World Sailing Classes Committee – November 2019

World Sailing Classes 2019 Annual Report

The main focus of the World Sailing Classes remains in technical matters and ensuring that sailing as a sport for life is having great representation around the globe through the world and continental championships of the World Sailing Classes. The World Sailing Classes maintain a close relationship with their sailors to ensure representation of their interests.

A key topic in 2019 was the proposed Governance Reform in its various proposals, and to ensure that the World Sailing Classes can contribute to the decision-making processes as in the past.

World Sailing Classes bring with them a vast amount of experience and knowledge, especially in the technical aspects of the sport.

World Sailing Classes have continued their work on class contracts, class rule changes and interpretations, equipment inspection, measurement and application of the rules. This is done through representation on technical committees and working parties and close communication with the Executive Office.

The World Sailing Classes Committee continues working on Builder and major event sustainability, pathways for sailors between classes, Anti-Discrimination policies and a review of the technical sections for classes on the World Sailing website.

The joint working party with Events committee, Equipment Committee, Youth Events and Womens Forum continues their work on the review of regulations 10 and 25 to reflect the developments of the sport in terms of requirements for World Sailing Class status and World Championship eligibility. It has resulted in a submission to revise regulation 10 for large keelboats. The working party will continue their work in 2020 with the review of age categories and requirements for classes with multiple distinct disciplines.

Another area of work has been the review of regulation 10 in terms of simplifying and streamlining the reporting process required by the classes, with a focus on more relevant information and reducing workload from the office.

World Sailing receives such class reports from the World Sailing Classes and the data from these is being used for data analysis into the IOC Agenda 2020 and beyond.
There are 3 new classes applying for World Sailing Status in 2019:

- L30
- WASPZ_X
- Funboard Youth Racing Class

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee as a Sub-committee of the World Sailing Classes Committee works on issues directly related to the Olympic Classes.

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee is in constant discussions throughout the year and is involved in the preparation of World Sailings major events. In addition, the Olympic Classes have representatives on most Events Committee Working Parties that deal with Olympic issues.