

Event Description and Bidding Information

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Summary

The World Sailing Nations Cup in Match Racing will have two divisions; Open and Women. Depending on demands for participation, there will be qualifying events. These are called "Regional Finals". These Regional Finals will qualify competitors to the Grand Final. The Regional Finals will be World Sailing Grade 2 events and the Grand Final will be World Sailing Grade 1 and competitors will receive appropriate ranking points.

The territories for the World Sailing Grade 2 Regional Finals for Open and Women are likely to be:

- Europe
- North America & Caribbean
- South America
- Africa
- Asia
- Oceania

There will be one Grade 1 Grand Final for Open and Women selected from bids.

Bids from venues to host a Regional Final and/or a Grand Final may be submitted to World Sailing by the national federations or member Clubs or Sailing/Match Race Centres by the deadline.

To Bid please complete the attached BID TEMPLATE and submit to World Sailing by 30 April 2017.

Introduction

For the Regional Finals event entries may be submitted to World Sailing by national federations and in the event that a federation makes no submission, a competitor from that MNA may submit an individual entry, subject to subsequent confirmation from the MNA. **Regional Final venues will have responsibility for attracting entries with the support of World Sailing.** World Sailing will then confirm and if necessary allocate entries to the Regional Finals.

The MNA of the winning team in each Regional Final (Open and Women) and in addition the runner up for Europe will qualify for the Grand Final. An Open and Women's team from the host nation, as well as the defending nation, are pre-qualified for the Grand Final. Any places still to be filled in the Grand Final will be decided by World Sailing after consultation with the World Sailing Nations Cup WP. The intention is to invite to the Grand Final 10 Nation teams from each of the Open and Women's division.

A new element is being added to this edition to encourage and develop Youth (U23) Match Racing. Youth Match Racing teams would be invited to the Regional Finals in the Open and Women's category and then be eligible for a World Sailing wildcard entry to the Grand Final. In the World Sailing Grade 1 Grand Final, they will race in the Open or Women's division and the results extracted to select the best Youth Match Racing team.

The last edition, the World Sailing Nations Cup 2015, was successful with 37 teams competing in the continental Regional Finals. The Grand Final was held in the City of Vladivostok (RUS) overlooking the Pacific Ocean with 14 teams competing giving an AUS v RUS showdown in the Open and a USA v FRA sail-off in the Women's division. Russia and USA emerged victorious to win the World Sailing Nations Cup 2015 and represented by the young Vladimir Lypavskiy (RUS) in the Open and Nicole Breault (USA) in the Women's Division.

Proposed Schedule: Regional Final

Each Regional Final should be scheduled to have racing for a minimum of 2 days. The 'ideal' goal is racing for 3 days.

Between one to three days prior to the event should be set aside for a World Sailing Match Racing Clinic, or practice and briefings.

Example of a possible schedule:

- Day 1, Tuesday:** Site preparation / Boat equalisation
- Day 2, Wednesday:** Registration / Practice Day / World Sailing Match Racing Clinic
- Day 3, Thursday:** Registration / Practice Day / World Sailing Match Racing Clinic
- Day 4, Friday:** First Racing Day
- Day 5, Saturday:** Second Racing Day
- Day 6, Sunday:** Final Racing Day, Prize Giving

Proposed Schedule: Grand Final

The Grand Final should be scheduled to have racing for a minimum of 4 days, providing high-level Match Racing and Race Management for both competitors and spectators.

- Day 1, Monday:** Registration / Practice Day / Opening Ceremony
- Day 2, Tuesday:** Racing
- Day 3, Wednesday:** Racing
- Day 4, Thursday:** Racing
- Day 5, Friday:** Racing
- Day 6, Saturday:** Final Day of Racing / Prize Giving / Closing Ceremony

Event Dates

The Regional Finals should be finished by early 2018, ideally at least 3 months before the Grand Final, to be planned preferably during August-December 2018 to cover both the northern and southern hemispheres at reasonable temperatures. The decision on the Grand Final may involve negotiation of the dates of Regional Finals for qualifying bids and selected if possible to avoid overlap with major World Sailing events and the WMRT to maximise event media promotion.

The Teams & Crews

MNAs can send the entries for all teams interested and available for the Regional Finals for the Open and Women's division with an order of priority. Defending nations and host nations may also request in the same way to attend their Regional Final. Entries will be guaranteed to a minimum of one per MNA per division. In the event of an MNA not taking up their entry entitlement, an additional entry may be permitted per MNA as prioritised at the sole discretion of World Sailing.

