

## Event Calendar and World Rankings

### New System

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

Following the Council adoption of the 2021 – 2028 Event Strategy in principle at the 2019 Mid-Year Meeting a Calendar Working Party should be responsible for the Olympic Class event calendar and the World Rankings need to be changed to reflect the 2021-2028 Event Strategy.

#### Proposal 1

From 1 January 2021

Delete Regulation 27.1, 27.1.1, 27.1.2, 27.1.3 and 27.1.4.

#### Proposal 2

Add new Regulation 27.1

#### **27.1 Olympic Class World Sailing Rankings**

#### Proposal 3

Add new Regulation 27.1.1

**27.1.1 The World Sailing rankings for Olympic Class ranked events will be managed by the Events Committee Sail Ranking Working Party reporting to the Events Committee. The method of calculating the world rankings and the criteria for ranked events will be published on the World Sailing website. Any significant changes to the World Sailing rankings system will be reported to the Council.**

#### Proposal 4

Add new Regulation 27.1.2 and 27.1.3

**27.1.2 The Chairman of the Events Committee shall appoint the chairman and members of a Calendar Working Party. This working party shall make recommendations to the Events Committee to establish calendar planning windows for key Olympic Class events in line with the 2021-2028 Event Strategy and to finalize, manage and coordinate the World Sailing regatta calendar for those events. The planning windows and other relevant calendar information and requirements for event organizers will be published on the World Sailing website.**

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**27.1.3 For an Olympic Class event to be a ranked event it must be held in the relevant planning window and otherwise comply with the requirements for ranked events as published on the World Sailing website not later than 12 months prior to the first day of the event.**

Current Position

The Sail Ranking Working Party is appointed by the Chairman of the Events Committee under regulation 6.6.4. The World Sailing Rankings system and method of calculation and criteria for Ranked Events are set out in Regulation 27.

There is no group within World Sailing that is responsible for managing the Olympic Class event calendar and no mechanism for creating a suitable and coordinated calendar of Olympic Class events that encourages participation by the best sailors and helps promote sailing around the world. The Calendar Working Party will be set up to manage the calendar and operate in a manner similar to the existing sail rankings working party.

Reasons

1. The 2021 – 2028 Event Strategy was approved in principle by Council in May 2019, recognizing the need to improve the calendar of Olympic Class events to encourage participation by the best sailors and help promote sailing around the world.
  2. The 2021 – 2028 Event Strategy refers to the establishment of the Calendar Working Party and the introduction of a World Sailing Regatta Calendar from 2021. The Calendar Working Party will finalize, manage and coordinate the World Sailing Regatta Calendar.
  3. The 2021 – 2028 Event Strategy requires the World Rankings to be reviewed in line with that strategy and to enable the Rankings to be used to qualify sailors for the World Cup Final from 2021.
  4. The calendar and ranking system are complex and dynamic and can be better managed by an experienced and knowledgeable working party with the ability to achieve the best outcomes for sailors and sailing. It is not necessary to include all the detail in the regulations.
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