

WORLD SAILING **INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS** **COMMISSION** **ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2026-2029**

**1. Committee Name**

International Regulations Commission

2. Committee Members

Alan Massey – GBR - Chair	Johannes Christophers - GER	Rob Hoogstra - NED
Elena Matzaridou – GRE – Vice-Chair	Michael Mifsud - MLT	Stuart Carruthers* - GBR - (*supporting expert on ISO matters)
Bedelmeneim Ben Hariz - LBA	Patrick Lindqvist - FIN	
Hamid Shomali - IRA	Rabih Salem - LBN	

3. Working Groups

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Members</u>
IMO Surveillance	Alan Massey	All
ISO and EBA Surveillance	Stuart Carruthers	SC, JC, MM
Polar Code and Navigation	Patrick Lindqvist	PL, RH, HS
Environmental regulation	Elena Matzaridou	EM, BH, RS

4. Remit and Strategic Alignment[“Ready for the Future 2026-2029”](#)[“Olympic Vision”](#)[“Sustainability Agenda 2030”](#)[“Steering the Course: Women in Sailing”](#)

<u>Mission/Remit</u>	Mission Statement/Remit: To provide advice on matters related to the regulation of recreational boats or craft by government actions or otherwise.
<u>Alignment to WS Strategies</u>	
Surveillance and reporting of regulatory developments	Good governance principles: ‘adopt best in class governance practices’
Collaboration with WS and external specialist bodies on compliance issues	‘A more collaborative approach in everything we do’
Promotion of marine environmental and sustainability issues	‘Retaining our lead position on sustainability in sport’
Consideration of wider global safety and security factors for sailors	‘Prioritise athlete safety’
Keeping pace with new technological developments with potential regulatory consequences	‘Encourage innovation throughout the sport and embrace technology’

5. Objectives for the Year

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

Objective 1	Attend and report on key meetings of IMO, ISO and EBA, submitting summaries for Board consideration at annual Conference
Objective 2	Make selective interventions within relevant bodies where the interests of WS might be impacted by regulatory developments
Objective 3	Issue Commission guidance from time to time on matters relating to regulatory changes and safety-of-navigation matters
Objective 4	Update the Polar Yacht Guide by the end of 2026
Objective 5	Update the piracy/armed robbery guidance by end 2027

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.

<u>OBJECTIVE 1</u>		Attend and report on key meetings of IMO, ISO and EBA, submitting summaries for Board consideration at annual Conference		
<u>TASKS</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>RESOURCE REQUIRED</u>
Compile and issue meetings attendance plan for the forthcoming year		Chair	Plan agreed by Commission members	Nil
Submit WS budget bid for Commission activities		Chair	Budget bid approved by WS	Sufficient funds allocated by WS to enable attendance
Compile and submit succinct meeting reports	Within 7 days of meeting end	Lead attendee	Reports issued and accepted	Time and expertise

<u>OBJECTIVE 2</u>		Make selective interventions within relevant bodies where the interests of WS might be impacted by regulatory developments		
<u>TASKS</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>RESOURCE REQUIRED</u>
In consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair, make concise verbal or written interventions in discussions where WS interests may be impacted	At the time	Lead attendee	WS intervention noted and, where appropriate, acted upon	As required to enable attendance
Record any such interventions in meeting report	Within 7 days of meeting end	Lead attendee	WS intervention noted and recorded/minuted	As required to enable attendance

<u>OBJECTIVE 3</u>		Issue Commission guidance from time to time on matters relating to regulatory changes and safety-of-navigation matters		
<u>TASKS</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>RESOURCE REQUIRED</u>
Draft Commission guidance on specific subjects related to regulatory, safety and security matters, consulting with other bodies as appropriate	As agreed with the Chair	Subject-matter lead	Guidance agreed and issued	Time and expertise

OBJECTIVE 4		Update the Polar Yacht Guide by the end of 2026		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Convene expert input to review and update PYG	31 December 2026	Patrick Lindqvist	PYG revised and re-issued	Time, expertise and limited funding for PL's travel and accommodation, as necessary to consult with other experts
OBJECTIVE 5		Updated guidance on Piracy Risks		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Liaise with the joint maritime security centre to update guidance	31 December 2027	Alan Massey	Piracy Guidance revised and re-issued	Time and expertise

7. Reporting and Review

- Submit an annual progress report to the World Sailing Board and present detailed findings at the annual Conference.
- Commission Chair to report annually to the O&O Committee at Conference on regulatory developments and Commission activities during the year.

8. Continuous Improvement

At its annual meeting the Commission will specifically consider its processes and achievements over the preceding year and make an assessment of its overall effectiveness, seeking inputs from both Commission members and relevant external bodies. Recommendations for improvement will be welcomed both at that meeting, and at any point during the year where changes are considered necessary or desirable.