Each boat will typically have a crew of 3 or 4, depending on the boats used at each Regional Final and at the Grand Final. However, for both the Regional Final and Grand Final larger boats involving crew up to 5/6 will be considered. Total weight of the crew will be based on an average of 87.5kg per crew member for the Open division and 68kg average for the Women's division.

Eligibility of all team members is per World Sailing Regulations 19 (Eligibility Code and Nationality Criteria). Crew members must be nationals of the country entering him/her of which they represent.

The crews are expected to transport themselves to and from the venue at their own cost. The provision of reasonable quality, low cost, conveniently located accommodation would be viewed very favourably by World Sailing when deciding which bids to accept.

The Boats

At least six race boats should be available for the Regional Finals, with an additional spare boat. The proposed boats should be described when making the bid.

Boats should have the following characteristics:

- 3 or 4 crew (however larger boats with up to 5 or 6 crew will be considered)
- equality
- robust equipment
- wide range of wind speed
- spinnaker

If the number of teams applying from a particular area were low, World Sailing would consider a four-boat event if a six-boat event is not possible.

Venues

Venues for the Regional Finals will be selected to give the widest possible access to the MNAs, globally.

Venues should have a race area capable of handling a 0.8nm windward/leeward course, close to the event base. Excellent spectator access is a high priority.

An international airport within reasonable transfer access of the venue is preferred. Cost of transportation is a significant factor

The Organisation

World Sailing will provide an organisation plan to be used as a guide for all World Sailing Nations Cup events. Significant deviations from this manual will require the approval of World Sailing.

Each event should form an organising committee and have a single point of contact with World Sailing.

The Regional Finals present a unique opportunity to start the organisation of Match Racing in that area. The establishment of a World Sailing Match Racing Clinic will help to build a Match Racing programme through the training and instruction of sailors, umpires, race committees and organising authorities. World Sailing will provide an expert Clinic Instructor to be supported by local expertise if available.

Qualifying events such as the Regional Finals must deliver promotional material on their teams and event to the organisers of the Grand Final to promote the venues and the series and build the media story.

The organisers for the Grand Final will require experience with the organisation of high-level Match Racing events, such as the hosting of Grade 1 or 2 events in the last one or two years.

The event organisers must have the full support and endorsement of their MNA.

The organisers will sign a contract with World Sailing before the Notice of Race will be released from World Sailing. The involvement of the MNA will give a legacy for Match Racing and umpired fleet racing in this region for the future.

Race Committee

Each event will be expected to provide a race committee, boats and equipment.

The recommended equipment is:

- race committee boat with 4 personnel, flags and sound signals
- 2 mark laying boats with 2 personnel in each
- 4 marks visible at 0.8 nm (1 of which is of a different colour for changing course) wide range of wind speed
- A method for crew changes

If the number of teams applying from a particular area were low, World Sailing would consider a four-boat event if a six-boat event is not possible.

Umpire Team

World Sailing will appoint the core International Umpires (IUs) and will make every effort to minimise the travel costs for the Regional Finals. The event will be responsible for the travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for the umpire team.

If an Umpire Seminar or Match Race Clinic is scheduled immediately prior to the event, then World Sailing may upon application provide an IU Clinic or Seminar Instructor and if approved by the IUSC will pay the travel costs. This IU will also be appointed as one of the IUs for the event thus reducing the overall costs to the organisers.

The event will be required to provide at least 3 good quality umpire boats (Grand Final: 5), with a minimum L.O.A of 5 metres preferred.

1.1 Regional Final:

An umpire team of 6+ will be required (based on a six boat event (or 4+ umpires for 4 boat event); wing boats are desirable but not required in the Regional Finals). The umpire team should comprise half IUs and half non-IUs from the region with the aim of training National or Regional Umpires.

1.2 Grand Final:

An umpire team of at least 10 will be required. This team will comprise 8 - 10 International Umpires plus some National Umpires who will get experience with the IUs both as umpires and on the wing boats.

World Sailing Technical Delegate

For the Grand Final, World Sailing will appoint a Technical Delegate (TD) to assist the organisers. The TD will work closely with them, starting with the preparation of the Notice of Race and providing assistance through the conclusion of the event. A pre-event visit at the venue will take place approximately one year before the Grand Final. The event will be responsible for the travel expenses, accommodation and subsistence costs for the TD during the pre-event visit and during the Grand Final.

