

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job/Role Title: TECHNICAL & OFFSHORE DIRECTOR

Reporting to: CEO

Location: World Sailing, 20 Eastbourne Terrace, London

Background

World Sailing is the world governing body for the sport of sailing, officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

World Sailing is responsible for:

- the promotion of the sport internationally;
- managing sailing at the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- developing the Racing Rules of Sailing and regulations for all sailing competitions;
- the training of judges, umpires and other administrators;
- the development of the sport around the world; and
- representing the sailors in all matters concerning the sport.

The principle members of World Sailing are the 145 'Member National Authorities' (MNAs) and the 100+ 'Class Associations'.

We have a clear and ambitious vision:

A world in which millions more people fall in love with sailing; inspired by the unique relationship between sport, technology and the forces of nature, we all work to protect the waters of the world.

Our mission:

To make sailing more exciting and accessible for everyone to participate or watch, and use our reach and influence to create a sustainable future for our sport and the waters of the world.

World Sailing will be moving from Southampton to a new headquarters building in London on the 31/07/17. Candidates would be required to travel to the existing Southampton office to facilitate a handover before the organization moves permanently to London in the summer. World Sailing also has a temporary serviced office in Eastbourne Terrace, London.

Role

The Technical & Offshore Director will have full responsibility for the Technical & Offshore function of World Sailing reporting directly to the CEO.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead a small team of technical specialists to develop and maintain the following areas within World Sailing:
 - Standards to ensure the technical integrity of the sport
 - Quality of equipment and certification within the sport
 - Class status, rules and Interpretations
 - Licensing of approved Boat Builders and building specification changes
 - World Sailing In-house Certification Scheme contracts, auditing and processes
 - Rating systems
 - Equipment Rules of Sailing
 - Offshore Special Regulations
 - Yacht plan review scheme
 - Technical commercial activities
 - Liaison with technical representatives across the sport, sailing industry, standards bodies and government organisations
- Provide full support to the following World Sailing Committees:
 - Equipment Committee
 - Oceanic and Offshore Committee
 - Special Regulations Sub-Committee
 - World Sailing Classes Committee
 - International Measurer's Sub-Committee
 - International Regulations Commission
 - Equipment Rules Sub-Committee

Relationships & Interfaces

Strategic reporting to:

- Line Manager – CEO

Support & Guidance to:

- World Sailing staff, Board, World Sailing Committees (listed above) and Member National Authorities

Personal Attributes & Experience

Essential

- Graduate in Naval Architecture with a minimum of 7-years post qualification experience
- Excellent written and verbal English language skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- The ability to meet tight deadlines
- A flexible approach to leading a small team
- Evidence of working within and contributing to a team environment
- A willingness to learn new skills and develop existing competencies
- Interest and involvement in the sport of sailing
- Strong communication and negotiation skills
- Excellent organisation and analysis skills
- Team player
- Innovative and a problem solver
- Second European language

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