

WORLD SAILING

TEAM RACE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2026

QUAD 2025-2028

1. Committee Name:

Team Race Committee

2. Committee Members

Amanda Callahan – Chair (USA)	Chris Lindsay (IRL)	Liang Zhou (CHN)
Arnaud Mante – Vice Chair (FRA)	Eldina Domazet (SLO)	Manickavasagam Soma Pillai (IND)
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3. Board Liaisons

Cory Sertl (USA)	Dr Sophia Papamichalopoulos OLY (CYP)	
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4. Working Groups

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Members</u>
Education	Amanda Callahan	Tatiana Almeida, Ines Balestrini, Aylin Suntay
Bid guidelines/Host selection	Elspeth Weisberg	Ines Balestrini
Communication & Promotion	Heiko Thoelmann	Masa Tanaka
Youth Strategy	Soma Pillai	Heiko Thoelmann, Ines Balestrini

5. Remit and Strategic Alignment

[“Ready for the Future 2025-2029”](#)

[“Olympic Vision”](#)

[“Sustainability Agenda 2030”](#)

[“Steering the Course: Women in Sailing”](#)

[“Para Inclusive Strategy”](#)

[“Navigating Offshore”](#)

<u>Mission/Remit</u>	Mission Statement/Remit: The purpose of the Team Racing Committee is to advise and report to Council on the promotion and coordination of team racing throughout the world, world championships in team racing, rankings, and team race organization.
<u>Alignment to WS Strategies</u>	
Ready for the Future	Utilize the World Sailing Academy to provide training and education resources to support our MNAs in sustaining grassroots development for sailors and race organizers.
Ready for the Future	Grow the global team racing network and provide regular updates.
Ready for the Future	Set worlds Hosts through 2028. (deadline for submissions 1 February)
Ready for the Future	Continue to improve the Ranking System.

Ready for the Future	Ensure future inclusion of the Mixed Team Race Demonstration event at future Youth World Championships.
Ready for the Future	Find additional pathways to add team racing events to already existing events.
Ready for the Future	Outreach to 3 junior classes (not optimist or ILCA) to help encourage them to run team racing events.
Ready for the Future	Need to prove over the next 2 years that team racing can be compelling to sailing audiences on social media/TV

6. Objectives for the Year

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

Objective 1	Publish an international calendar of major events.
Objective 2	Publish quarterly team racing newsletter.
Objective 3	Create 2 educational resources: How to run team races and How to run team race practice.
Objective 4	Explore incorporating US College Sailing Techscore and Keith Sammons Scoring system with the Team Race Ranking System to automate results and improve the ranking system. Also make it easier for hosts to input results.
Objective 5	Update the World Sailing team racing landing page so that it has useful information for people interested in learning more about team racing.
Objective 6	Explore the addition of a sanctioned dinghy team race World Championship.

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.

OBJECTIVE 1		Publish an international calendar of major events.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Identify the best format and location for the calendar (Google? Similar to Beth Duggan's keelboat calendar)	30.1.26	Communication & Promotion		Help from Scott Dougall/Web support
OBJECTIVE 2		Publish quarterly team racing newsletter.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Outreach to MNAs and major stakeholders to collect dates and regatta information.	31.12.26	Communication & Promotion		Help from Scott Dougall/Web support
Collaborate with the Opti class, asking them to share team racing opportunities after sailors age out of the class.	31.12.26	Communication & Promotion		
OBJECTIVE 3		Create 2 educational resources: How to run team races and How to run team race practice.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Publish on WS website: How to run team race regattas document.	31.2.26	Education		Collaboration with Larisa Zejen and Fionna Kidd
Publish on WS website: How to run team race practice document.	31.2.26	Education		
Create a Team Racing hub on the WS Academy page.	31.2.26	Education		
OBJECTIVE 4		Explore incorporating US College Sailing Techscore and Keith Sammons Scoring system with the Team Race Ranking System to automate results and improve the ranking system. Also make it easier for hosts to input results.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Collaborate with creators of Techscore and KSail scoring systems to automate results into the ranking	31.12.26	TR Ranking System		

system, thus making the system more accurate and useful				
Utilize updates to WS IT infrastructure to gain easier access to WS IDs.	31.12.26	TR Ranking System		Support to WS IT
Find a way to accept results in standardized format (XXR/XML?)	31.12.26	TR Ranking System		
Add separate categories for keelboat, dinghy, and opti sailors.	completed	TR Ranking System		