Advertising & Sponsorship

World Sailing may seek an overall sponsor. In principle, World Sailing will retain the advertising rights to the hulls and the event will retain the rights to the sails booms and masts. In the event of no overall sponsor, the rights to the hulls (except the bow) will be available to the event. Each qualifying event will be required to seek World Sailing approval of any sponsorship and advertising rights. This is negotiable and if an issue, bids should still be submitted with conditions and highlighting concerns. In accordance with World Sailing regulations the competitors will have the sole rights to advertising on their clothing.

World Sailing will publish a Notice of Race covering all Regional Finals and the Grand Final. There will be a set of standard Sailing Instructions providing consistency for the events around the world. These sailing instructions may be altered in consultation with the appointed Chief Umpire in order to accommodate local needs.

Entry Fees and Damage Deposits

A damage deposit and a modest entry fee may be charged by the organising authority and payable with team's entry. The entry fee is non-refundable and is for the exclusive use of the organising authority. **There is no entry fee payable to World Sailing. Also no Event Fees in the form of Grading, Advertising or Payment for Umpires will be payable to World Sailing.**

It is suggested that the entry fee will cover some part of the social programme for the event and will cover the competitors' lunches afloat.

A reasonable damage deposit (usually the amount of the insurance deductible for property damage) may be levied and deductions will be made in accordance with World Sailing standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The damage deposit will normally be required to be replaced if a deduction is made by the organisers due to damage caused by a competitor.

Prizes

World Sailing will provide and award the Nations Cup trophies for the winners of both the Open and Women's division. World Sailing will also provide gold, silver and bronze medals and a 4th place runner up prize for the top four teams in each division of the Grand Finals.

The organisers should provide prizes for the first three places in the Regional Finals and a memento for all competitors. Furthermore, World Sailing will honour all participants with a certificate of participation.

Bids

Bids should be submitted by completing the attached bid template or a proposal; however further information is highly welcomed.

Bids should be sent to World Sailing via email or fax as soon as possible but at least by 30 April 2017.

Supporting documentation is attached for your assistance, but should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Madeleine Dunn at World Sailing or Michael O'Connor (Chair of the World Sailing Nations Cup Working Party) at the address or telephones listed below.

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Bid Template

Please supply the following information as a basis for your bid to host a Nations Cup Regional Final or the Nations Cup Grand Final. These notes form the basis of a checklist.

World Sailing can assist with technical event expertise (e.g. PRO, umpires, formats, pairings etc) and for Regional Finals a training Clinic for competitors and officials.

Further information as well as pictures and/or reports from other events held at the same venue and organised by the same Organising Authority is encouraged.

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Event:

(Please indicate one or both events)

☐ Regional Final

☐ Grand Final

Organising Authority:	
Primary contact: Name, email address, phone etc.	
Proposed dates:	
Venue:	
Proposed racing area: (Please describe or supply copy of chart area)	
Expected weather conditions:	
Medical facilities:	
Security:	

Competitors:

Maximum number of competitors:	
Local accommodation availability and cost:	
Distance to nearest airport and connections to venue:	
Local catering/dining arrangements: (Complimentary or paid by competitors)	

Race Management:

Proposed Event Director:	
Proposed Race Committee Chairman:	
Proposed race management team's RM experience:	
Number and size of committee boats:	
Safety boats:	
Course marks:	

Umpires:

"Local" Umpire or liaison with Umpires:	
Umpires meeting room:	
Meeting room for Clinic and debrief with competitors:	
Accommodation:	
Daily transport:	
Umpire boats: (type, number, etc.)	

World Sailing Technical Delegate (ONLY for the GRAND FINAL):

Room allocated to World Sailing for the event:	
Transport:	
Accommodation:	
Proposed date for pre-event visit:	

Competition Boards:

Design:	
Number available for racing: (And spares if available)	
Meeting room for clinic and debrief with competitors:	
Number of crew:	
Sails:	
Support/spare part availability:	
Equalisation programme:	
Berthing:	

Media:

Lead media person:	
Media plan / experience in working with media before and during events:	
Are there any agreements with local/national press or television companies regarding media coverage?	
Level of internet connectivity for media updates, competitors and race officials:	
Media facilities:	
Press / Media boat:	

Communications:

VHF/UHF Radios:	
Event mobile phones:	
Event Wi-Fi:	

Facilities:

Competitors' area:	
Changing facilities:	
Spectators viewing areas and/or boats:	
Public accessibility:	
Event advertising: (Local, regional, international)	

Insurance:

Public liability:	
Event liability:	

Social Events:

Proposal for the Opening Ceremony:	
Proposal for the Closing Ceremony / Prize Giving:	
Proposals for (other) social events:	

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