



World Sailing Classes Committee

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WSCC Equipment Committee Report

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During the past period, we have worked closely with the World Sailing (WS) Equipment Committee on various matters directly related to WS classes and Olympic classes. Through this collaboration, we have confirmed that we share the same principles and follow a common decision-making approach, fully aligned with World Sailing Regulations and strategy.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all members of the Equipment Committee, under the leadership of its Chair, Mr. Glen Stanaway, for their dedication, hard work, and excellent cooperation with the WSCC.

The importance of the topics listed below is evident, as they are crucial for shaping the future of sailing and for enhancing the services provided to sailing classes. The WSCC contributed its input and collaborated with the WS Equipment Committee on the following—though not limited to—items:

- Regulation 11 Process: Review and selection of Olympic equipment based on specific criteria such as the Olympic Vision, procedures for evolving equipment, and equipment re-evaluation standards.
- World Sailing Class Status Process: Close cooperation to support, advise, and guide sailing classes in fulfilling the WS class requirements.
- Policy D3, Clause 2.2 - World Championship Rights for World Sailing Classes: Submission of a proposal encouraging broader participation.
- Review of World Sailing Class Association Status.
- Evaluation of Class Applications for World Sailing Status.



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Additionally, the WSCC raised awareness within the organization and the WS Equipment Committee on the following matters, which are indirectly related but equally important:

- **Third-Party Liability Insurance:** Ongoing challenges faced by sailors in obtaining third-party liability insurance, particularly for international travel.
- **(Former) Regulation 10:** The need for World Sailing to reinforce the enforcement of its regulations, particularly concerning WS Special Events.
- **Regatta Costs:** The escalating costs associated with WS standards and mandatory requirements—such as expenses for International Jury (IJ) panels, additional officials, and increasing participation costs, especially impacting smaller events. A proposal was put forward to consider the use of partially online panels as a potential cost-reduction measure.