

WORLD SAILING

YOUTH EVENTS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2024-2028

1. Committee Name

Youth Events Committee

2. Committee Members

Piotr Oleksiak - CHAIR	Charles Glover	Jingting Han
Elizabeth Kratzig - VICE CHAIR	Felicity Rodness	Leslie Tan
Aiko Saito	Freya Mors	Mandiaye Diouf
Alessandra Sensini	Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa	Sam Mackay
Sarah Ogilvie	Sharon Burgess Hardwick	Sofia Papadopoulou

3. Working Groups

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Members</u>
Youth Olympic Games	Alessandra Sensini	Elizabeth Kratzig, Sofia Papadopoulou, Mandiaye Diouf, <i>African Representatives*</i> , <i>Class Representative*</i>
Event Standards & Essentials	Leslie Tan	Sharon Hardwick, Sarah Ogilvie, Charles Glover, Sam Mackay, Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa
Event Organization Financial Feasibility	Felicity Rodness	Freya Mors, Han Jingting, YSWC <i>hosts*</i> , <i>Major Event Organizer*</i>

**Pending invitation*

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”](#)

<u>Mission/Remit</u>	Mission Statement/Remit: Reaffirm the committee’s mission
<u>Alignment to WS Strategies</u>	
Ready for the Future	Create training and education programmes to support our National Federations in sustaining grassroots development for sailors.
Ready for the Future	Invest in the development of young sailors through regional hubs and collaborate with our Continental Associations to facilitate training for sailors, coaches and officials.
Ready for the Future	Develop youth competition to create opportunities for more sailors to compete, balancing the optimum frequency of a potential regional competition and the Youth Sailing World Championships.
Ready for the Future	Enable delivery of a simplified, prioritised World Sailing events programme through to 2032.
Ready for the Future	Ensure revenue from regulating the sport meets the cost of our administration processes.

5. Objectives for the Year

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

Objective 1	Identify existing grassroots and formal programs in Africa to support World Sailing staff, selected bidder and relevant stakeholders on creating a legacy for Africa
Objective 2	Define minimum racing and onshore standards for Youth Sailing World Championships
Objective 3	Gather and analyse financial data from at least three major Youth Events to map typical cost structures and identify and document best practices for cost-saving.
Objective 4	Map participation levels across major youth events and classes, collect and analyse demographic data (age, gender, geographic location), compare Youth Sailing World Championships attendance with Class World Championships, and identify key factors influencing participation trends to inform future growth strategies.

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.

OBJECTIVE 1		Identify existing grassroots and formal programs in Africa to support World Sailing staff, selected bidder and relevant stakeholders on creating a legacy for Africa		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Map and document existing grassroots and formal sailing programs across Africa.	01.08.2025	YOG WG	Report prepared	Working group meetings
Support MNAs and Classes with the application process and help define minimum sporting and eligibility criteria	Annual Conference	YOG WG	Report prepared	Working group meetings
Together with WS Staff and selected bidder present the objectives of the legacy programme for the YOG	Annual Conference	YOG WG	Report prepared	Working group meetings

OBJECTIVE 2		Define minimum racing and onshore standards for Youth Sailing World Championships		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Audit recent Youth Sailing World Championships and consult stakeholders to identify essential standards.	01.09.25	Event Standards & Essentials	Stakeholders audited	Access to Team Leaders
Audit WS contracted requirement towards YSWC hosts	01.09.25	Event Standards & Essentials	Document analysed	Data from Staff and Organizers
Pilot the draft standards at one major youth event and finalize based on feedback	Annual Conference	Event Standards & Essentials	Report prepared Develop tools for WS to ensure compliance and control standards	Working group meetings

OBJECTIVE 3		Gather and analyse financial data from at least three major Youth Events to map typical cost structures and identify and document best practices for cost-saving.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Gather financial data from 3 previous Youth World Sailing Championships	1.07.25	Event Organization Financial Feasibility	Documents analysed	Data from staff and previous Regatta Chairs
Identify Cost Saving best practices	1.09.25	Financial Feasibility working group	Report prepared	Working group meetings

Understand Sponsorship Opportunities and Sponsor Satisfaction	1.09.25	Financial Feasibility working group	Report prepared	Working Group meetings
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OBJECTIVE 4		Map participation levels across major youth events and classes, collect and analyse demographic data (age, gender, geographic location), compare Youth Sailing World Championships attendance with Class World Championships, and identify key factors influencing participation trends to inform future growth strategies.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Collect participation data (age, gender, geographic location) from major youth sailing events and classes.	01.08.25	YEC – Participation	Data gather from past three years from Class World Championships of SYWC Classes	Access to data
Analyze and compare Youth Sailing World Championships attendance with Class World Championships.	01.08.25	YEC – Participation	Comparative report	Access to data
Identify and summarize key factors affecting youth participation trends and barriers	Annual Conference	YEC – Participation	Report	Working group meetings

7. Reporting and Review

Gather structured feedback from Working Group Chairs quarterly to track task-level progress.
 Submit quarterly progress reports to the World Sailing Board and present findings at the annual general meeting.
 Present key findings, milestones, and recommendations at the World Sailing Annual Conference.

8. Continuous Improvement

Collect YEC members and stakeholders feedback after major activities to guide improvements
 Adjust objectives and KPIs yearly based on new data and feedback.