

Executive Summary

The Events Committee puts forward to Council four recommendations related to *Calendar of Olympic Class racing* and a progress report regarding *Format*. Please note that each of the recommendations is individually put forward for vote unless Council decides to have an en bloc vote for groupings or all of them.

Calendar of Olympic Class Racing Recommendations

The recommendations are broken down into three areas:

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

The sailing community 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.

Recommendation 1: Establish Clear Regatta Categories and Planning Windows

It is recommended to adopt four defined regatta categories of Olympic Class racing 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:

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

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.

Historical calendar congestion, particularly around Olympic cycles, has led to logistical challenges and scheduling overload for the MNAs, coaches and the athletes. Beyond emphasizing clustering regattas geographically and avoiding peak congestion periods, the third recommendation relates to time windows for World Sailing Championships.

Recommendation 3: World Sailing Championships with two time-windows

It is recommended to have two time-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

Scheduling Olympic Class World Championships in the fourth year of the Olympic cycle early in that year increases logistical demands. Creating specific periods in year four of the quadrennial for Olympic Class Championships would help maintain balance, improve logistics and support fair participation.

Recommendation 4: Year four (4) Olympic Class Championships Scheduling

It is recommended that any dedicated scheduling window before July for Olympic 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.

Vote in the Events Committee: These recommendations are based on a unanimous vote (13 votes Yes, en bloc) for all recommendations.

Final Format Progress Report

Sailing's value to the Olympic Movement has been declining for some time. With decreasing audience numbers and viewing hours, sailing needs to make transformational change to bring broadcasters back to the sport so audiences can see the brilliance of sailing's athletes.

The Events Committee entrusted a Working Group with the task of recommending a format addressing this issue. The goal was simple and demanding at the same time: to increase viewership and engagement with sailing at the Olympic Games. The Working Group conducted extensive analyses and discussions in 14 sessions over the period of more than 6 months, supported and guided by two Vice Presidents and several senior staff, the Events Committee Chair and Vice Chair, the majority of whom have been involved in direct discussions with the IOC and its Olympic Broadcast Service.

A report on Final format (Appendix 1), also published on the World Sailing webpage ([Format WG Report - 7 October 2025](#)), was discussed in the Events Committee meeting on October 15, 2025, together with 9 proposals from Olympic Classes, the Athletes' Committee document on reflections on format and roll out (Appendix 2), and the impressions from the AC townhall on the day before. This meeting testified to two major truths. First, the Final format decision requires carefully weighed trade-offs. It is embedded in a 'magical polygon', its corners representing highly desirable goals that cannot be achieved simultaneously and partially are mutually incompatible or even contradictory. Second, further conversations are needed. The Final format decision is a political decision in the best sense of the word. It is long-term, conveys and is informed by basic principles, and is linked to overt and tacit