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Presidential Welcome



It is an honour to introduce you to the first edition of World Sailing News.

Upon my election last November, I outlined my intention for World Sailing to communicate better with its Member National Authorities, Regional

Associations, Class Associations, Committee members, and the hard-working volunteers that make our sport work, from the grassroots to the peak of performance. I hope that the introduction of these quarterly newsletters will help to achieve that.

Open communication within our sport has always been important, but given the current climate, it is more crucial now than it has ever been. It is important that World Sailing takes the lead by sharing best practice, forming new ideas and creating inspiring content that touches all aspects of our sport. It is also vital that this material is well distributed across our community.

It is a pity that we have not been able to meet face to face for so long, but I have enjoyed meeting and engaging with you directly and via our Regional Meetings. It is important that our dialogue works two ways so we can work together to grow the beautiful sport we all love.

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Quanhai Li
President



CEO Welcome



On one hand, it has been a very pleasant quarter for the World Sailing community as numerous sailing events have been held around the world amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. On the other hand, plenty of countries are still facing numerous issues with allowing sporting events to continue, causing several postponements to planned sailing regattas – including some of our Tokyo 2020 qualifiers.

Our Events Team have been focusing on ensuring Olympic qualification is decided on the water, and we are all delighted to see many Olympic class events going ahead so that this can be achieved. It was heart-warming to see the Olympic classes, MNAs, venues and volunteers working selflessly and collaboratively to make these events happen; my appreciation goes out to all that contributed and those who were flexible for the greater good.

Our sport has already shone brightly internationally this year, with the success of the 36th America's Cup, which I was glued to, and the ninth edition of the Vendée Globe, which inspired so many of us with the fearless determination on show. We look forward to SailGP Season 2 starting this month in Bermuda. What a line up they have, I can't wait to see which team has the edge – it's a tough call!

Many of the committees and commissions are straight out of the blocks and have hit the road running – many thanks for giving up your precious time for the well-being of our sport.

Thank you to all who have filled out the World Sailing's Trust participation survey, and thank you in advance for those who are about to do it. It is a great initiative by the Trust, and this data is going to be an important benchmark for us.

The uncertainty of our slate for Paris 2024 has created much work for both the office and our volunteers. We have been in very close contact with the IOC ensuring we answer all of their questions. Decisions will be made in this quarter. Should the offshore event be rejected by the IOC, a distinct possibility, then our sailing family will again have to work collaboratively with the prime objective of ensuring we secure sailing's 10th medal.

At the 2020 Council Meeting, I made a pledge to improve our communication and engagement with our members, and this new quarterly World Sailing News is part of that pledge. We decided to make this a PDF with key features, hyperlinks to external news and video links. It will grow and evolve as we progress and take your feedback on board. If there is anything we can add to help promote your events or cause, please do send it to us. What will remain a constant is the sharing of best practice and open communication across the organisation.

Finally, thank you to the staff for your hard work this quarter, the Board of Directors for your commitment and support, the members of committees and commissions for your valued time, and the classes and MNAs for your engagement and support. Such collaboration bodes well for our sport.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

David Graham
Chief Executive Officer



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Around the Globe

36th America's Cup

Sailing fans worldwide have been glued to the action in Auckland, New Zealand, as a dramatic PRADA Cup preceded an enthralling 36th America's Cup.

All three Challengers faced off first of all in the PRADA Cup to win the right to battle the Defender, Emirates Team New Zealand, for the Auld Mug, the oldest international sporting trophy.

After an unbeaten Round Robin series, [INEOS TEAM UK qualified for the PRADA Cup Final](#), where they came up against Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli after the Italians overcame American Magic in the semi finals.

Following their dominance during the earlier stages, the Brits were very much favourites to win the PRADA Cup. However, an exceptional performance over eight races by Luna Rossa [handed them a 7-1 win](#), the PRADA Cup and a place in the 36th America's Cup to challenge the Defender.

The Italians continued to impress; after the first six races of the series, [the score was tied at 3-3](#), with starts proving crucial to determine who would take victory in each race.

But Peter Burling and his Emirates Team New Zealand crew took it up a notch, and with four consecutive race wins, they overcame the Challengers to wrap up the series with a 7-3 scoreline and [lift the 36th America's Cup](#).



The dust had barely settled on AC36 when the [Challenger of Record for AC37 was confirmed](#), with the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squad accepting a Notice of Challenge from the Royal Yacht Squadron Racing, represented by INEOS TEAM UK.

Vendée Globe

Yannick Bestaven (FRA) [won the 2020-21 Vendée Globe](#) to bring the ninth edition of this gruelling solo round-the-world race to an [exciting conclusion](#).



His compatriot Charlie Dalin was [first to cross the line](#) in Les Sables d'Olonne, but due to Bestaven's involvement in [the rescue of Kevin Escoffier \(FRA\)](#), he was awarded time compensation, and finished the race in a corrected time of 80 days, three hours and 44 minutes. Dalin was officially second overall, with [Louis Burton \(FRA\) claiming third](#).

Former Paralympic champion [Damien Seguin \(FRA\)](#) became the [first ever Para sailor](#) to compete in the Vendée Globe, while [Kojiro Shiraishi \(JPN\)](#) was the [first Asian skipper](#) to make it to the finish line.

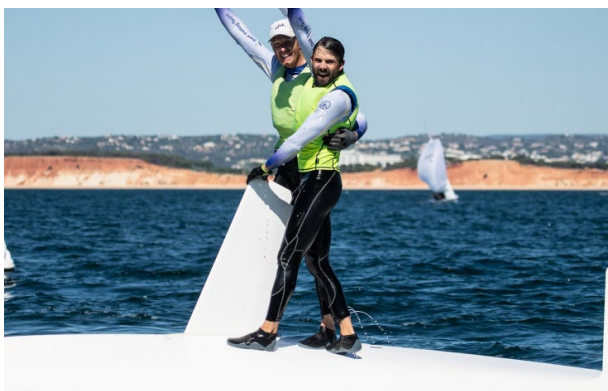
This year was also a landmark one for female sailors, with six women taking part in this edition of the Vendée Globe – the most in the history of the race.

