

WORLD SAILING

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2026

Quad 2024-2028

1. Committee Name

Special Regulations Sub-Committee

2. Committee Members

James Dadd - Chair	Christophe Gaumont - FRA	Patrick Lindqvist - FIN
Richard Hinterhoeller – Vice Chair	Francesca Clapcich - ITA	Sachiko Sault - JPN
Ana Gamulin - SLO	Glen Stanaway - AUS	Per Boymo – ORC Representative
Andy Newell - USA	Haluk Suntay - TUR	

3. Working Groups

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Members</u>
Stability Working Group (joint with OOC)	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)

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: To advise and report to the Oceanic & Offshore Committee on safety and seaworthiness developments in offshore and oceanic racing, and to formulate, revise and interpret the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.
<u>Alignment to WS Strategies</u>	
Ready for the Future - Governance	Through keeping the Offshore Special Regulations up to date it aligned with the objective of promoting safety and sharing best practice.
Ready for the Future - Governance	The continued refinement of the OSR regulations to make them more user friendly is guided by the principles of simplicity and safety,
Navigating Offshore	

5. Objectives for the Year

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

Objective 1	Offshore Special Regulations – To process submissions efficiently to support the ongoing development of the Offshore Special regulations.
Objective 2	Certificate of Plan review - Continue to strengthen the scheme by hold a meeting with the Recognised Organisations in the Certificate of Plan review Scheme to align processes.
Objective 3	Keel Failure – To educate boat owners and marine surveyors/repair facilities on the factors that contribute to keel failures.
Objective 4	Offshore Incident Reports – To ensure lessons learnt in past incidents are actioned and the knowledge shared across the community to minimise recurrence.

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				
Offshore Special Regulations				
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
To efficiently review proposals as received and provide recommendations to OOC.	Ongoing	James Dadd / Richard Hinterhoeller	Recommendations made to OOC.	Executive Office support to host online meetings
To review the OSR and to identify changes to make the document more user-friendly including: - A diagram to clarify OSR 3.14.1 e) - Rewording of OSR 4.07 - Review of OSR 5.02.2	End of 2026	James Dadd / Richard Hinterhoeller	The document is published before the deadline and includes changes that were identified.	
Follow up on the recommendations from Submission 02-24	End of 2028	James Dadd / Richard Hinterhoeller	The recommendations are included in the OSR	

OBJECTIVE 2				
Certificate of Plan Review Scheme				
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Hold a meeting with the Recognised Organisations in the Certificate of Plan review Scheme to align processes	September	James Dadd	Meeting is held and minutes are shared	Executive Office support to host online meeting

OBJECTIVE 3				
Keel Failure				
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Review Appendix L including considering different keel construction/mounting methods and provide recommendations if deemed necessary to OOC as well as sharing best practice with the offshore community.	September 2027	Richard Hinterhoeller / Glen Stanaway	Recommendations are considered for potential approval at the 2027 Annual Conference. Content to inform offshore community.	

OBJECTIVE 4		Offshore Incident Reports		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Review Offshore incident reports and make proposals if deemed appropriate to improve safety.	Ongoing	James Dadd / Richard Hinterhoeller	Reviews undertaken.	Executive Office support to host online meeting

7. Reporting and Review

Establish a process for regular reporting and review.

Minutes and report sent to OOC following meetings.

8. Continuous Improvement

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