Senegal following a significant reduction in cost and complexity.

3.4. Events Committee received a paper in respect of the Youth Olympic Games outlining the current position and next steps.

3.5. This paper is attached to the recommendations not based on submissions in the Yellow paper to the Board. World Sailing is awaiting the final Athlete Quota and Medals allocation from the IOC in December. Once confirmed, EC will move swiftly to respond to the steps outlined and liaise with the Board as necessary.

4. Match Racing

4.1. The Match Racing Sub-committee (MRSC) has given its opinion as the subject matter expert on several Racing Rules submissions, and these were approved by Events Committee and sent to the Racing Rules team.

4.2. MRSC continues to support the discipline and has repeated its request for resource from the Board to assist with various item related to Rankings and a web Portal as detailed in their report to EC (Item 10.1)

4.3. The WS Youth Match Racing Match Racing World Championship will take place from November 27th- December 2nd, followed by the WS Women's Match Raing World Championships from December 3rd and 8th, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

5. Team Racing

5.1. The Team Racing sub-committee continues to support the discipline and has repeated its request for resource from the Board to assist with various item related

to Rankings and a web Portal as detailed in their report to EC (Item 10.1)

5.2. The TRSC expressed thanks to the Office in developing a shortened Events contract.

6. World Sailing Staff

6.1. I am delighted to report that Jim Morris joined the World Sailing staff as the Director of Events.

This is my final report of the 2020-2024 quadrennial. With 2 Olympic Games and the global Covid crisis it has not been without its challenges. I would like to express my thanks to the President, Vice-Presidents & Sarah Kenny in particular, as well all the Events Committee members several of whom have been outstanding, and the World Sailing Staff for their hard work and assistance.

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World Sailing Events Committee Chair 2021- 2025