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To: WS Equipment Committee

Re: L30 World Sailing Class Status

Dear Committee members,

In 2019 L30 Class Association applied for the World Sailing class status and our application was deferred for the 2020 meeting.

Despite the pandemics and cancellation of the Mixed Offshore Worlds 2020 the Class has grown this year and held significant sailing events. Boats spread in the World looks as follows:

Europe:	Asia	USA	Australia
Estonia – 4 boats France – 2 boats Germany – 5 boats Hungary – 5 boats Poland – 1 boat Ukraine – 2 boat Switzerland – 1 boat	Japan – 1 boat Hong Kong – 1 boat S. Korea – 2 boats	1 boat	1 boat

L30 competed as Class group in the Blue Ribbon race (the biggest sailing event on lake Balaton, Hungary), held the L30 European Championship in Marseille under authority of EUROSAF and took part in the Mixed Offshore Europeans in Genova. The Class is actively involved in the development of shorthanded offshore sailing. We set up a base in Marseilles, where teams already coming for training and practice races. We try to implement a concept of the offshore sailing, where boats owners and charterers are in equal conditions. The boat owners come to event with the boat, after measurement inspection it is included to the fleet for drawing. The class provide equal set of sails. Boat owners do not pay charter fees, they are not motivated to do any modification on the boats, and expensive sails design programs. Much wider

range of sailors getting involved in class. This way leads to the reasonable budget of prospective Olympic campaign on the same level as dinghy. At the same time this is the best way to exclude equipment arm wrestling.

This approach was used for the Mixed Offshore Europeans 2020, which was organized by EUROSAF in Genova in September this year. Leading offshore sailors like Dee Caffari, Iker Martinez, Marie Riou, Benjamin Schwarz, Annemieke Bes and Susan Glennly attended the event. At the same time L30 boat owners Jonas Gerckens and Rasmus Topsch took part in the event too by providing their boats in pool of the charter fleet.

We are confident this approach be useful for World Sailing for successful implementation of the mixed offshore event in the Olympic program 2024.

At the moment L30 Class only organizes sailing events and provides a professionally maintained one design fleet for regatta charter. This create new opportunities for professional and amateur sailors to attend the shorthanded sailing events and will lead to wider involvement into sport of sailing. Mixed Offshore Europeans 2020 shows great interest among the sailors and boat owners to the new format of the boat use for the racing.

According to the WS Regulation 10.2.1(e) the requirements of Regulation 10.2.1(d) may be waived by Council, upon recommendation of the Equipment Committee, when considering a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing.

Recognition of L30 as World Sailing Class will help us in regatta organization by attracting both sponsors and sailors and support the further development of the one design racing fleets around the World, which will be available for sailors for the mixed offshore racing.

L30 Class kindly asks the Equipment committee members to consider our activity in promotion of the shorthanded offshore sailing and recommend to the WS Council to grant the L30 Class Association the World Sailing Class status as for a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing.

L30 Class Secretary General



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