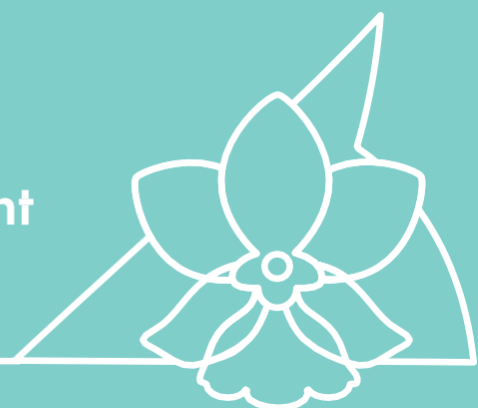


Rock-up & Race: The Emergence of a New Event Format



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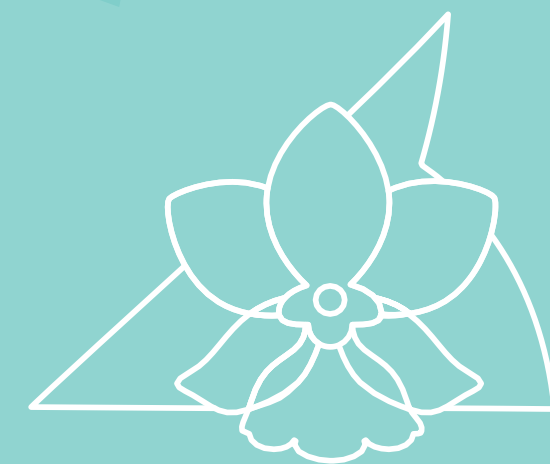


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When less means more ...

- The 'Rotational fleet' racing format is heavily reliant on supplied equipment
- Not about reinventing the wheel but re-defining an existing concept
- Up to 3 teams per boat (6 boats = 18 teams / 12 boats = 36 teams)
- 2024 Worlds featured 30 teams from 15 countries across 4 continents



When too much is never enough....!

- Importance of large numbers of shore-side and on-water volunteers at events
- Ensuring that all volunteers feel included and that their help is appreciated
- Understand what it is that motivates volunteers to 'donate' their time / energy



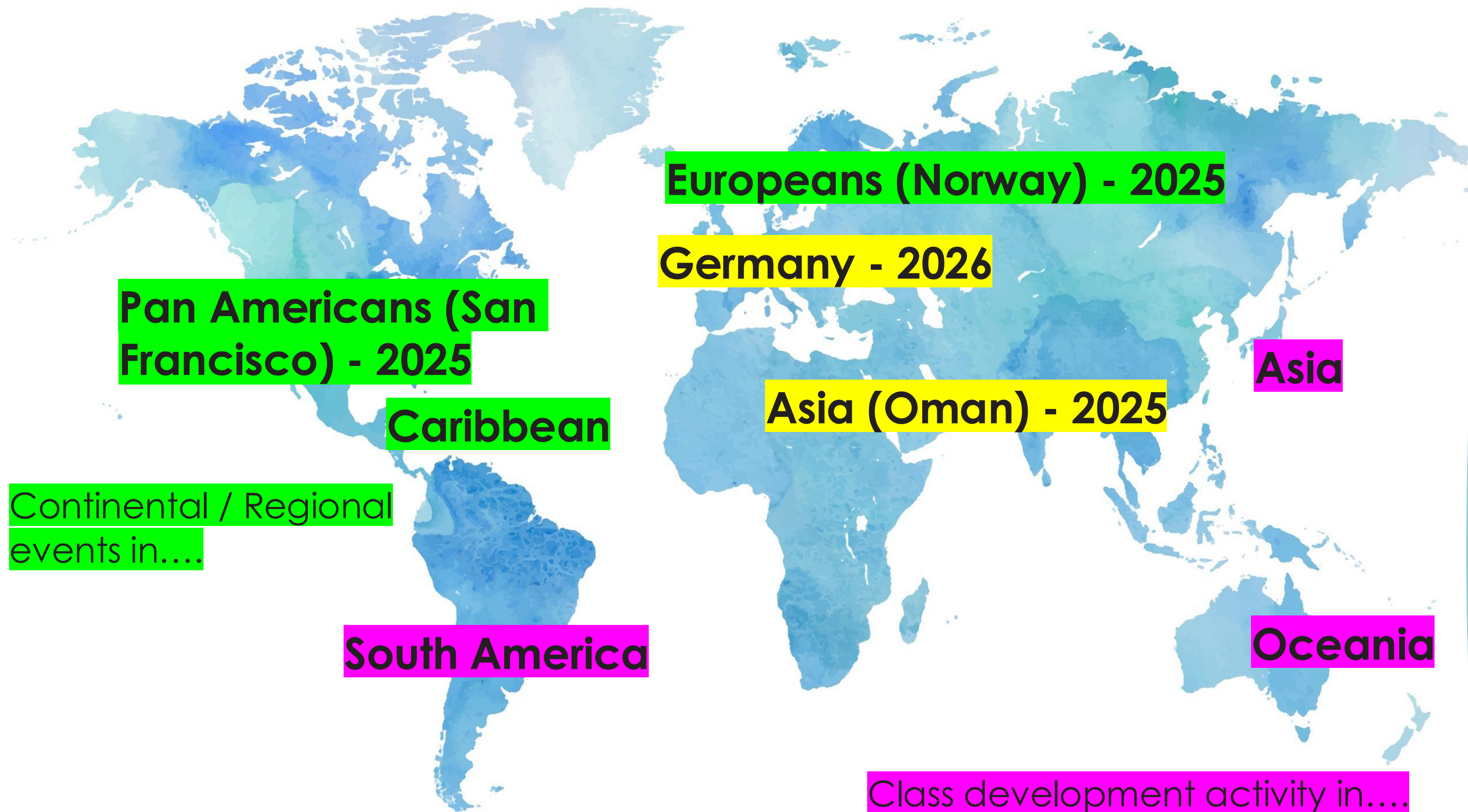
Managing expectations.....

