

World Sailing Regulations

New Regulation 8.8 – Sustainability Commission

A submission from the Board

Purpose or Objective

To establish a consultative body of global experts to advise World Sailing on the development of its sustainability vision, strategy and practical implementation within the sport, in support of World Sailing's new position of leadership in the sustainable sport movement.

Proposal

Insert new Regulation 8.8 as follows:

Sustainability Commission

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Constituting the Commission

8.8.1 The Sustainability Commission has been established to advise World Sailing on the development of its sustainability vision, strategy and practical implementation within the sport and support World Sailing's new position of leadership in the sustainable sport movement.

8.8.2 There shall be eight members of the Commission, at least six of whom shall be comprised as follows:

- (a) one person from the international academic community with expertise in oceanography;**
- (b) one person from the international academic community with expertise in materials and marine engineering sustainability;**
- (c) one person with expertise in event sustainability;**
- (d) one person with leadership in the area of sustainability within sailing;**
- (e) one person with experience of the organisation of high impact international sailing events; and**
- (f) one current Olympic or professional competitor with experience of international events.**

Terms of Reference

8.8.3 The Sustainability Commission shall be responsible to the Board.

8.9.4 The Sustainability Commission shall:

- (a) develop a long-term sustainability vision for World Sailing ("Vision 2030");**
 - (b) develop a set of stretching but achievable sustainability goals and measures for the sport in order to realise the vision;**
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- (c) propose research projects that are undertaken in conjunction with World Sailing's partners and academic institutions to validate and set appropriate sustainability targets for the sport**
- (d) propose research projects that are undertaken in conjunction with World Sailing's partners and academic institutions to identify specific solutions to meet World Sailing's sustainability goals;**
- (e) support the World Sailing Executive Office as requested through the Chief Executive Officer with delivery of the World Sailing sustainability strategy;**
- (f) contribute to the planning and delivery of the annual Sustainability Forum at the World Sailing conference;**
- (g) contribute and review the World Sailing annual sustainability report; and**
- (h) act as World Sailing ambassadors across the sport in all matters related to sustainability, actively promoting the vision and work of the sport.**

Current Position

There is no such commission at present.

Reason

1. World Sailing's vision is: *"A world in which millions more people fall in love with the natural power of sailing; inspired by the use of technology to capture these forces of nature; and through this, gaining a better affiliation to man's relationship with the oceans".*
 2. World Sailing's mission is: *"To bring sailing to a wider audience and make sailing more accessible for more people to take part and watch as fans; to create exciting formats and events that showcase the natural power of wind driven sport; to build a strong profile and image for sailing – based on a unique point of difference that resonates with millions of people; ultimately – to ensure that sailing brings to good purpose its special link between the oceans and mankind."*
 3. In order for the new vision and mission to be fulfilled it is essential that World Sailing has a clear long-term vision for sustainability in the sport, underpinned by a comprehensive but realistic plan for it to be achieved. This is best enabled through harnessing the knowledge, passion and insight of key thought leaders in marine and sailing sustainability who are brought together within a Sustainability Commission
 4. The 127th Session of the IOC adopted "Agenda 2020, 20+20 recommendations to shape the future of the Olympic Movement" in December 2014. The 4th and 5th recommendations out of the 40 concerned sustainability
(http://www.olympic.org/documents/olympic_agenda_2020/olympic_agenda_2020-20-20_recommendations-eng.pdf p.7)
 5. A heightened agenda for sustainability in the sport of sailing provides a unique point of difference for the sport for fans and for partners of the sport,
 6. World Sailing as the world governing body for the sport of sailing is the only institution that can define problems and solutions for making a sport so diverse as sailing more sustainable.
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