## **World Sailing Constitution**

**Submission:** 028-18

Revert to the 2011 World Sailing Constitution

A submission from the Federacion Mexicana de Vela, St Kitts and Nevis Sailing Association and the Trinidad and Tobago Sailing Association

# Purpose or Objective

To return the control and therefore the direction of World Sailing back into the hands of the Council, and the various committees who come from and are directly responsible to competitive racing sailors by RETURNING to the Constitution approved at the November 2011 AGM.

#### Proposal

With the exception of the current Rules of Sailing, this submission is to replace ALL the existing WS Constitution, Regulations, Articles and Rules in their totality with the 2011 Constitution, Regulations, Articles, Regulations and Rules.

Note: The 2011 Constitution, Regulations, Articles and Rules are available from World Sailing

### **Current Position**

As above.

#### Reasons

- To return the control and therefore the direction of World Sailing back into the hands of Council, and the various committees who directly are responsible to the competitive racing sailors.
- 2. The current 2017 Constitution has allowed financial policies, decisions and actions that have resulted in World Sailing approaching insolvency.
- 3. The current 2017 Constitution has allowed the managerial policies, decisions and actions that has changed the governance of World Sailing from bottom up control constituted to be of service to the sport of competitive Sailing to a top down control with its major focus on a commercial corporate strategy of global marketing and sponsorship.
- 4. The current 2017 Constitution has allowed policies, decisions and actions that ignore and contravene the large interests of the competitive sailors that it was meant to and must serve. It has turned the sailors it was constituted to serve into a commodity to be marketed and sold.
- 5. It is essential that World Sailing Governance RETURN to the Constitution approved at the November 2011 AGM ensuring that the sport of competitive sailing is governed by the traditional foundations based on Member National Authorities, Continental Associations, International Classes and Sailing Clubs and the racing sailors who comprise them.