

2020 Offshore World Championships / Qualification Events Information to MNAs

1. 2020 Offshore World Championships - Malta

- 1.1 The 2020 Offshore World Championships will take place in Malta from 10 – 22 October 2020. There will be 20 L30 yachts supplied for the World Championships.
- 1.2 The 2020 Offshore World Championships will be a Mixed Two Person event – one man and one woman.
- 1.3 There will be 20 quota places – one quota place per MNA. The Host MNA will receive 1 quota place. World Sailing will allocate each of the 6 continents the remaining quota places.
- 1.4 The continental quotas will be finalised following the demand for MNAs to compete at the 2020 Offshore Worlds and will be based on the number of MNAs per continent.
- 1.5 Each competitor shall be a national of the country of the MNA which enters the boat unless otherwise approved by World Sailing.
- 1.6 MNAs will be responsible for selecting and entering the team to represent them at the 2020 Offshore World Championships.
- 1.7 The format of the World Championships will be one offshore race of approximately 4 days and 3 nights starting on 17 October 2020 alongside the 2020 Rolex Middle Sea Race. This format matches the format proposed for Offshore keelboat event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 1.8 Multiple course options will be developed with a final decision made base on the expected weather conditions.

2. Qualification Event Principles for the 2020 Offshore World Championships

- 2.1 A series of Qualification Events will be scheduled for the 2020 Offshore World Championships. Each continent will have a specific quota.
 - (a) MNAs from different continents may be scheduled to qualify at the same Qualification Event.
 - (b) MNAs from the same continents may also be scheduled to qualify in different Qualification Events, in which case the number of places available to a continent in each event shall be split between those events.
- 2.2 The intention is to hold all Qualification Events in Europe for 2020 (subject to point 3.5). By hosting the 2020 Qualification Events in one European venue and with one fleet of boats World Sailing believes that sailors and MNAs will have a unique opportunity to fast track their knowledge of this exciting new event. This is the plan for the 2020 Offshore World Championships only. World Sailing can see through some detailed discussions with manufacturers and MNAs that there will be the possibility to develop Qualification Events for the Offshore World Championships in all continents from 2021 onwards.
- 2.3 There will be no Qualification Events if less than 19 MNAs have pre-entered by 20 December 2019. The MNAs that have pre-entered will receive automatic entry to the 2020 Offshore World Championships.
- 2.4 If more than 19 MNAs pre-enter but if World Sailing decides that there are not enough MNAs to justify a qualification process, the World Sailing Board will allocate the entries to the 2019 Offshore Worlds based on:

- (a) The date on which an MNA pre-entered (the earliest pre-entries will be prioritised) and;
 - (b) ensuring continental representation.
- 2.5 The Qualification Events will be a Mixed Two Person event – one man and one woman.
 - 2.6 Each competitor shall be a national of the country of the MNA which enters the boat unless otherwise approved by World Sailing.
 - 2.7 MNAs will be responsible for selecting and entering the team to represent them at the Qualification Events.
 - 2.8 Entries to the Qualification Events will be restricted to one entry per MNA, unless otherwise communicated by World Sailing.
 - 2.9 The format of the Qualification Events will be as close to the format of the 2020 Offshore World Championships as is possible. A matched fleet of offshore capable boats will be provided.
 - 2.10 In order to confirm the location, timing, and equipment of the Qualification Events pre-entry is now required to be made by MNAs. The intention is that any MNA that has pre-entered will have the opportunity to compete at a Qualification Event and compete for a quota place for the 2020 Offshore World Championships.
 - 2.11 Sailors wishing to compete at a Qualification Events but who are unknown to their MNA with should contact their MNA to discuss a possible entry.
- 3. Qualification Event Information**
- 3.1 Qualification Event Period: 1 May – 30 June 2020.
 - 3.2 It is anticipated an entered team will be required to be on site for an 8 day window Sunday-Sunday.
 - 3.3 Qualification Event location for all continents: Western Europe.
 - 3.4 Qualification Event Entry Fee Range: €6,000 - €8,000 (+ VAT were applicable). This entry fee will include the event charter fee and preparation / delivery of the equipment.
 - 3.5 World Sailing may sanction a Qualification Event outside of Europe and outside of the Qualification Event Period for a specific continent.
- 4. Qualification Event Pre-Entry**
- 4.1 A pre-entry fee of €2,500 shall be paid to World Sailing no later than 20 December 2019.
 - 4.2 The pre-entry fee will be deducted from the Qualification Event Entry Fee when an MNA completes the entry process for the Qualification Event.
 - 4.3 MNAs may withdraw their entry and have their pre-entry fee refunded if the overall entry fee exceeds €8,000 or if the Qualification Event is held outside of the Qualification Event Period.
 - 4.4 MNAs must request entry to a Qualification Event by sending an email to competitions@sailing.org. World Sailing will then issue an invoice to the MNA for the pre-entry fee. Pre-entry will not be completed until the pre-entry fee is received by World Sailing.

