**ISAF Coach Qualification and Certification**

A submission from the President of South African Sailing

**Purpose or Objective**

To introduce a formal qualification and certification structure for coaches within ISAF that supports the work already started in the development of the ISAF Coaching Framework.

**Proposal**

1. ISAF to provide assessment based certification for candidates who participate in ISAF coaching programmes and who demonstrate a standard in line with the functional area competencies as laid out in the ISAF Coaching Framework. This certification will act as a qualification of the standard to which they coach.

2. ISAF is to administer a database of particulars of all coaches ISAF train each year, including the levels to which they were awarded certification.

**Current Position**

We currently issue a course completion certificate which does not give any indication to them or their MNA as to the actual standard of the coach to whom it was issued

**Reasons**

1. It is our belief that MNA's, Clubs, Class Associations, National Olympic Committees, coaches, current sailors and prospective sailors will benefit from the guidance of having international standards and the certification of coaches in line with those standards.

2. The formalisation of the assessment and certification of coaches will support coaches in their personal endeavours to educate and grow themselves as individuals and coaches

3. By having formal standards and assessment of coaches, the actual and perceived value of the ISAF coaching courses will be greatly enhanced. This will improve the ability and the desire of MNAs to source additional funding to qualify national coaches in the development of their own MNA training programmes which will help MNAs as well as ISAF grow the sport.