And finishing first out of the six was [Clarisse Cremer \(FRA\)](#), who completed the race in 87 days, 2 hours and 24 minutes to cross the line in 12th. In



doing so, she broke Ellen MacArthur's monohull solo non-stop around the world record for a female skipper of 94 days 4 hours, set in the 2000-2001 Vendée Globe.

The [final sailor to arrive in Les Sables d'Olonne](#) was [Ari Huusela \(FIN\)](#), the first ever Nordic sailor to complete the race. An airline pilot in his day job, Huusela's main aim was merely to finish with his boat in good condition – which he duly achieved.



Olympic Classes

Sailors heading for Tokyo 2020 have continued their preparations as the Games draw ever closer. Several locations, such as Lanzarote in the Canary Islands and Vilamoura in Portugal, have become centralised hubs for hundreds of athletes to train together in a safe, localised environment.

The [470 World Championship](#) and [RS:X European Championships](#) both took place in Vilamoura. Anton Dahlberg & Fredrik Bergström (SWE) and Silvia Mas & Patricia Cantero (ESP) were crowned [470 world champions](#) in the Men's and Women's fleets respectively, while Gil Cohen & Noam Homri (ISR) became the first Mixed world champions, ahead of this event's inclusion at Paris 2024. Portugal (Men's) and Turkey (Women's) also qualified for this summer's Olympic Games. In the RS:X, defending Olympic champion Charline Picon (FRA) and Tokyo 2020 medal hopeful Kiran Badloe (NED) took gold.

Following the success of the [Lanzarote Winter Regatta](#) in January, the Lanzarote International Regatta was held at the end of March – an official Olympic qualification event for European nations in the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17, and African nations in the Nacra 17. Congratulations to gold medallists Diego Botin & Iago Marra (ESP) in the 49er, Martine Grael & Kahena Kunze (BRA) in the 49erFX and Tara Pacheco & Florian Trittel (ESP) in the Nacra 17. The Tokyo 2020 qualification spots went to Finland and Tunisia (Nacra



17), Ireland (49er) and Belgium (49erFX).

The Mussanah Open Championship, held in Al Mussanah Sport City, Oman from 1-8 April, decided several national qualification places for Tokyo 2020. Featuring the Laser, Laser Radial, 49er, 49erFX and RS:X Men and Women, this event allocated places for Asian nations in all classes, and African nations in the 49er and 49erFX. Confirmation of these places will follow shortly.

Elsewhere, the [West Marine US Open Sailing Series](#) in Florida saw sailors in six current Olympic classes compete across three events, while at the [Nacra 17 Asian Championships](#), China secured a qualification slot for Tokyo 2020.

Special Events

SailGP

Ahead of the opening event of Season 2 in Bermuda on 24-25 April, SailGP has held several Women's Invitational Camps around the world, as part of its [Gender Equity Initiative](#), a key aspect of its [Race for the Future](#) purpose-led agenda, launched in 2020.

The initiative aims to fast-track the development of top female sailors to race on F50s. The short-term goal of adding at least one female athlete per team is an important part of SailGP's long-term plan for female inclusion in the Championship.



These camps took place in each country participating in Season 2, with a handful of high-profile elite female athletes attending each one to compete for a place on their nation's F50. Five of the eight teams have now made their selections and confirmed their line-up for Bermuda - find out more and keep track of the remaining teams at [SailGP.com](#)

World Match Racing Tour

The World Match Racing Tour has announced its [2021 World Championship season](#), with 17 events across 11 countries scheduled between April and December. This includes the inaugural WMRT Final in Shenzhen, China, from 15-19 December. It kicks off with the Szczecin Match Race in Poland on 30 April-2 May.



It has also been announced that [RS Sailing will be Official Partner of the WMRT Academy](#). RS Sailing will provide WMRT partners with access to a specially commissioned charter package of their RS21 keelboats.

The Ocean Race

In January, [entries opened for the inaugural edition of The Ocean Race Europe](#), with VO65 and IMOCA 60 teams eligible to participate. It will start in Lorient, France, with a stop in Cascais, Portugal (plus another to be confirmed), and finish in Genoa, Italy.



Global Kitesports Association

This year, the GKA will hold the [Youth Kite World Tour](#), in both Freestyle and Kite-Surf disciplines, with the aim to continually foster the development of riders and provide opportunities for growth. The Youth Kite World Tour will be made up of one Kite-Surf event and three Freestyle events.

The anticipated [2021 GKA Tour Schedule was announced in January](#), but many events are still yet to be confirmed. The Kitesurf Tour opener was originally scheduled for Dakhla, Morocco, at the end of March, but is [now planned to take place from 26-30 May](#).

Star Sailors League

Due to the [range of talented sailors involved](#) in the Star Sailors League, those invested in the event will have enjoyed

watching previous SSL competitors in action across the America's Cup and ongoing Olympic class events.

Elsewhere, captain of SSL Team USA for the 2022 Gold Cup, Paul Cayard (USA), has been [announced as the new Executive Director at US Sailing](#).

In the Spotlight

Mateusz Kusznierevicz & Bruno Prada (POL) [stole the headlines](#) at the Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta as they made history by being the first ever team to record an all-win scorecard. Competing in the Star, the duo defended their 2020 title by 15 points.

USA team 'Honey Badger,' led by Travis Odenbach, won the J/70 event, while defending Melges 24 champions 'New England Ropes' (USA) retained their title.



