

Para World Sailing Funding through 2024

To ensure financial support for Para Sailing

A submission from Sail Canada and US Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To ensure that Para Sailing will continue to receive appropriate funding from World Sailing from now through 2024 with the objective of successfully having the sport of sailing re-included in the program of events for the 2028 Paralympics.

Proposal

World Sailing commit 20% of its Development budget (for clarity, approximately 5% of the total WS budget) for the 2021-2024 quadrennial budget for the development of parasailing and securing its inclusion in the 2028 Paralympic Games.

Background

Para Sailing has been recognized by World Sailing as an important part of the sport of Sailing. Since the merger with IFDS in 2014, great progress has been made to grow participation in parasailing worldwide despite the loss of status as a Paralympic sport. The clear path established through the Para World Sailing Strategic Plan has guided the work of the PWSC and enabled this progress with the financial support of World Sailing. The Para Strategic Plan includes work to enable MNAs to start and maintain Para Sailing programs and to maintain a good working relationship with the IPC leading to potential reinclusion of Para Sailing in the 2028 Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

World Sailing's Training and Development Strategy identifies Para World Sailing as one of 5 Areas of Focus and describes the para development plan as based on two main actions:

- Incorporate a Para Sailing awareness module in all Training and Development Programs.
 - Deliver a Paralympic Sailing Development Program that includes: training for coaches to deliver practical sessions to para sailors; coaching for para sailors to improve their technical ability; and continuing development of inclusive programs in the MNAs.
- Both of these initiatives will require a sustainable funding strategy to ensure success.

Current Position

The current financial situation of World Sailing has resulted in significant cutbacks of support for Para programs and activities.

Reasons

1. To continue to financially support the development work that is required to improve and grow Para Sailing in all countries.
 2. To assist with funds to get Para Sailing reinstated in the Paralympic Games for 2028 – this process begins in 2021 and presently it is anticipated that IPC will consider reinstating certain sports at its annual conference 2023.
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