



World Sailing

Measurers, Umpires & Judges Clinics

An Application Guidebook for MNAs

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Aims

The aim of World Sailing's Measurers, Umpires, and Judges Clinics is to enhance the standard of officiating in these disciplines by providing both theoretical and practical training.

These clinics serve as an accessible educational pathway for Member National Authorities (MNAs) that may lack the resources to establish their own development programs. They seek to expand volunteer participation and grow the global base of national-level measurers, umpires, and judges, creating a pipeline for progression into World Sailing's International Seminars. Any Member National Authority (MNA) with their own national programme will have no need for World Sailing clinic.

To maximise the clinic's value for the host, World Sailing recommends scheduling judging and umpiring clinics immediately before a national regatta whenever possible. This arrangement may allow the instructor to serve as an advisor or coach for local race officials.

Languages

World Sailing Clinics are primarily delivered in English. However, with the assistance of the host MNA (e.g., translating clinic materials or providing a translator), the clinics may also be delivered in other languages.

For a full list of clinic instructors (and their nationalities) please visit **EDUCATION FOR RACE OFFICIALS** page.



Clinic Scheme

Measurers Clinic



Measurers Clinics provide foundational training on measurement principles and the role of measurers. Participants will gain an understanding of World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the fundamental measurement techniques for sails and rigs.

Candidates: No formal restrictions, but racing experience and basic principles of event equipment inspection is advisable.

Participant Quota: Max 20 attendees.

2 days of instruction and practical measurement

Umpires Clinic



Umpires Clinics introduce key umpiring disciplines—match racing, team racing, and fleet racing—especially in regions with limited exposure to these formats.

Candidates: Sailors familiar with the Racing Rules of Sailing but with little or no umpiring experience.

Participant Quota: Max 12 attendees

On-Water Requirements: For the on-water days, racing is required to umpire. This can be an event or a training set-up in either Match, Team or Fleet Racing.

2-3 days (90% of the activities on the water)

Judges Clinic



Judges Clinics aim to improve regional and group judging standards and support individuals interested in becoming International Judges.

Candidates: Prior judging experience and some knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Participant Quota: Max 24 attendees.

Assessment: Includes a written test as part of the WS National Judges Program.

Minimum of 2 days

Funding

Breakdown of World Sailing clinic costs and the parties responsible for covering them

World Sailing

World Sailing is responsible for covering the following costs:

- The Instructor's International airfare
- The Instructor's Clinic Delivery fee.

Host MNA

The host MNA is responsible for covering the following costs:

- Accommodation for the World Sailing Instructor (3 nights for a 2 day clinic. If the associated to an event the host must cover the additional nights required.)
- Local transportation for the World Sailing Instructor (from the airport to the clinic location)
- Meals for the World Sailing Instructor and daily lunches for the participants
- Classroom hire
- Training Equipment (including measurement tools and sailing equipment: sails, spars etc.), to be determined in consultation with the instructor.
- Accommodation for participants (it is the hosts decisions if this is covered by a fee or if this is directly covered by the participant)

Application



To apply for a clinic, applications must be submitted by **25 September 2026**.
[Click here for the application form](#)

Please note that clinics can be run from beginning of April to the end of December.

World Sailing will contact all applicants to inform them of the outcome of their application.

The application form will collect the following information, please ensure:

- Proposed dates of the course (Please give a minimum of 2 dates to allow suitability to be reviewed with World Sailing instructor availability)
- Proposed location and venue
- If connecting to an event, event details (Name, Date, No. of Boats participating etc)
- Number of interested participants from your MNA

If you need any assistance completing the application form, please contact raceofficials@sailing.org



Next Steps

Arrange Logistics

Once the application is approved and clinic funding is secured, the next step is to arrange the logistics for the World Sailing Clinic Instructor. World Sailing will book the travel to the host country for the Clinic Instructor, and as the hosts, you are responsible for ensuring the arrangements for the accommodation and meals are in place for the clinic.

Select Participants

The MNA is responsible for selecting appropriate participants for the clinic. It is crucial to carefully choose individuals who will contribute significantly to the development of sailing in your country. We strongly encourage prioritising gender equity in your selection process and ensuring that the participant quota for the clinic is respected.

Prepare Documentation

World Sailing Development Team will supply templates for venue information and emergency action plan. Once these documents are completed, they must be submitted to World Sailing no later than **two weeks before the clinic start date**.

Communicate with Clinic Instructor

The Development Team will introduce you to the Clinic Instructor who will deliver the clinic. The Clinic Instructor may ask for additional details to help with clinic preparation. The Clinic Instructor will also be the person to liaise with regarding the daily itinerary, times, training equipment etc.

Support Clinic Delivery

To support successful clinic delivery, ensure that adequate facilities and equipment are available. Regularly check in with the World Sailing Clinic Instructor to see if they require anything else to improve the clinic's efficiency.



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