

# **WORLD SAILING**

## **CLASSES COMMITTEE**

### **ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2024-2028**

#### **1. Committee Name**

World Sailing Classes Committee

#### **2. Committee Members**

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| Jan Martin Wilschut (NED), Chair                                                   |  |  |
| Andreas Kosmatopoulos (GRE), Vice-Chair & Cross Representative Equipment Committee |  |  |
| Bruno De Wannemaeker BEL, Cross Representative Equipment Rules Sub-Committee       |  |  |
| Markus Schwendtner (GER), Cross Representative Events Committee                    |  |  |
| Andres Perez (ESP), representing the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee       |  |  |

#### **3. Working Groups**

| <b><u>Working Group</u></b>                          | <b><u>Lead</u></b> | <b><u>Members</u></b>                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Third-Party Liability Insurance                      | WSCC Chair         | Members from WS Office, Insurance Experts                |
| Policy Reassessment (Regulation 10 & Special Events) | Vice-Chair         | Legal Advisors, Event Organizers, Class Association Reps |
| Cost Management of Standards                         | TBC                | Class Association Reps, Technical Staff                  |
| Class Progression Pathway (R-W-O Model)              | Vice-Chair         | Technical & Development Liaisons                         |

#### **4. Remit and Strategic Alignment**

[“Ready for the Future 2025-2029”](#)

[“Olympic Vision”](#)

[“Sustainability Agenda 2030”](#)

[“Steering the Course: Women in Sailing”](#)

[“Para Inclusive Strategy”](#)

| <b><u>Mission/Remit</u></b>              | To support, represent, and advance the interests of all World Sailing Classes through governance, advocacy, and collaboration—ensuring accessible, fair, and sustainable competition globally. |
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| <b><u>Alignment to WS Strategies</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Ready for the Future                     | Empower Classes through policy reforms and cost-efficient structures to ensure the sport's growth and sustainability.                                                                          |
| Olympic Vision                           | Strengthen the pathway to Olympic status via a revitalized Class progression framework.                                                                                                        |
| Sustainability Agenda 2030               | Promote digitalization and efficient resource use in event management.                                                                                                                         |
| Steering the Course                      | Ensure gender equity in class representation and development.                                                                                                                                  |
| Para Inclusive Strategy                  | Recognize the role of adaptive classes and promote accessibility where relevant.                                                                                                               |
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## **5. Objectives for the Year**

List 3–5 specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) objectives for the year.

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| <b>Objective 1</b> | Improve global access to affordable and effective third-party liability insurance (TPLI) for sailors.                                      |
| <b>Objective 2</b> | Reassess and reinforce World Sailing's Special Event and Class policy framework to better support international classes.                   |
| <b>Objective 3</b> | Reduce compliance costs for Class Associations and event organizers while maintaining quality and fairness.                                |
| <b>Objective 4</b> | Research the possibilities to reinstate and enhance the Recognized–World–Olympic Class progression model to promote long-term development. |
| <b>Objective 5</b> |                                                                                                                                            |

## 6. Key Activities

- Break down the objectives into actionable tasks with deadlines and responsible parties.
- Define key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure progress and success.
- Outline the resources required to achieve the objectives.

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| <b>OBJECTIVE 1</b>                         | <b>Third-Party Liability Insurance</b> |                          |                              |                                   |
| <b>TASKS</b>                               | <b>DEADLINE</b>                        | <b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b> | <b>KPI</b>                   | <b>RESOURCE REQUIRED</b>          |
| Conduct global audit of TPLI availability  | Q3 2025                                | WSCC + WS Office         | Audit report completed       | Survey platform, Research budget? |
| Establish insurance partnerships           | Q1 2026                                | WS + Insurer(s)          | No. of partnerships signed   | Legal, Negotiation support / WS   |
| <b>OBJECTIVE 2</b>                         | <b>Policy (Reg. 10) Reassessment</b>   |                          |                              |                                   |
| <b>TASKS</b>                               | <b>DEADLINE</b>                        | <b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b> | <b>KPI</b>                   | <b>RESOURCE REQUIRED</b>          |
| Create Policy Review Taskforce             | Q4 2025                                | WSCC                     | WSCC Taskforce formed        | Legal and event expertise         |
| Proposal redraft new policy                | Q2 2026                                | WSCC Taskforce           | Draft completed              | WS policy resources               |
| <b>OBJECTIVE 3</b>                         | <b>Cost Management</b>                 |                          |                              |                                   |
| <b>TASKS</b>                               | <b>DEADLINE</b>                        | <b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b> | <b>KPI</b>                   | <b>RESOURCE REQUIRED</b>          |
| Analyze current compliance cost structures | Q4 2025                                | WSCC                     | Cost report published        | Data access WS                    |
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| <b>OBJECTIVE 4</b>                         | <b>Class Progression Pathway</b>       |                          |                              |                                   |
| <b>TASKS</b>                               | <b>DEADLINE</b>                        | <b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b> | <b>KPI</b>                   | <b>RESOURCE REQUIRED</b>          |
| Update progression framework               | Q1 2026                                | WSCC                     | Framework proposal published | Strategic planning                |
| Publish requirements/benefits matrix       | Q2 2026                                | WSCC                     | Compliance monitored         | Documentation                     |
| <b>OBJECTIVE 5</b>                         | <b>[INSERT OBJECTIVE]</b>              |                          |                              |                                   |
| <b>TASKS</b>                               | <b>DEADLINE</b>                        | <b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b> | <b>KPI</b>                   | <b>RESOURCE REQUIRED</b>          |
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## **7. Reporting and Review**

Establish a process for regular reporting and review.

- Submit **annual progress reports** to the World Sailing Council and relevant stakeholders.
- Conduct a **quadrennial review** by late 2028 to inform the next cycle.

## **8. Continuous Improvement**

Include a section for lessons learned and recommendations for the next year.

- Conduct end-of-year debriefings to collect lessons learned from each initiative.
- Adjust strategies based on Class Association feedback and measurable outcomes.
- Recommend improvements to World Sailing Council for 2029–2032 planning cycle.