Returning to Auckland, Nick Egnot-Johnson (NZL) and his KNOTS Racing crew triumphed in the [2021 Harken Youth International Match Racing Cup](#), fending off fellow Kiwi Jordan Stevenson in the final race.

And finally...

An additional medal event has been [allocated to Sailing at the Santiago 2023 Panam Games](#). There will now be two separate Men's and Women's Regional Dinghy events, replacing the Open event. This brings the total medal events to 12 – four Men's, four Women's and four Mixed events.

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Committee Insight

Regional Meetings

More than 125 delegates from 60 nations participated in the African, Asian, European, North American and South American Regional Meetings in early March. Class Committee representatives Jan-Martin Wilschut and Markus Schwendtner joined Council members, MNAs and World Sailing representatives to hear from President Quanghai Li, Vice-Presidents, and CEO David Graham. Council members and MNAs were able to discuss and share best practice in an open environment.

The final Q1 session will be for Oceania in mid-April 2021. The Q2 sessions will be held the week commencing 21 June.

Committee and Commission Kick Offs

In February, [World Sailing's Council approved the appointments to the Committees and Commissions for 2021 – 2024.](#)

Members of these Committees and Commissions are experts in their fields and include internationally renowned sailors, officials, coaches and administrators. Working within their terms of reference, they provide pivotal and expert guidance to World Sailing in the interests and the wellbeing of the sport worldwide.

The Board of Directors carried out an in-depth review of MNA nominated candidates, taking into consideration a new set of principles they devised, including: relevant experience and expertise; good female representation; strong geographical split; focus on emerging nations; and new members to introduce fresh thinking.

Following their appointments, these expert groups have been getting to know each other in introductory sessions,

meeting new colleagues who they will work with in a variety of areas across the sport over the next four years.

2021 Mid-Year Meeting

The [Mid-Year Meeting](#) will be a virtual session held from 10 – 14 May.

Events Committee and Equipment Committee meetings will be held on 10 and 11 May. The Committees will meet at a time to be confirmed on both days and this will be their first formal session.

On Friday 14 May, World Sailing's Council will meet from 1000 – 1200 UTC and then from 1300 – 1600 UTC. This will be the second meeting of the Council following a short welcome session after the 2020 Virtual Annual Conference.

Urgent Submissions will be published ahead of the meeting. Every meeting will be streamed live and on [World Sailing's YouTube Channel](#). This will be the location for observers to watch.

2021 Annual Conference

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates will host the [2021 Annual Conference](#) from 23 – 31 October. Further information on the venue, accommodation and the meetings schedule will be released in coming weeks and months.





Community Spotlight

Dr Malav Shroff re-elected ASAF President

Dr. Malav Shroff (IND) has been re-elected unopposed as the Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF) President. On the Executive Committee, Shroff has been joined by Koravic Wikki (THA), Pilsung Lee (KOR), Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK) and Lukman Abu Bakar (MAS) after 29 of 32 Asian MNAs voted in the elections.

Andreas Kosmatopoulos elected 470 Class President

Greece's Andreas Kosmatopoulos has been elected as the new 470 Class President. A 470 World Champion in 1995 and five-time Olympian, he will be joined by a new Management Committee, which includes Alain Champy (FRA), Pınar Coskuner Genç (TUR), Ikuko Horikawa (JPN), David Hughes (USA), Agnes Lill (EST), Vincenzo Losito (ITA), Lukas Mähr (AUT), Jacob Saunders (CAN) and Haluk Suntary (TUR).

RYA Dinghy Show Goes Virtual

The Royal Yachting Association's popular Dinghy Show presented by Suzuki went virtual for the first time in February. More than 8,000 people logged in 12,000 times to engage with sailors and exhibitors. The exhibitors, made up of boat builders, sailing clubs, class associations, holiday companies and the biggest names in marine retail, filled the virtual exhibition halls to connect the community. The show was viewed as a success by visitors and exhibitors alike, and further information is available [HERE](#).

Successful clinic held for Patagonian sailors

The Federación Argentina de Yachting successfully hosted a clinic for more than 70 Optimist and Laser sailors from Patagonia in March.

The clinic, held in Bariloche, is the first of six scheduled to take place around the country.

The 12 coaches at the clinic included coaches from the national Optimist and Laser teams, with several on-water sessions held as well as technical sessions.

Sailors from the national Optimist team also took part in the clinic. They are currently preparing for their upcoming World Championship at Lake Garda, Italy, and were able to benefit from training in similar conditions in Bariloche.

Junior Pan Am Games

The 2021 Junior Pan American Games will be hosted in Cali, Colombia from September 8 – 19. The first round of country qualifications has concluded for the Men's and Women's ILCA and Men's and Women's iQFoil with seven nations qualified so far. NOCs/MNAs are now required to submit application for universality quota places no later than May 7 2021. More information is available [HERE](#), or alternatively contact PASAF President Fred Hagedorn via [EMAIL](#).

Share your news with us

The editorial team welcome input from the World Sailing community so we can shine a spotlight on your news. Get in touch at content@sailing.org with your suggestions.





Events and Sport Delivery

Tokyo 2020

World Sailing's preparations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are firmly on track following discussions with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and the Summer Olympic International Federations to ensure the Games proceed in a safe environment for the athletes, officials, locals and spectators.

The IOC and Tokyo 2020 have launched a robust series of Playbooks which outline the responsibilities of all Games participants.

The Playbooks have been developed jointly by the IOC, the IPC and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and are based on the extensive work of the All Partners Task Force, which also includes the World Health Organisation, Government of Japan, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, independent experts and organisations from across the world.

They are available to view and download [HERE](#).

World Sailing remains committed to ensuring the final qualification places for the Games are decided on the water. Vilamoura, Lanzarote and Oman have all hosted the qualification events that are now nearing completion.

