World Sailing Governance

Proposed key changes to Submission Process

A submission from Sail Canada and US Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To ensure that the proposed changes to the Submission Process by the Governance Commission (4.4.1 on Page 24 of the proposal) are enacted and put in place as quickly as possible, whether the AGM approves the whole wide-ranging set of Governance changes proposed, or not.

Proposal

After approval at the 2019 Meeting of Council, the Constitution Committee shall change (re-draft) Regulation 15 in order to create a new process (based on 4.4.1 on page 24 of the Governance Commission Report), that enables a submission at any time via a Submission Portal, assigns it to ALL of the relevant Committees, Commissions, Working Parties and Boards for study and comment, and provides all members of World Sailing with the opportunity to track every submission's progress through the consultation, deliberation and decision-making phases.

Each such submission should have as its ultimate destination, either the Board or the Council (as appropriate) at the annual Conference, and ultimately the AGM for ratification of the decision taken by the Council and/or the Board.

Current Position

Regulation 15

Page 41 of Proposal, section 5.3, Vote “(a) It is proposed to have one vote on a whole new constitution rather than to amend the existing constitution. It will require 75% majority of those present at a General Meeting to be adopted, which is intended to be the November 2019 AGM”.

Reasons

1. Instead of risking losing this improvement in our sport’s decision-making process, in the off-chance that the 75% AGM Approval Requirement is not achieved, we put forward this submission to enact the new submission process via a direct Regulation change requiring only a 50% +1 vote of the Council.

2. The improvement in transparency, in full-vetting of ideas, and in tracking suggested improvements in our sport must not be lost in the politics of the greater changes being proposed. If everything gets approved, great, but if not, we need to adopt this proposal so this one improvement will still be able to go into effect as soon after the November 2019 meetings.