

Events Committee Working Group 5 Calendar Remit Report

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Introduction

The Events Committee (EC) appointed in January 2025 for the 2025-2028 Olympic quadrennial has been tasked with advising and reporting to Council on policies concerning the World Sailing Calendar in line with the World Sailing Strategy and related frameworks.

This paper has been prepared by the Events Committee's Calendar and Ranking Working Group #5 in accordance with the World Sailing Strategy 2025-2029 and related frameworks. This is a working draft intended for discussion and consultation within the EC.

This paper addresses the 10 dinghy and board events selected for the 2028 Olympics and presents an initial set of recommendations for EC discussion, with the intention of submitting them to Council for approval. Recommendations in **green** require Events Committee approval.

Recommendations

The following recommendations are broken down into three areas:

- Calendar Structure and Predictability
- Scheduling Efficiency and Athlete Welfare
- Year four (4) Class Championships

Calendar Structure and Predictability

The sailing community as a whole should have clear regatta categorization and long-term planning windows to minimize calendar conflicts and improve global alignment. A predictable and stable structure enables athletes, MNAs, and organizers to plan effectively across multiple seasons, supporting both performance and commercial development.

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Recommendation 1: Establish Clear Regatta Categories and Planning Windows

It is recommended to adopt four defined regatta categories with clear, published policy planning windows assigned to each category. The goal is to minimize scheduling conflicts, provide long-term visibility, reduce campaign costs and support strategic regatta development globally.

The annual sailing schedule is split into four categories of regattas:

1. **Cat 1: World Sailing Regattas:** World Sailing Championships, Olympic Test Events, the Last Chance Regatta, the World Cup Series and World Cup Final.
2. **Cat 2 Olympic Class championships:** World Championships and Continentals (Europeans, etc.)
3. **Cat 3 Perpetual Multiclass Regattas and Regional Games:** Sailing Grand Slam, Panam Games, Asian Games, and future Perpetual Multiclass Regattas outside of Europe.
4. **Cat 4 All other major regattas:** Continental domestic regattas, regionally managed domestic circuits (including Nationals of Olympic classes), regional multiclass regattas, etc.

Calendar Priority Planning based on the above categories:

Using the four categories above as the starting point, and applying priority windows throughout the year by category and by quadrennial year, we arrive at this proposal:

Olympic year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General overview	Perpetual Annual Multiclass regattas (PMR)						Olympic Class Championships&Regional Games*					
	Domestic Continentals...						Domestic Continentals and regional multiclass event (continued into January & February)					
Year 1	Select window for Olympic Class Championships and potential window for future Perpetual Multiclass Regattas outside of Europe		European Perpetual Multiclass Regattas (PMR) and select windows for Olympic Class Championships					World Sailing Championships**, Olympic Class Championships, Regional Games, and potential window for future Perpetual Multiclass Regattas outside of Europe in November and December				
Year 2							Olympic training					
Year 3							Test Event					
Year 4							Olympics					
NB*: the window for Olympic Class Regattas extends into January and February provided these early year regattas are held in the Southern Hemisphere												
NB**: World Sailing Championships windows extend beyond this 5 month window. See below for more detail												

In the event of a conflict of a major regatta submitted for approval to WS through the online regatta application procedure, WS shall request the advice of the EC Calendar Working Group before presenting the conflict to the WS Board for resolution.

A Perpetual Multiclass Olympic Regatta (PMR) outside of Europe is considered in this proposed Calendar Priority Planning during the months of November, December, January and February. With the next Olympic quadrennial in the Southern Hemisphere, supporting the development of a PMR outside of Europe during these four months is a priority of this proposal.

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Recommendation 2: Develop and Publish an Eight-Year Rolling Calendar

It is recommended that World Sailing shall maintain and publish an eight-year calendar, updated annually. This approach will give athletes, MNAs, Olympic class associations, and commercial partners clarity and stability to plan effectively for up to two Olympic cycles in advance. Below is an illustration of this eight-year rolling calendar illustration with the 2029-2032 quadrennial as the target.

Calendar Planning 2025 – 2028

2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1	No Category 1 regattas in first years after the Olympics											
Category 2					Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)					Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)		
Category 3				PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas			PMR Final Test			
Category 4	Domestic Continentals...							Domestic Continentals and regional multiclass events (continued into January & February)				
2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1	WSC Test Fortaleza						WSC Test Gdynia					
Category 2					OCR exception			Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)*				
Category 3				PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas	PMR Regattas		Asian Games			
2027	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1	WSC Fortaleza						WSC Gdynia	Test Event				
Category 2									Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)*			
Category 3				PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas	PanAm Games					
2028	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1		Last Chance Regatta					Olympics					
Category 2	Year 4 OCR				Year 4 OCR				Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)*			
Category 3				PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas					PMR Regattas	

NB*: the window for Olympic Class Regattas extends into January and February provided these early year regattas are held in the Southern Hemisphere

In 2026, there are certain Olympic Class World Championships (OCR) in May because of the World Sailing Championships for single handed boats being moved to 2027 and the limited windows available in the autumn because of the Asian Games in 2026.