Director of Events, Alastair Fox, and Olympic Manager, Michael Downing, have held two Townhall meetings for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Team Leaders. These sessions have enabled the team to engage with all team leaders and coaches to provide operational updates on the Games and how teams are progressing with their planning and execution.

The Olympic Sailing Competition will run from 25 July to 4 August.

Match Racing Events

The Notice of Race for the 2021 Youth Match Racing World Championship has been released. The competition will take place in Newport Beach, California, USA from 9 to 14

August 2021.

Hosted by the Balboa Yacht Club, the 2021 Championship will be contested by up to 12 teams, made up of four crew, including the skipper. The event will be sailed in Governors Cup 22 (GC22) boats provided by the club.

MNAs are invited to apply for an invitation for a skipper. Contact matchracing@sailing.org for further information.

Elsewhere, Auckland, New Zealand is gearing up to the host the 2021 Women's Match Racing World Championship this November. Hosted out of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the venue was scheduled to run the event in 2020 but this was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Youth Sailing World Championships

Final bids for the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championship were received from Oman and Malta. The Events Team worked with the Bid Evaluation Panel, led by Youth Events Sub-committee Chair Charles Glover, to review the bids, manage presentations and finalise the recommendation. Contractual terms are now being discussed with Oman ahead of a formal public announcement.

Looking ahead to next year's edition of the event, The Hague, The Netherlands will play host to the world's best youth sailors in 2022.





Para World Sailing

Para World Sailing Committee members Betsy Alison and Alfred Pelinka, and Athletes' Commission representative Jens Kroker have joined CEO David Graham, Director of Events Alastair Fox, Para World Sailing Manager Massimo Dighe, and Communications and Digital Director Daniel Smith on the Working Group to work towards reinstatement back into the Paralympic Games Sports Programme.

Activities such as Paralympic Development Programmes and Class and MNA engagement are being reviewed. It will take a collective effort between the entire sailing community to achieve recognition and get the sport back where it belongs. More information on how you can support will be distributed in the coming weeks and months.

Anti-Doping

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code for 2021 came into effect on 1 January and can be viewed [HERE](#).

On 9 April, WADA invited World Sailing and stakeholders to participate in Play True Day 2021. Dedicated to clean sport, the day is intended to raise awareness among athletes, sporting public and others about the importance of protecting sport. More information is available [HERE](#).

Within World Sailing, there is an updated application form for International Athletes requiring Therapeutic Use

Exemptions (TUE'S) WS Anti-Doping Code Reg 21.4.4.2. The form is available [HERE](#) and information on the Prohibited List is available [HERE](#).



Race Officials Status Testing

The International Race Official Status Renewal Test Process for International Judges and Umpires has launched – and for the first time, remote proctoring will be available. All requirements for Race Official Status, including the test, can be found in the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competencies document [HERE](#). International Judges test details are available [HERE](#) and insight into the International Umpires' remote administration process is [HERE](#).

Updated Race Officials Document

In Q1, the following documents have been updated and are available on the World Sailing website: [International Judges Manual](#), [Race Management Fleet Racing Policies](#) and [Team Racing Umpires Manual](#).

Updated Race Officials Document

In Q1, the following Racing Rules of Sailing documents have been updated and are available on the World Sailing Website: [The Case Book 2021 – 2024](#), [The Match Racing Call Book 2021 – 2024](#), [The Team Racing Call Book 2021 – 2024](#), [The Radio Sailing Call Book 2021 – 2024](#), [2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition](#), [Addendum Q – Umpired Medal Racing](#) and [National Prescriptions](#).

Rankings

The Fleet Racing rankings were published for the first time in 12 months on 1 March 2021 following a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The full rankings are available [HERE](#) with the list of graded events available [HERE](#).

Due to COVID-19, the Para World Sailing Fleet Racing Rankings have not been published since 23 March 2020. Para Sailing Regattas have been cancelled or postponed during this period and the Rankings will not be updated until 1 April 2021.





Training and Development

Steering the Course

[Global women's sailing festival, Steering the Course, announced in October 2020](#), is gathering pace with 33 MNAs signed up to participate. Steering the Course aims to introduce women and girls across the globe to the sport of sailing, as well as encourage alternative pathways for those already within the sport, such as coaching or officiating. Held over a 10-day period across two separate events - one in the Northern and the other in the Southern Hemisphere - the festival will bring together sailing communities from all backgrounds, with events taking place in multiple countries at the same time.

The Communications team are looking for stories to tell in the lead up to the festival so send through any ideas to content@sailing.org.

The Northern Hemisphere is first up from Friday 21 to Sunday 30 May and will be followed by the Southern Hemisphere from Friday 1 to Sunday 10 October.

There is still time for MNAs to sign up and receive resources to support with the successful delivery of the programme.

Emerging Nations Program: SAP Virtual Training

The Virtual Emerging Nations Program, delivered in partnership with SAP, World Sailing's Official Technology Partner, is now into its third month of delivery.

Combining online sessions and the SAP Sail Insight App allows World Sailing Nominated Experts to monitor and analyse sailor performance. The course is attended by 57 sailors and 29 coaches from 17 nations.