- 3-4 races per fleet, per day (Depending on time / wind available at venue)
- 4-day program for World Championship events (12-race series) / 2-3 day program for Continental events. Events preceded by 1-2 day coaching clinic
- Race format means coming to terms with the results of a trade-off between total time on the water and the overall cost of participation.



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World Championship events in.....



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Welcome

- We want sailors to continue in the sport of sailing and take their sailing to the next level, not just on the water but off as well.
- Whether they are young sailors who have been exploring an Olympic Campaign or those who wish to continue in competitive sailing with their friends. To those interested in a career in the Marine Industry.



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“Big Boat” Sailing

Over 50% of all sailing participation around the world.

Who sails these boats? Anyone — a wide variety of people of all ages, from under 10 to those well into their 80s. Many classes are much less physically demanding than dinghies, making them ideal for those who are less active or who have disabilities.



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INSHORE/OFFSHORE SAILING

At first sight it might be easy to assume that sailing a bigger boat is more expensive than dinghy sailing.

This certainly can be true if you want to do well in an ultra-competitive class such as the Etchells 22, then a new boat with all the trimmings will set you back over US\$50,000.



On the other hand, you can enjoy very competitive racing in the Squib fleet in Malaysia for an outlay of as little as \$1,000.



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- However, most people who race keelboats and Sportsboats don't own the boat — they sail other people's!
- With many designs needing crews of three (or four or more for many Sportsboats) there are always owners on the lookout for reliable crew.
- This is therefore one of the most cost-effective routes into sailing, in many cases needing little more than club membership, a good set suitable clothing and some training to get you started, and with a typically very modest annual expenditure commitment after that.




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JOIN IN SAILING

Keelboat club sailing has remained fairly stable for the past 15 years in Singapore. However, there is always a big demand for sailors to join as crew.

Lead by a keen group of ex-pat members, the SB20 class is showing the biggest growth as it's affordable - about the right price point.

Local organisations such as universities and clubs can buy them, and there's a huge local participation from ex-national sailors etc.



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CHARTERS FOR RACING

Have a team? Need a boat? The Next Step.

In Asia over 70% of teams entering Regattas are on a chartered boats.

Many events across the world are in a unique position to have access to fleets of yachts, including One-design yachts such as Far East 28s, J80s, Hobie Cats and Beneteau 40.7s.