OBJECTIVE 5		Update the World Sailing team racing landing page so that it has useful information for people interested in learning more about team racing.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Make room for 2v2, 3v3, and 4v4 formats to be more inclusive.	28.2.31	Communication & Promotion		Cooperation from Scott Dougall
Create “explainer” social templates for regatta hosts to promote team racing.	28.2.31	Communication & Promotion		

7. Reporting and Review

Gather structured feedback from Working Group Chairs quarterly to track task-level progress.

Submit quarterly progress reports to the World Sailing Board and present findings at the annual general meeting.

Present key findings, milestones, and recommendations at the World Sailing Annual Conference.

8. Continuous Improvement

Survey feedback from the World Championship

Survey from the Mixed Team Racing Demonstration event

Additional/Miscellaneous tasks

- HEIKO/CHRIS – follow up with rules committee re: rules proposals
- SOMA / youth strategy WG– outreach to the ILCA class and/or regional offices. 420 class. Other popular junior classes (Bic?). How can we partner with them on promoting team racing. Outreach to classes cmte + MNAs (146 MNAs world wide) -> give them the structure and show them the pathways to create regattas
- ELDINA – research on TR interest, draft questionnaire to MNAs or Growth of Sailing cmte

- ELDINA - Partner with Elizabeth Kratzig/Youth Cmte – Survey sailors and team leaders post Mixed TR demonstration in Portugal
- What's the value? Budget, flights, extra housing. Challenges during school time
 - Timing – do TR on the back side?
 - How do we keep the event attached to Youth Worlds
 - Would more people be interested in TR in 420?
- AMANDA - Partner with WS Academy (Steve Tylecote and Steve Hunt) to produce (1) How to run Team Races, (2) How to practice Team Racing
 - Standardizing team racing formats or templates for RCs
- AMANDA – Follow up with Singrid from the Optimist class.
- AMANDA – Continue conversation with ILCA class about future joint events.
- AMANDA - Follow up with Annika regarding racecourse design for Worlds
- AMANDA - Create media content demonstrating that team racing can be 1) exciting to watch, 2) easy to understand, 3) designed for the Olympic viewer, 4) Public viewing at the games is also important. Need to prove that team racing is compelling. Mic'ed up sailors. On board video. Social media savvy TikTok
- Graphics/analytical data ala Sail GP
 - Story telling ala the Tour de France. You have hours of footage of the cycling with prepackaged humanitarian stories
 - AMANDA- Where does the Global Team Race fit into the WS TRC initiatives
 - Outreach to Phil Lotz/Steve Wolff from NYYC - DONE
- INES - look up find us the opti results/websites for team races over the last 5-10 years.
- INES - finish adding Argentina championship results to Ranking
- LEON - add Chinese TR event to the ranking
- CHRIS - what other opportunities there are for umpire training. Help publicize via TR Cmte
- _____ - Identify good team race commentators
- _____ - Capture the history of the WS TR Trophy for the website
- _____ - Get email addresses of each participant at the major team racing regattas: Youth Worlds Mixed demonstration event, Morgan Trophy, Optimist TR Championship, Global Team Race, etc
 - Track down participation information from last 4 years at events listed above
 - _____ – connect with Lettie from Bermuda about match racing lessons learned
 - _____ - BRANDING – collaborate with Nelia/Scott on WS Team Race logo creation – stickers for the next meeting to campaign for team racing