

Reviews of World Sailing Class Association Status

Purpose or Objective

World Sailing Class Associations must be regularly reviewed by the Equipment Committee. In the review, the Equipment Committee must establish whether the class association has fulfilled its agreement with World Sailing, properly administering its affairs and maintained the agreed objectives, and whether the original reasons for granting World Sailing Class Association Status still apply.

Proposal

The following Classes are recommended to the Equipment Committee for submission to the Board and, subsequently, to the General Assembly, for withdrawal of their status as World Sailing Class Associations:

- Formula 16 International Class Association
- International Hansa 2.3 Class Association
- International Hansa Liberty Class Association
- International Kiteboarding Association - KiteFoil Open Class
- International Kiteboarding Association- Twin Tip Freestyle
- Viper 640 International Class Association
- International Melges 32 Class Association

Current Position

The class associations are designated as World Sailing Class Associations.

Reasons

The review of World Sailing Class Associations was conducted under Policy D6, which provides a structured evaluation framework.

Guidance was taken from Policy D1 which, whilst not a document controlling the review, provided clarity around what was expected of a class wishing to be recognised by World Sailing.

Under Policy D6, each class was reviewed based on global distribution, financial obligations, technical compliance, and their governance and administration. Each class was assessed using a points-based compliance system, where points were assigned based on non-compliance issues. Any class scoring six (6) or more points and not having been reviewed in the last three years, was flagged for review.

A score of six (6) points indicated that:

- They have not been fulfilling their agreements with World Sailing, or
- Were not properly administering their affairs or maintaining the agreed objectives, and
- The original conditions in Policy D1 for granting World Sailing Class Association Status are not being met.

Many of the issues arise from the non-submission or late submission of annual reports. It is expected that, once identified for review, a number of classes may resolve these issues promptly.

1.	Formula 16 International Class Association
	Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements.
	No International Measurer appointed.
	Annual report submitted late to World Sailing.
2.	International Hansa 2.3 Class Association
	Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship dates not registered by 1 October 2024
3.	International Hansa Liberty Class Association
	Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship dates not registered by 1 October 2024

4.	International Kiteboarding Association - KiteFoil Open Class
	Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship reports not submitted.
5.	Viper 640 International Class Association
	Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. No International Measurer appointed. Annual report submitted late to World Sailing.
6.	International Melges 32 Class Association
	Annual report not submitted to WS. Outstanding items from the previous review, including commitment to appoint an International Measurer and update the Class Agreement. Executive Office will recommend review status again in 2027 if unresolved throughout 2026.

Additional Considerations

Policy D6 does not require that a class failing to meet the criteria must be placed under review. Clause 1.3 states that the Equipment Committee may recommend a class for review.

Classes that met the points threshold but are not included in this recommendation are:

- **Nacra 17, 49er, 49erFX, and Formula Kite**, due to their status as Olympic equipment.
- **International Kiteboarding Association – Twin Tip Freestyle**, as it operates as a World Sailing Special Event under an agreement with the Global Kitesports Association.

Using Policy D1 as guidance, it was also considered that some of these classes serve a unique aspect of the sport.

Outstanding Items from Previous Review Cycle

The following classes were reviewed in the previous cycle and still have outstanding items:

- **Dart 18**: Pending appointment of an International Measurer and updated Class Agreement. The Executive Office will recommend review again in 2027 if unresolved throughout 2026.
- **Micro Copper**: Pending appointment of an International Measurer. The Executive Office will recommend review again in 2027 if unresolved throughout 2026.
- **505**: Pending to update the Class Agreement. The Executive Office will recommend review again in 2027 if unresolved throughout 2026.
- **Fireball**: Pending to update the Class Agreement. The Executive Office will recommend review again in 2027 if unresolved throughout 2026.
- **Tasar**: Pending to update the Class Agreement. The Executive Office will recommend review again in 2027 if unresolved throughout 2026.