These yachts are made available to teams for inshore and offshore events, and coaching opportunities are offered in conjunction with local sailing



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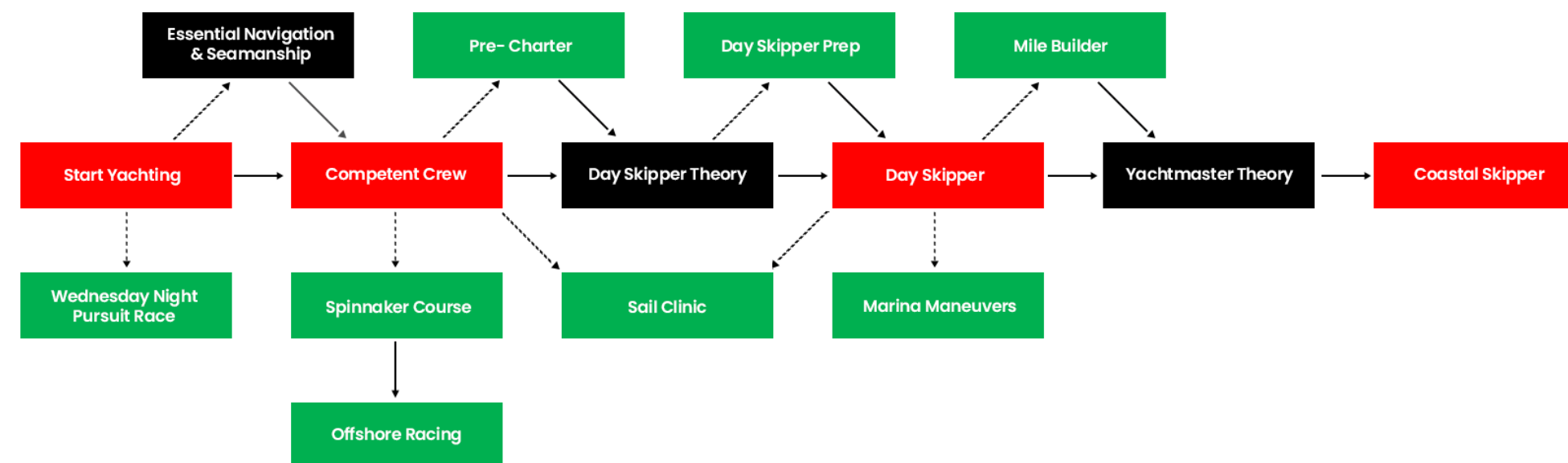
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SAILING COURSES

New experiences with qualifications.

Today's youth are eager for new experiences.

Can we make Sailing the equivalent of PADI diving, providing a new experience. Which can be enjoyed not only by individuals but by groups and Teams.



A sailing school is arguably the best place to learn about Inshore/Offshore Sailing. RYA/ASA.




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WOMEN ON WATER

Women on Water (WoW) is a new initiative by Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSCC) that aims to facilitate the entry of women to the sport of sailing and foster their ongoing development.



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KEEPING SAILORS

Providing new challenges/engagement.

TRAVELLING TROPHIES.

In SEA Teams now have the opportunity through events like the Asian Cup (using RS21's) to race and travel to various regional destinations with boats being handled by an event organiser.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAILABLE BOATS?

With an ever-expanding list of sailing areas and destinations, should MNA's be considering keelboats that are easily and cost - effectively transportable?



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See you soon..

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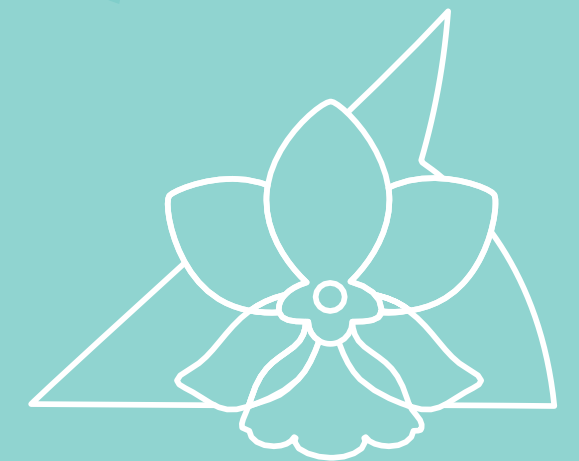
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