**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION**

World Sailing Periodic Report to IMO

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1. **Briefly outline your organization’s interest in and contribution to the work of the relevant bodies of IMO in the past biennium**

   World Sailing has been represented at IMO by Stuart Carruthers (Head of Delegation), David Brunskill, Alan Green, Simon Forbes, Elena Matzaridou and Dan Reading in the following IMO meetings: MSC 98, MEPC 71, NCSR 5, MEPC 72, MSC 99, MEPC 73, MSC 100, NCSR 6.

   World Sailing is the world governing body for the sport of sailing and is officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee. Its members include 144 national governing bodies for sailing around the world. It has considerable small craft expertise on matters concerning safety of navigation, manning, training, construction, and its impact on the environment. Its purposes are directly related to the purposes of IMO and are fully in harmony with the spirit and functions of IMO. World Sailing takes a keen interest in the work of MSC, particularly security and piracy matters. Participation in these committees ensures that it is fully aware of any issues that may affect trans-oceanic sailing.

   World Sailing has a particular interest in the work of NCSR, specifically ship routing measures, improvements to the World Wide Radionavigation System GMDSS modernisation plan, maritime search and rescue and equipment improvements including the novel use of AIS. All of these are of key importance to trans-oceanic sailing.

   World Sailing pays a great deal of attention to all aspects of safety covered by SOLAS, GMDSS, the global SAR plan and COLREG 72. World Sailing contributed to MSC.1/Circ.1413 concerning basic safety guidance for yacht races and oceanic voyages by non-regulated craft and is involved in ensuring that safety information and documentation relevant to MRCC’s worldwide (basically Offshore Special Regulations) are held as standard texts by member governments.

   World Sailing takes part in the Working Group ‘Safety Measures for non-SOLAS ships in Polar Waters’ and the Correspondence Groups on MASS-Autonomous Ships. On MEPC and the environment, World Sailing has contributed to the Correspondence Group on Marine Plastic Litter from Ships and supported the Glo-Fouling Partnerships Project through it’s Sustainability Program Manager, Dan Reading.

2. **Briefly outline how your organization disseminates information on and promotes the work of the Organization to its membership and/or beyond**

   World Sailing has clearly demonstrated its ability and intention to promote and disseminate the principles and work of IMO. This is vital for the safety of the sport and the continuing presence of World Sailing at IMO Committee meetings enables those present to gain an understanding of recreational sailing.

   A summary of issues on the agenda of IMO meetings is circulated to members of World Sailing, together with relevant decisions. At the annual November meeting of the World Sailing International Regulations Commission, the IMO meetings are reviewed and circulated to the membership.