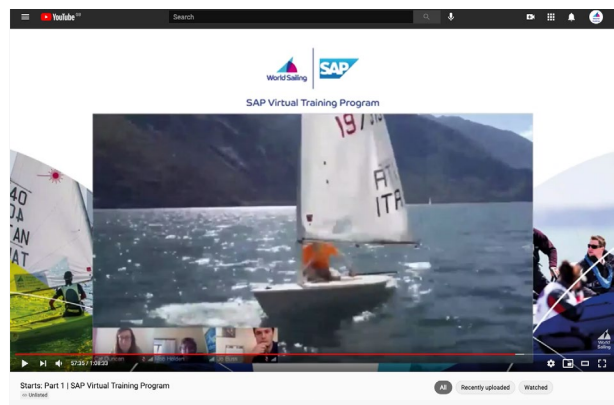
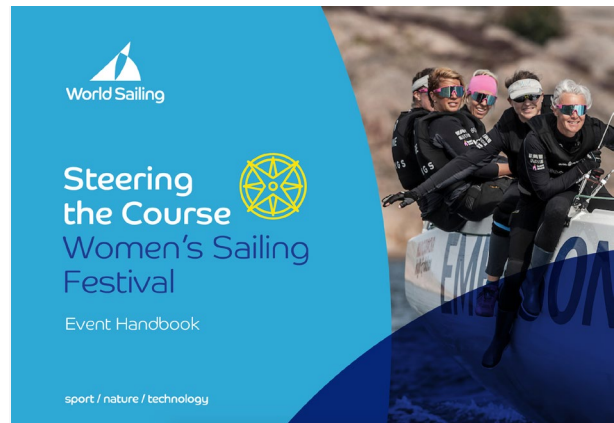
Two sessions have been recorded enabling new MNAs and their sailors and coaches to catch up with the content and to continue through the programme.

Olympic Solidarity Programs

National Olympic Committee applications are now open! World Sailing strongly advises all Member National Authorities to compile a list of planned activities for the next four years and supply to their NOCs. The Training Development Team remain available to assist with applications.

Contact

For queries please keep in contact with Rob Holden, Training and Delivery Manager, (Rob.Holden@sailing.org) and Cat Duncan, Training and Development Executive, (Catherine.Duncan@sailing.org).





Technical and Offshore

New Internationally Recognised Classes

Following Council approval at the 2020 Annual Conference, the [iQFOiL Youth and Junior Class Association](#) and the [IKA A's Youth Foil](#) are the most recent members to the 119 Classes with World Sailing Class Status.

iQFOiL

Following the selection of the iQFOiL as the Windsurfing Equipment for Paris 2024, World Sailing has awarded the iQFOiL Class the right to hold a 2021 World Championship. The application for World Sailing Class Status will be considered at World Sailing's 2021 Annual Conference. Class website and event calendar [HERE](#).

Offshore Doubles

World Sailing has worked closely with Offshore Doubles, the association promoting the Double-Handed Offshore sailing discipline. Offshore Doubles offers the opportunity to connect event organisers, sailors and manufacturers. Find out more [HERE](#).

Wingfoiling

With wingfoiling events kicking off, World Sailing has received expressions of interest from multiple groups seeking to obtain World Sailing Class status. The Equipment Committee has appointed a Working Party that will review any necessary changes to World Sailing regulations to allow World Sailing to consider these applications as well as classes sailing on ice or snow.

Class Annual Reports Published

The 2020 Class Annual reports for all 119 World Sailing Classes containing updated class contact details and relevant class information have been now published and are available on the Class Association pages on [sailing.org](#).

Class Rules

A new procedure for requesting a Class Rule change has been implemented. The procedure, template documents and further information is available [HERE](#).

The following class rules have been updated throughout the last quad: Fireball, IKA-Formula Kite, RS:X, OK Dinghy, Vaurien, IKA Kite Foil, Melges 24, Etchells, Swan 45, J/24, J/80, J/111, iQFoil Youth and Junior, RC 44, Snipe and Optimist. The following class rule interpretations have been issued:

- [International Etchells Class Rule interpretation](#)
- [RRS references - applicable to all WS Classes](#)

Report an Incident

The Incident Reporting Portal, launched in 2018 following the addition of Regulation 38, is available for all MNAs, Classes and Rating Systems.

This will be used to report any safety-related incidents within 30 days of becoming aware of such incident, or when it occurs at an event, using the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The portal is accessible [HERE](#) and World Sailing encourages MNAs, Classes and Rating Systems to continue to cascade the information amongst their organisations to create a culture of safety reporting and awareness within their structure.





Commercial

Musto

On 4 March, World Sailing announced Musto as the Official Clothing Partner of the federation. The partnership will enable collaboration between World Sailing and Musto to cement Musto's position as the number one performance sailing brand in the world.

Musto is a brand synonymous with sailing. Steeped in a rich heritage, Musto continue to bring innovative, game-changing products to the sailing community to improve performance on the water.

As part of the World Sailing and Musto partnership, the community of International Race Officials, responsible for governing the sport on the water at global events, will wear Musto clothing at World Sailing events. In addition, the World Sailing Team will wear Musto at the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

For Race Officials, an online portal will be established to enable the community to purchase supplementary items to those that are provided.

David Graham, Chief Executive Officer, participated in Musto's virtual brand showcase where the World Sailing announcement made up part of a wider programme of activity that demonstrated Musto's experience and expertise in sailing.

On the partnership, Graham commented, "Musto was an obvious choice for World Sailing's Official Clothing Partner due to their long and successful legacy in sailing. We are delighted to be partnering with them.

"Their pace of change and innovation is impressive. Our sport is evolving very quickly with much faster boats,

which puts a greater demand on the kit we wear. Musto have responded quickly, enabling the sailors to focus on performing.

"World Sailing has ambitious sustainability goals and it was hugely important that Musto are pioneering in this space in their industry. The partnership covers the depth and breadth of our sport, which will enable us to collaborate on many levels and in turn grow global participation."

"Our partnership with World Sailing is the umbrella under which everything sits, allowing us to create brand advocacy by engaging the global sailing community from grassroots to Olympic level." explained Nick Houchin, Musto's Head of Marketing. "This partnership cements our position as the sailing world's leading performance clothing brand and will support our global growth ambitions. Now we are the Official Clothing Partner of sailing's governing body, we are looking forward to communicating and working with a truly global audience. It is something we are immensely excited about and proud to be a part of."

