

WORLD SAILING **OCEANIC AND OFFSHORE COMMITTEE** **ANNUAL WORK PLAN** **2026** **Quad 2025-2028**

1. Committee Name

Oceanic and Offshore Committee

2. Committee Members

Matt Allen – Chair - AUS	Damian Foxall - IRL	Katrin Adloff - GER
Denise Caffari – Vice Chair-GBR	Jennifer Hall - CAN	Lee Pilsung - KOR
Bruno Finzi - ITA	Johan Tuvstedt - SWE	Mariana Douka - GRE
Charlie Enright - USA	Yasutaka Funazawa - JPN	Orhan Ref K Gorbon - TUR
Tatiana Almeida -BRA	Alan Massey – Chair Int Regs	Glen Stanaway – Chair Sailor Cat
Thomas Nilsson - NOR	James Dadd – Chair SRSC	Marie Riou - FRA

3. Working Groups

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Members</u>
Stability Working Group	Richard Hinterhoeller	Richard Hinterhoeller (CAN) Dan Nowlan (USA) Zoran Grubisa (ORC) Jenny Howells (RORC) Jason Smithwick (RORC) Andy Cloughton (ORC) Katrina Ham (WS Executive Office)
Advocacy Working Group	Dee Caffari (GBR)	Dee Caffari (GBR) Jennifer Hall (CAN) Bruno Finzi (ITA) Mariana Douka (GRE) Damian Foxall (IRL)
Double Handed Working Group	Matt Allen (AUS) / Dee Caffari (GBR)	Matt Allen (AUS) Dee Caffari (GBR) Mariana Douka (GRE) Thomas Nilsson (NOR) Tatiana Almeida (BRA) Johan Tuvstedt (SWE)
Oceanic Panel	Dee Caffari (GBR)	Dee Caffari (GBR) Damien Foxall (IRL) Charlie Enright (USA) Tatiana Almeida (BRA)
Technology	Matt Allen (AUS)	Matt Allen (AUS) Glen Stanaway (AUS) Johan Tuvstedt (SWE) Thomas Nilsson (NOR) Stan Honey (USA) Jeremy Wilton (GBR)

4. 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 Oceanic and Offshore Committee is to advise and report to Council on oceanic and offshore racing, international rating systems, the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, and the calendar of oceanic and offshore events
<u>Alignment to WS Strategies</u>	
Ready for the Future - Governance	The advocacy objective aligned with WS Governance Strategy to “Promote Awareness and Best Practice” by raising awareness on major topics concerning offshore racing. By coving topics such to rise of inadvertent cheating due to changes in technology, it also works to safeguard the integrity of the sport.
Ready for the Future – Events and Commercial	The focus on the Major Oceanic Event Organisers supports the objective to “Devise a plan to determine how best to support Special Events and Major Offshore and Oceanic Events.” It will help identify how to support such events and feed the information back to Council to consider.
Ready for the Future – Growth	The combined work and co-ordination of many of the working parties will support the objective of “Explore development opportunities around the world in collaboration with the offshore and oceanic sailing community”. It will do so by building closer links to with the offshore community and provide a platform to collaborate more going forward.
Steering the course	By promoting the mixed Offshore Double Handed World Championships World Sailing is advocating for gender equity in offshore racing.
Navigating Offshore	The work of the Committee is aligned to support the four key priorities in navigating offshore.

5. Objectives for the Year

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

Objective 1	Advocacy – Produce articles and content to share best practice with the community on topics concerning the offshore community including safety, technology and sustainability.
Objective 2	Technology – Review the current methods of managing technology across the community and identify commonalities and propose potential options for regulation.
Objective 3	Major Event organisers/classes – have a meeting with professional as well as pro/am racing. Use the meeting to gather information on current challenges and feedback to OOC and WS Council. Online – pro/am including major clubs In person – focus on professional/High performance
Objective 4	Doublehanded – Take a leadership role in the double-handed community including co-ordination of events (World/Continental Championships), design potential event for Olympic consideration, continued development of the Offshore Double Handed World Championships.
Objective 5	Stability – Review the feasibility of a stability database to support changes in stability requirements.

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>	Advocacy - Produce articles and content to share best practice with the community on topics concerning the offshore community including safety, technology and sustainability.			
<u>TASKS</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>RESOURCE REQUIRED</u>
List topics to cover in 2026 and create a plan to cover them. Aim for a minimum of 3 articles/interventions.	End of 2026	Advocacy Working group	Number of Articles/Interventions	Support from the Executive Office including co-ordination with Comms departments.

<u>OBJECTIVE 2</u>	Technology – Review the current methods of managing technology across the community and identify commonalities and propose potential options for regulation.			
<u>TASKS</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>RESOURCE REQUIRED</u>
Collect information from OA's and Classes on the current approaches to regulating technology	Annual Conference	Technology Working Group	Report to OOC	Support from the Executive Office

<u>OBJECTIVE 3</u>	Major Event organisers/classes – have a meeting with professional as well as pro/am racing. Use the meeting to gather information on current challenges and feedback to OOC and WS Council. Online – pro/am including major clubs In person – focus on professional			
<u>TASKS</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>RESOURCE REQUIRED</u>
Review the ambitions of the Oceanic Panel and the future of the Major Oceanic Event Organisers Forum	May 2026	Matt Allen & Oceanic Panel		
Hold a meeting with the professional OA's/Classes and feedback challenges to OOC and WS Council as well as input to the Technology and Advocacy Working Groups.	February 2026	Oceanic Panel	Meeting held and minutes to share with OOC	Budget to hold meeting. Support from the Executive Office
Hold an online meeting with the wider community to establish connections with the wider offshore community. Feedback challenges to OOC and WS Council as well as input to the Technology and Advocacy Working Groups.	Annual Conference	Oceanic Panel	Minutes and report to OOC	Support from the Executive Office

OBJECTIVE 4		Doublehanded – Take a leadership role in the double-handed community including co-ordination of events (World/Continental championships) and continued development of the Offshore Double Handed World Championships.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Support the Board and Executive Office in the bid process for the 2027-2029 Offshore Double Handed World Championships	June 2026	Double handed	A recommendation is made by the Board approved Selection Panel	Support from the Executive Office
Work with the Race Officials Committee to action to recommendations from the 2024 Offshore Double Handed World Championships	September 2026	Double handed	Recommendations are actioned before/at the 2026 event.	Support from the Executive Office
Request one-design and rated World and Continental Championships events for the 2027 season to be submitted to WS by August 1 st 2026 to co-ordinate a double handed calendar.	August 2026	Double handed	Double Handed Calendar produced and presented at conference	Support from the Executive Office
OBJECTIVE 5		Stability – Review the feasibility of a stability database to support changes in stability requirements.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Review the feasibility of a stability database hosted by WS to support OA's with the recent changes in stability requirements	August	Stability Working Group	Report to OOC and SRSC	IT Assistance from Executive Office

7. Reporting and Review

Establish a process for regular reporting and review.

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

Quarterly reports from Working Party Chairs. OOC meetings once per quarter which then report to WS Council.

8. Continuous Improvement

Include a section for lessons learned and recommendations for the next year.