The dates for the Continental qualification regattas that are not already taken into account in the above categories (3 regattas all held in December 2023 for Paris 2024) shall be determined in coordination with the Olympic Class regattas which have that period of the year reserved for their regattas.

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The Dutch Water Week has been moved permanently to three weeks before Kieler Woche to allow two full weeks of rest between the end of Dutch WW and the start of Kieler Woche. These two events also with Palma and Hyères are identified in the calendar as PMR Events.

The 4th year of the quadrennial allows for certain Olympic Class Championships to occur early in the year (January and February) or in May.

Finally, the Category 4 regattas remain the same in each year of the quadrennial. For simplicity, they are not repeated each year in this presentation.

Calendar Planning 2029 – 2032

2029	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1	No Category 1 regattas in first years after the Olympics											
Category 2					Selective OCR			Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)*				
Category 3	PMR Regattas			PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas					PMR Regattas	
Category 4	Domestic Continentals...							Domestic Continentals and regional multiclass events (continued into January & February)				
2030	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1							WS Championships Window 1					
Category 2								Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)*				
Category 3	PMR Regattas			PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas					Asian Games	PMR Regattas
2031	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1	WS Championships Window 1						WS Championships Window 2					
Category 2									Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)*			
Category 3	PMR Regattas			PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas		Test Event			PMR Regattas	
2032	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category 1		Last Chance Regatta						Olympics				
Category 2	Year 4 OCR				Year 4 OCR				Olympic Class Regattas (OCR)*			
Category 3	PMR Regattas			PMR Regattas		PMR Regattas					PMR Regattas	

NB*: the window for Olympic Class Regattas extends into January and February provided these early year regattas are held in the Southern Hemisphere

The Last Chance Regatta (LCR) proposal in this 2029-2032 quadrennial could be as late as May 2032 in the Southern Hemisphere provided there is supplied equipment at the Olympics for the double handed boats. In this proposal, we've left the LCR in the February / March period until the decision is made for supplied equipment at the 2032 Games.

Finally, in order to promote the development of a Perpetual Multiclass Olympic Regatta (PMR) outside of Europe, we have proposed two slots for these potential regattas during the November to February period.

Scheduling Efficiency and Athlete Welfare

Historical calendar congestion, particularly around Olympic cycles, has led to logistical challenges and scheduling overload for the MNAs, coaches and the athletes. This document emphasizes clustering regattas geographically and avoiding peak congestion periods in order to safeguard athlete welfare, control costs, and maintain high participation rates at the major Olympic regattas. In addition, this proposal aims to minimize the need for multiple boats for teams in different geographic locations. In particular, this document presents in the 2029-2032 quadrennial an absence of regattas during the Olympic month period with the exception of the Olympic Test Event.

The World Sailing Championships (WSC), and their related Test Event windows need to be flexible over a long period of time to offer a greater diversity of candidates. The EC Working Group #5 decided to add a specific recommendation on this WSC point which would provide more clarity on the windows available for these regattas as well as the eventual Test Events for these WSC.

Recommendation 3: World Sailing Championships with two windows:

- **Window 1 – eight-month window**
 - July two years before the Games to end of February one year before the Games except for the period one week before until one week after the Games window;
- **Window 2 – two-month window**
 - July one year before the Games to end of September one year before the Games except for the period one week before until one week after the Games window

Whilst the IOC permits qualification up to two years before the Games and these windows reflect this, hosting the WSC two years before the Games is early in the quadrennial. The EC Working Group #5 recommends that hosting the WSC two years before the Games be used in exceptional cases when other more favorable windows are not available.

Year four (4) Class Championships

Feedback from past cycles suggests that scheduling Year four (4) World Championships early in the year increase logistical demands during the first six months of the year. Creating specific periods in Year four (4) of the quadrennial for Olympic Class Championships would help maintain balance, improve logistics and support fair participation.

Recommendation 4: Year four (4) Class Championships Scheduling

It is recommended that any dedicated scheduling window before July for Class World Championships be limited exclusively to Year four (4) of the quadrennial. This approach will help reduce travel congestion and ensure a balanced, sustainable competition calendar during the peak European circuit period.

Future Steps

As part of the next phase, the Working Group will engage the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee, World Sailing Events staff, and regatta organizers in structured consultations to gather feedback on the proposed calendar principles and assess operational considerations. In parallel, we will explore options for a live, interactive digital calendar platform to enhance transparency and simplify planning for all stakeholders. Finally, to ensure the framework remains relevant and effective, a formal review of the calendar remit will be scheduled after the first full quadrennial cycle, with any necessary refinements to be implemented ahead of the 2032 period.