

### Update from the Oceanic & Offshore Committee

Appointed Cross-Committee Representative: Denise Caffari

Universal measurement system - sail measurement has been agreed between IRC and ORC and one sticker will be used.

Brisbane 2032 proposal - Sailing Marathon, double handed, mixed, two nights at sea event. Needs to be in easily available boats to all and affordable. We are aware there will be an equipment choice deadline. The area proposed is of great biodiversity significance so due diligence must be given.

### Update from the Para Sailing Committee

No cross-committee appointee yet

### Update from the Racing Rules Committee

Appointed Cross-Committee Representative: Sandy Grosvenor

49er FX sought approval to change RRS 86.1 in accordance with Regulation 20.3(b). No other activity related to EQ to report

### Update from the World Sailing Classes Committee

Appointed Cross-Committee Representative: Andreas Kosmatopoulos

The WSCC does realize that these three items are not directly influencing the work of the Equipment Committee but they are impacting the Classes nonetheless. We feel that the Equipment Committee should be aware of this impact.

1. Third-Party Liability Insurance:

Ongoing challenges in obtaining third-party liability insurance for sailors, particularly when traveling internationally.

2. Regulation 10:

The need for World Sailing to strengthen the enforcement of its regulations, especially in the context of WS Special Events.

3. Regatta Costs:

The increasing costs associated with WS standards and mandated requirements — such as the expenses for International Jury (IJ) panels, additional officials, and rising participant costs, particularly affecting smaller events. A proposal has been suggested to consider partially online panels as a potential way to reduce these costs.

### Update from the Race Official Committee

Appointed Cross-Committee Representative: Dimitris Dimou

The only project that has been presented to the committee members so far is about education/race officials' development, which was mostly a presentation developed by the WS staff and not by the ROC/RO subcommittees. There is a scheduled meeting of the ROC at the end of April, but this is mainly –if not exclusively– for the review of new race officials' applications received under the new system within the first half of the year.

### Update from the World Sailing Championships Invited Events WG

Appointed Cross-Committee Representative: Jo Aleh

Nothing to report other than the working group is being set up.

### Update from the Athletes' Committee

Appointed Cross-Committee Representative: Dave Hughes

The AC remains extremely supportive of the work the EQ is doing. We are encouraged by the leadership of Glen and Matteo and the expertise of the EQ committee overall. The athlete community is specifically interested in:

- (a) Bolstering the equipment review processes to increase safety and decrease "equipment mining;"
- (b) Exploring thoughtful ways to rollout the schedule of equipment changes and testing so that it can be absorbed by the athletes as best as possible
- (c) Considering evaluations for Brisbane 2032 that better promote female-specific equipment decisions, as opposed to the historic repackaging of male-specific equipment for females
- (d) Addressing concerns over the connection between equipment and potentially unhealthy body weight changes within our athlete population
- (e) Planning for a hopeful Para inclusion in Brisbane 2032 should that become a possibility
- (f) And — importantly — exploring ways to meaningfully reduce the inflated equipment investment costs that have skyrocketed for our Olympic campaigners in recent years.