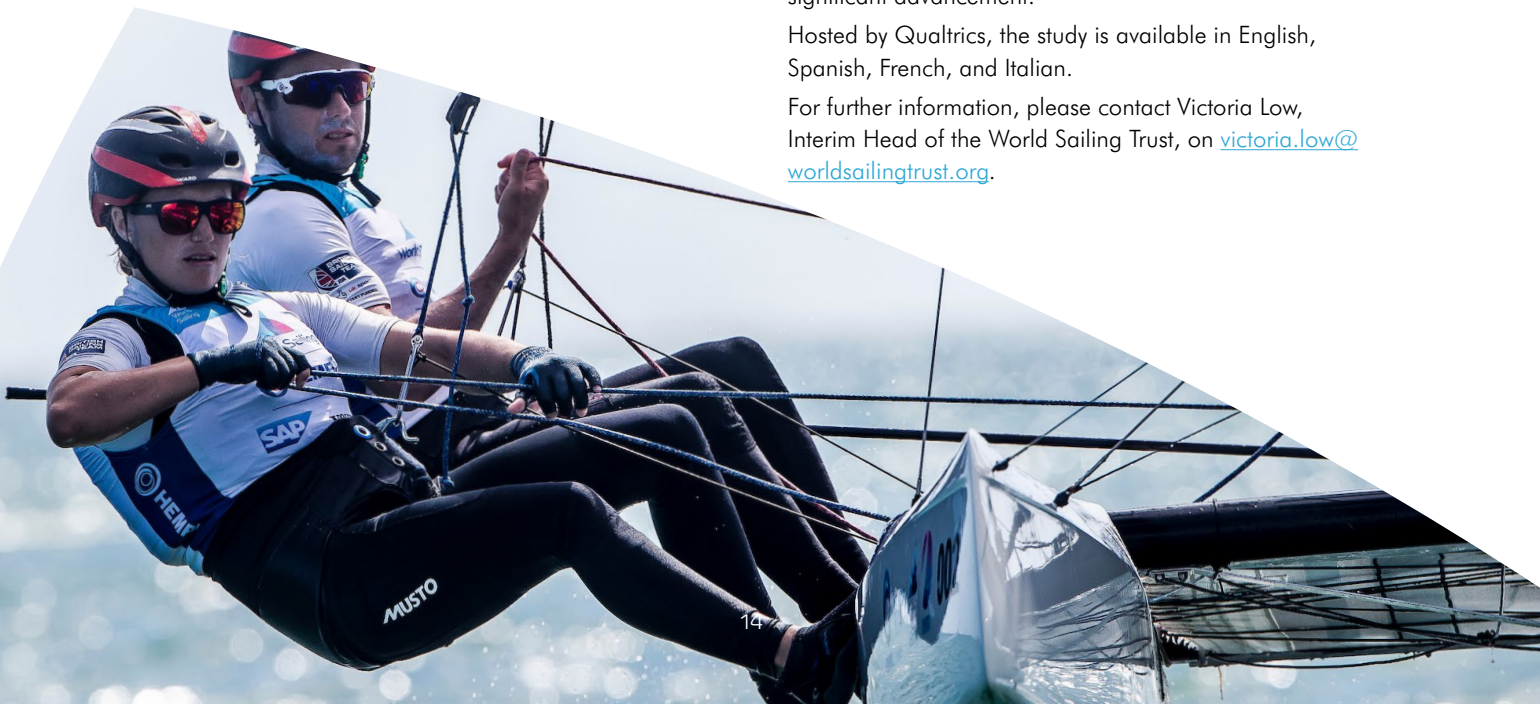
World Sailing Trust

The World Sailing Trust have launched a global Participation Study to assess the status of sailing in terms of equity, diversity and inclusion.

The 2021 Participation Study is following a similar structure as the Strategic Review into Women in Sailing in 2019 with a survey available [HERE](#) for all members of the sailing community to answer. The study sets out to establish the status quo and identify how the sport reflects the world in 2021. It will be repeated every two years so as to identify change and support those areas where there has been no significant advancement.

Hosted by Qualtrics, the study is available in English, Spanish, French, and Italian.

For further information, please contact Victoria Low, Interim Head of the World Sailing Trust, on victoria.low@worldsailingtrust.org.





eSailing



Virtual Vendée Globe

eSailing hit new heights in 2020 and this trend has continued in 2021. More than one million players played the Virtual Vendée Globe on Virtual Regatta Offshore, making it a record for concurrent gamers playing in the same environment. The winner, tigrrou216 (FRA), crossed the finish line on 16 January, setting a new record for finishing the virtual race in 68 days, 22 hours and 17 minutes.

The World Sailing Trust 'Race for Change' was won by DeepBlue (CAN).

eSailing World Championship

The eSailing World Championship season launched on 21 January with the first Mount Gay challenge racing virtually in Barbados. The season so far has included the PRADA Cup, the America's Cup and will feature SailGP and an Olympic Regatta series. The winner will once again win \$10,000 USD generously provided by Virtual Regatta. Details on the hosting on the Final and the second eSailing Nations Cup, an exciting nation versus nation competition, will be announced later this year.

eSailing National Championships

To date, 16 nations have signed up to host eSailing National Championships. These National Championships have enabled MNAs to engage their eSailing community with dedicated events to crown the best eSailor in the country. There is still time for MNAs to sign up and participate in the virtual racing!

In future editions we'll publish news from around the MNA eSailing National Championships. Get in touch with the editorial team at content@sailing.org to share your updates.

Mount Gay Masterclasses

Mount Gay, the world's oldest running rum distillery, is World Sailing's Official eSailing Partner. Mount Gay and World Sailing are working in partnership to raise the profile and awareness of eSailing globally.

