

World Sailing Classes Committee 2021 Annual Report to Council

The Governance Reform returned as a key topic in the last quarter and it remains one of the focal points of the World Sailing Classes Committee to secure and further increase the World Sailing Classes' scope for designing the future of sailing with strong if not stronger class influence.

The lingering pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our sport in general and obviously also on the services rendered to the Classes by the World Sailing Office. As the new World Sailing Classes Committee Chair I have been very fortunate with the continued dedication and support of the Office and its Executive. A heartfelt *Thank you!* to them.

World Sailing Classes have continued their work on class rule changes and interpretations, procedures and protocols, equipment control, measurement and application of the rules.

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

There are 5 new classes applying for World Sailing Status in 2021:

- International Wing Foil Class
- GWA Race Wingfoil Class
- Techno Wind Foil 130
- L-30 One Design
- IKA Snowkite (deferred from 2020)

And the iQFoil will receive World Sailing Class Status pending approval from Council.

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 had an extended tenure due to the COVID induced delay of the Tokyo Olympics.

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

A focus since the last conference was on topics regarding the appointment of race officials, the equipment quality control, and discussions around the 2020-2024 Events strategy. To which we can add Governance Reform and the position of the classes; procedures, processes and protocols; our Terms of Reference and the Safeguarding Program.

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