World Sailing Constitution & Regulations

New Regulation – Men’s Forum

A submission from the Romanian Yachting Federation

Purpose or Objective

To establish Men's Forum in order to provide Gender Equality.

Proposal 1

MEN’S FORUM

Constituting the Forum

1 The Men’s Forum has been established by the Council pursuant to its power of delegation.

2 The membership of the Men’s Forum shall consist of a Chairman who shall be the men’s representative on the Council from time to time, a Vice-Chairman, and all men who are from time to time members of World Sailing committees, sub-committees and commissions.

Objectives

3 The Men’s Forum shall:

\[(a)\] promote participation by men in all aspects of sailing and sailing administration;

\[(b)\] act as an advisory group to all World Sailing committees on issues relating to men;

\[(c)\] facilitate open discussion on issues relating to men arising from submissions, proposals and the agendas of World Sailing committees, then report any conclusions and recommendations to the committees and the Council;

\[(d)\] maintain a close liaison with all men sailors and administrators;

\[(e)\] keep updated on activities and initiatives affecting men arising from the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, MNAs, World Sailing Classes, World Sailing Affiliate Members and other internal and external organizations;

\[(f)\] identify and encourage men to serve on World Sailing committees and sub-committees;

\[(g)\] educate and otherwise assist men in the work they do for World Sailing and its members;

\[(h)\] provide for discussion and exchange of ideas on matters of expertise, experience, interests and support between all men members of World Sailing committees;
(i) disseminate information affecting men in all areas of the sport, relating to the training, promotion and empowerment of men in sailing; and develop and propose policies and best practice on issues relating to men in all areas of the sport.

Proposal 2

If Proposal 1 is approved, subsequent changes shall be made in the following provisions of the Constitution and the Regulations:

In the Constitution - Article 36.1

36.1 The Council of the Federation shall consist of:

[...]

(j) a man member appointed by:

(i) men Vice-Presidents
(ii) men members of Council, and
(iii) the men of committees or sub-committees, the members of which are nominated by Member National Authorities;

37.1 Members of the Council will be appointed as follows:

[...]

(c) under Article 36.1 (d), (e), (f) (g) or (h) or (j).

In the Regulations - Regulation 15.1

15.1 Submissions may be made by:

Member National Authorities, World Sailing Class Associations, the Board, the Chairmen of Committees established by Council, International or Recognized Rating Systems, the Chairman of the Women’s Forum, the Chairman of the Men’s Forum, and the President.

Current Position

None.

Reason

1. Gender equality requires same structures for both gender.

2. The current situation where there is only a Women’s Forum puts the men into discrimination.