World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 31.23.1 – International Expression Judges

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective

To have the experts in the expression disciplines (windsurfing and kiteboarding) involved in the appointment of International Expression Judges

Proposal

Amend Regulation 31.23.1(b) as follows:

(b) International Expression Judge, following consultation with the International Judges Sub-Committee and the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee, International Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Classes conducting competitions with expression disciplines, and

Current Position

As above

Reason

1. International Expression Judges evaluate the performance of a competitor by technical difficulty and execution, similar to gymnastics or high diving.

2. The International Judges Sub-Committee has no expertise in this area of the sport

3. The affected classes (windsurfing and kiteboarding) that are conducting freestyle and wave performance competitions have the expertise and connection to the current and future expression judges.

4. After the discontinuation of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee, the international classes represented in the ICC are the only ones that can assess the performance of potential International Expression Judges

5. A working party consisting of representatives of the Race Officials Committee and the classes with expression discipline competition in the ICC should be the responsible body to assess applications and further develop a framework for the development of International Expression Judges.