At the end of 2020, World Sailing and Mount Gay launched the Mount Gay masterclass content series. These masterclasses are available for new and established eSailors to learn and understand how to best perform in the Inshore and Offshore versions of the Virtual Regatta Game.

These videos are free to watch and share on World Sailing's YouTube Channel [HERE](#). Follow the videos (left) to watch the first editions of the Offshore and Inshore masterclasses.





Sustainability

2020 Review

Since the adoption of [World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030](#) in May 2018, 15 of the 56 targets have been completed and work has started on a further 26.

With only one World Sailing regatta held last year, the sustainability activities at events did not materialise as hoped. At the Hempel Miami World Cup Series several programmes were run, ranging from a mangrove/beach clean with local sailing clubs, eliminating single use plastic, and a collaboration with the University of Miami on a [coral reef restoration expedition](#) in partnership with Hempel.

[Sustainability education resources](#) produced with the help of The Ocean Race, World Sailing Trust and 11th Hour Racing were launched. Editions in ten languages are available with four more in the pipeline. 25 MNAs and several Classes are using the resources with their own branding. These remain available to all stakeholders.

Resources for grassroots clubs to help make them more sustainable and help save them money were also produced. The [club self-assessment](#) is an online tool created after auditing 300 sailing clubs. Users get a benchmark score with a tailored action plan.

Awards

World Sailing were delighted to be awarded with the [Sustainability Award from the Global Association of International Sport Federations](#), a great achievement considering the number of initiatives from other international federations. This was a great credit to World Sailing's Members, events and sailors who have helped contribute and adopt World Sailing's sustainability initiatives.

We also won the [IOC's Carbon Award](#) for our work on reducing carbon emissions in the sport. Elsewhere, we have been leading 200 sports in a [UN Climate Change initiative](#) with the IOC, Paris 2024 and SailGP as Co-Chairs of this significant gathering of global sports.

Details on World Sailing's own Sustainability Award will be announced soon. In 2020, World Sailing received some

excellent applications across the sector with [Starboard winning the \\$10,000 grant](#) to further their sustainability work. Applications from all members are welcome once again in 2021.

Looking ahead to 2021

This month we welcomed the [IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020+5](#) which acts as the strategic roadmap to 2025. There was a heavy emphasis on the urgency of achieving sustainable development by fostering sustainable Olympic Games, whilst also strengthening the role of sport as an important enabler for the UN Sustainable Development Goals. World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030 contributes to the IOC's mission in these areas.

Outside of the Olympics, World Sailing remains committed to helping MNAs and Class Associations with their own sustainability programmes both holistically as well as targeted initiatives.

There will be more of a focus on materials and life cycle analysis of equipment in the sport, with the aim of raising awareness amongst sailors on how to reduce environmental impacts as well as sharing best practises amongst manufacturers.

Our '[Challenge 2024](#),' which looks at how we transition away from support boats with combustion engines, has gained significant traction in the marine industry with multiple options being developed. SailGP have also been working on this, so expect to see some testing at their events with the World Sailing team.

Finally, the [Special Event Sustainability Charter](#) has been signed by a number of World Sailing's sanctioned events and this progress will continue in 2021 to tackle some of the sustainability issues in our sport. Congratulations to SailGP, The Ocean Race, World Match Racing Tour, Star Sailors League and the IKA who have agreed to sign the charter.

For any queries relating to sustainability, please contact Dan Reading, Head of Sustainability, at dan.reading@sailing.org.





In Other News...

Thomas Bach re-elected IOC President

Thomas Bach, who won gold with the German foil fencing team at the Olympic Games Montreal 1976, has been re-elected as President of the International Olympic Committee through to 2024.

In an open letter, President Quanhai Li commented, "Your re-election is a sign of trust from the Olympic family. With this trust there is a great responsibility, and throughout your Presidency we have seen outstanding leadership that has always stayed true to the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect.

"It is incredible to see the progression that the IOC and the Olympic Games has made since your election in 2013. We truly value your leadership. Your personal commitment and dedication has been unwavering and your vision for the IOC and global sport has united the Olympic movement.

"We share your vision for a safe and successful Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and I take this opportunity once again to thank you and your team for your ongoing efforts."



World Sailing website

Re-development of the World Sailing website is ongoing. World Sailing is moving its Content Management System (CMS) to Wordpress and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) to Salesforce. The flexibilities of these systems will enable better presentation of the sport across the digital properties and ensure more effective business processes for the organisation.

The launch of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic website was the first milestone in this project and the site can be viewed at tokyo2020.sailing.org.

Staff Update

Kendall Harris departed from her role as Director of Legal and Governance in February to take up a new challenge in a Sydney-based legal practise expanding in the sports industry. Victoria Evans has replaced Kendall as Interim Director of Legal and Governance.

Hendrik Plate, Technical Specialist, departed World Sailing on 31 March 2021 to tackle a new challenge working with a sustainable boat building and design company in Germany.

World Sailing is currently recruiting for a [Classes Executive](#).

A Day in the Life

In every newsletter we will feature sailors, innovators, creators and those that inspire us through our 'Day in the Life' content stream. In this first edition, and overleaf, we hear what the day in the life of kiteboarding record breaker and speed record chaser Alex Caizergues looks like and find out what the day of 470 World Champions Silva Mas and Patricia Cantero looks like on the ground at a major international championship.

Feedback

To be featured in World Sailing News, please send a content submission to content@sailing.org for the editorial team to consider for upcoming editions.

If you have any feedback on this newsletter then please get in contact with Daniel Smith, Director of Communications and Digital, at Daniel.smith@sailing.org.

A Day in the Life: Alex Caizergues

Alex Caizergues, 42, is a quadruple kitesurfing World Champion. Throughout his illustrious career, he has set bold ambitions to set the bar higher than it's been set before.

