**Making World Sailing More Relevant to Sailors**

New Working Party

A submission from the Virgin Islands Sailing Association and the International Lightning Class Association

**Purpose or Objective**

Restore meaningful responsibility of World Sailing actions to the Council.

**Proposal**

World Sailing shall immediately strike a working party or commission to bring forward a re-organization for 2019 of World Sailing to make it so that

- the Council is the body which controls the destiny of sailing

- it is shall be more inclusive of all sailors, including but not limited to Countries and Classes and shall better reflect their contribution to the organization

- actions and deliberations (including financial actions) of World Sailing are to be open and transparent to all sailors

The working party shall

- consist of approximately 7 to 9 people

- It shall preferably be made up of persons who have been council members and it shall not have existing council members, save one appointed by the Executive and one elected from the council by the council members excluding the Executive members

- Have a member selected by the Classes, the Para World Sailing Committee, the Athletes Commission, the Coaches Commission, the Women’s Forum.

- Elect its own chair person

- Select up to two additional members who the working party feels can help them with their deliberations.

- be given access to all World Sailing documents and records they require as well as the cooperation of the World Sailing staff

- resources to assist them with their mandate as required. Reasonable assistance shall not be withheld by the Executive
Current Position

There is no such working party now with as broad a mandate to focus on making major changes to structure, transparency and governance of World Sailing

Reasons

1. The current operations of World Sailing are failing the majority of sailors world wide as evidenced by the decline in sailing participation over the years in many countries

2. The constant focus on Olympics rather than sailing as a sport which sucks virtually any focus on or assistance to the vast majority of sailors.

3. Every year World Sailing becomes less and less relevant to the sailing public.