

World Sailing Annual Conference

Limiting Costs for Attendees – New Regulation 37.2

A submission from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Purpose or Objective

Annual Conferences & Annual General Meetings to be held in or close to major hubs with a range of available accommodation

Proposal

Amend Regulation 37.2 as follows:

The Board shall invite bids from interested venues and shall publish in advance the criteria against which the Board will assess any bids received. **Only venues in or close to major airport hubs that offer accommodation options in all price ranges within reasonable walking distance to the conference venue shall be considered an eligible bid.**

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. Holding Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting in exotic locations and high class resorts puts a high financial burden on MNAs and Classes.
 2. The venue selected should be in or close to a major international airport hub which can be reached through a wide range of intercontinental flights and does not require additional travel.
 3. Many delegates, both from MNAs and Classes, have to cover the costs for attending the conferences themselves.
 4. Flight costs to major airport hubs are usually lower than to small / regional airports.
 5. A range of accommodation in the categories simple, average and high-end in reasonable walking distance to the conference venue should be available.
 6. Both venues selected for the 2017 and 2018 conferences will be very expensive for MNAs and classes to attend due to travel requirements and the resort style of the venues.
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