5. MNA / Athlete Qualification Event Requirements

- 5.1 A final list will be provided in the Notice of Race for a Qualification Event.
- 5.2 For planning purposes, it is anticipated that MNAs / Athletes will need to provide their own:
- (a) navigation hardware and software;
 - (b) personal safety equipment - Lifejacket, 3 clip safety line, personal AIS Mob;
 - (c) suitable offshore clothing;
 - (d) onboard food & drink; and
 - (e) water heating device suitable for use onboard in rough weather, capable of heating 500ml water to 80°C in under 5 minutes.
- 5.3 In addition, a competitor shall:
- (a) have completed a minimum of 200nm as part of a Two Person crew;
 - (b) have completed a World Sailing Sea Survival Course within 3 years of the start of the Qualification Event;
 - (c) have completed an OSR recognised first aid course within 5 years of the start of the Qualification Event; and
 - (d) have a signed certificate of competence by both their MNA and a referee who can vouch for the competitor's sailing experience – a detailed sailing CV will be required.
- 5.4 Advertising - Qualification Event:
- (a) Teams will be allowed to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing's Advertising Code and shall be responsible for the cost of production, application and removal.
 - (b) Team's advertising will only be permitted for the period of that entry's Qualification Event.

6. Further Information

- 6.1 Please contact competitions@sailing.org for more information.
- 6.2 Further information will be posted on the World Sailing website www.sailing.org/2020-offshore-worlds.
- 6.3 World Sailing may modify or amend the information contained in this document.
- 6.4 If there is a conflict between this document and the Notice of Race for a Qualification Event or the 2020 Offshore World Championships, the Notice of Race will take precedence.
- 6.5 Some explanatory information about the decision making for the 2020 Offshore Worlds and the Qualification Events is set out in Appendix A below.



Appendix A

1. **2020 Offshore World Championships – Qualification Events Explanatory Information**
 - 1.1 During the development of the Offshore World Championship concept as a Mixed Two Person Event work was already under way to determine which countries would be represented at the first and subsequent World Championships.
 - 1.2 With an initial concept to have the Offshore World Championships in 2019 and without sufficient time for a qualifier, a first to enter procedure was envisaged. Like other offshore races with limited places, there would have been an online system, recording timing of submission which would have produced an entry list. As discussions moved onwards both from an equipment point of view and a qualification point of view, it became more obvious that a 2020 World Championship would be better to allow time to determine entries based on sailing performance, rather than speed of entry but also to allow MNAs the necessary time to work on their own Offshore plans.
 - 1.3 MNAs were asked if they would consider hosting a Qualification Event in 2020 – to host their continent, with one design, matched quality equipment. Whilst some MNAs expressed strong interest they all felt that for 2020 only it could be a compromise.
 - 1.4 World Sailing have reached out to the equipment supplier of the World Championship and to an event organiser to host a series of events in one location in order to allocate places at the world championships.
 - 1.5 For 2020 there will be a series of offshore races where the top 'X' nations in each [X = number of quota places for that continent] continental region will be awarded a quota place. Provisional quota places have already been agreed but will be finalised once MNAs have pre-entered.
 - 1.6 If there is a fleet of 20 One Design boats for the Qualification Events and there are 30 European MNAs seeking a quota place, then two races of approximately 4 days 3 nights will take place with the quota places for Europe split between the two races. The composition of each race would be decided by a draw.
 - 1.7 Until MNAs have pre-entered the Qualification Events it is not possible to finalise the venue for the Qualification Events, or the equipment – not knowing how many boats, or even how many races are required. This is why it is critical that World Sailing receives the pre-entries as soon as possible.
 - 1.8 This is the process for the 2020 Offshore World Championships only. World Sailing can see through some detailed discussions with manufacturers and MNAs that there will be the possibility to develop Qualification Events for the Offshore World Championships in all continents.
 - 1.9 By hosting the 2020 Qualification Events in one European venue and with one fleet of boats World Sailing believes that sailors and MNAs will have a unique opportunity to fast track their knowledge of this exciting new event.