In 2008 he set the World Sailing Speed Record at 50.57 knots and broke it again in 2010 hitting 54.10 knots. A Kitesurfing record of 56.62 knots was achieved in 2013 before he hit 57.97 knots in 2017, a record that stands to this day.

His need for speed has not faltered and in 2019 he co-founded Syroco with the goal of bringing innovative and sustainable solutions to naval design through the development of a speed craft designed to shatter the World Sailing Speed Record.

“ I wake up at 7:15 every morning. I cannot start my day without drinking a cup of coffee in bed with Emmanuelle my fiancé. Only then am I able to move to more serious things – my breakfast! This usually



consists of fruit juice, a slice of bread with organic peanut butter and, of course, another large mug of coffee, or even two, depending on what awaits me after.

I jump in my Tesla to drive to the Syroco Headquarters which is a 45 minute drive from Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhone to Marseille. This is the best time to listen to tunes from System of a Down or Vitalic, loudly! The straight roads of Camargue offer a very good layout to experience the “Insane Mode” on the Tesla. The car can go from 0-100km/h in 3.3 seconds...in silent mode!

I usually start the day at the office with a review and planning meeting. On Monday we examine technology and development progress. On Tuesday, it's a business and sales review. On Wednesday, we look at operations and finance. And it goes on.

Lunch is around 13:00, always together with the team. Before Covid, we used to enjoy the terrace under the sun. That's one of the perks of working in the South of France. I really hope we can go back to this routine soon but for now, it's take-out from one of the many ethnic restaurants in the area. We now eat at our workstation – safety comes first!

Twice a week, instead of enjoying lunch, I meet with my personal trainer for an hour of voluntary torture. As I am not kiteboarding every day, I have to find a way to stay in shape. I also find it's more productive to yell at my trainer and his cardio equipment than at my family and colleagues. I then have a quick sandwich on the way back to the office.

The afternoon can be dedicated to test sessions of the devices we design and build. The setup can be on the beach, on board a boat or in the lab. Other options include prospecting for new clients and sponsors, interviews with the media, brainstorming with the team or in various meetings.

I leave the office around 19:00 to drive home. This is another good time to listen to music or catch up with friends on the phone. When I get home, I must not forget to plug my Tesla into the charger if I want to make it to the office the next day! Now it's dinner time which is a cool moment to share with Emma and the kids (Raphael and Iris, 12-year-old twins) talking about what we did during the day, what we will do at the weekend or planning the next holiday trip. I can tell you, for next summer the list is VERY long...!

To conclude the day, we love to watch an episode of our favourite TV series or a movie and then it's bedtime at 23:00. As long as I can have at least 7-8 hours sleep I'm good and usually not too grumpy the next day!”

Read more about Alex's project at syro.co/en/speed-record/

A Day in the Life: Silvia Mas & Patricia Cantero

Spanish athletes Silvia Mas & Patricia Cantero won the 2021 470 Women's World Championship in Vilamoura, Portugal in March.

Currently ranked second in the world, Silvia and Patricia consistently place highly at regattas each year. They have also qualified for Tokyo 2020 and will be aiming to win Spain's first Olympic medal in the 470 Women's class since Athens 2004.

Fresh from this year's title victory, they take us through a typical day during the 2021 Worlds, as they prepare to head to Enoshima this summer.

“Our day begins at 8am; we get ready quickly and eat breakfast first thing. We'll have a brief meeting with our coach to talk about the day ahead and the predicted forecast, before we head to the boatpark.

We arrive every day at 10am, which gives us one hour before the first delta flag to set up our boat and prepare all of the food and water to take with us. As we will be racing for several hours, we need to ensure we are fuelled for the day ahead.

As soon as the delta flag is up, our coach will tow us out to the racing area. We'll start sailing inside the course so that we can check our settings are suited to the conditions. It's important to discuss the direction and strength of the wind and gusts, as well as the current, with our coach. We'll also focus on conditions around the starting line in particular, to help our decision-making when the race begins.

Normally, a race can last for around 50 minutes from start to finish, and as we race several times a day, we are out on the water for about three or four hours. Competing against a high-level fleet, full of talented athletes, is very challenging. You have to be consistent with your results in every race, and physically prepared to work hard in often challenging conditions. During the Worlds, our main rivals for the title were the Dutch team, Afrodite Zegers & Lobke Berkhout. The French (Camille Lecointre & Aloïse Retornaz) and the British (Hannah Mills & Eilidh McIntyre) also push us hard.

After racing, our coach will tow us back to shore. We want to get back to our base as soon as we can, so we wash and pack up our boat quickly. The first thing we will do is eat a good meal to help recharge after a long day, then head to the physio to help with our post-race recovery, and finally have a debrief with our coach. It's important for us to have dinner and go to bed fairly early so that we can get a good

night's sleep in preparation for the next day of racing.

A Medal Race day will be similar to our usual day at a Worlds but with a few differences, such as the overall timings of the day – and of course, the added pressure of trying to win a medal if you are in a good position. Points were very tight at this year's Worlds, but we were in first place overall and feeling focused and ready to work hard.

It turned out to be a very dramatic and intense race! The first attempt was cancelled, which was disappointing as we were leading this one, but our minds were still set on doing our best. The next attempt at starting the Medal Race was successful, but this one didn't go our way. We almost felt that we had lost it, but you have to stay positive and keep a good mindset until the very end.

The Dutch team crossed the finish line in third, and we were approaching the line in fifth, behind the British team, which would have given the Dutch the title. But right at the end, the British had to complete a penalty, which meant we moved into fourth and won the gold by one point. We kept our heads and took the opportunity when we got it. We were super happy and super proud of all the work we have done with our team. It was fantastic to get the gold medal and win the world championship!”

Watch their Medal Race [HERE](#).





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