

World Sailing Sustainability Policy

World Sailing is the world governing body for the sport of sailing, officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and is responsible for the promotion of the sport internationally and for developing the regulations for all sailing competitions. World Sailing's purpose is to inspire, empower and grow vibrant sailing communities around the world.

The mission of the organisation is to: Develop sailing as a sport with integrity, sustainability and credibility at its heart, enabling global growth through innovation, backed by robust financial decisions to create lasting legacies for generations to come.

World Sailing recognises the opportunity as the world governing body of the sport of sailing, to affect environmental performance, economic activity and social progress across the sport and associated industries. The organisation is committed to developing the sport in a way that incorporates the needs of future generations, provides a fair and level sporting platform based on sound ethical principles, actively involves interested parties, and is open about decisions and activities that affect society, the economy and the environment. World Sailing's Strategy(2025-2029): Ready for the Future is a declaration of intent to deliver impact, enable growth, encourage innovation throughout the sport, and embrace technology whilst having a leading position on sustainability in sport.

Sustainability shall be managed based on the following principles: transparency, stewardship, integrity and inclusivity. Furthermore, World Sailing has adopted the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and will use these in part to set itself objectives. World Sailing has a Sustainability Strategy: Agenda 2030 which sets out targets and milestones for the organisation to achieve. The World Sailing sustainability strategy provides the framework to maximise the opportunity presented by the relationship between nature and the sport of sailing as well as significant issues that have been identified. This has led to the creation of the following objectives:

1. Protect and enhance sailing's waters and the wider water environment.
2. Promote research into the impact of sailing on the environment.
3. Encourage a robust approach to sustainability across the sport and its supporting affiliated industries.
4. Minimise World Sailing's carbon footprint and promote resource efficiency across the sport.
5. Create a sound economic base for World Sailing and the Sport.
6. Provide and promote safe and collaborative working environments.
7. Develop diverse and inclusive operations, promote sailing in an open and accessible way to increase participation.
8. Communicate the benefits and importance of sustainability and facilitate stakeholder engagement in delivery of this strategy.

To achieve these objectives, World Sailing has implemented a sustainability management system utilising the ISO 20121 and we are committed to comply with all the requirements of the standard and continually improve its effectiveness. The scope of certification will be for all operations including the planning, delivery and sanctioning of events.

As an International Federation, World Sailing has a unique opportunity to support and influence sustainability management across areas of operation from events to technical standards and will act as a leader in the sustainable sport movement working with our Member National Authorities and other Internal Federations. Communication is therefore critical to delivery of our strategy and we will seek to engage, listen, satisfy and where possible exceed expectations. Our staff and people working on behalf of World Sailing are our ambassadors and will work to ensure their understanding and engagement and delivery of our strategy in order to meet the objectives.

Our policy is available on our website, displayed in our office and is reviewed annually.



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