WORLD SAILING
SAFETY COMMISSION
ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2026 – STATUS UPDATE (OCTOBER 2026)

1. Commission Name

Safety Commission

2. Commission Members

Eurico Miguel Fernandes Teodoro (POR) - Chair	Josep M Pla (AND) – Vice President	Matt Allen (AUS) – Oceanic and Offshore Committee Representative
Christophe Gaumont (FRA) – Race Officials Committee Representative	Kiran Badloe (NED) – Athletes Committee Representative	Michele Marchesini (ITA) – Coaches Commission Representative
Carmen Vaz Pardal (ESP) – Medical Commission Representative	Niall McLeod (GBR) – Equipment Committee Representative	Shevaun Bruland (AUS) – Event Committee Representative

3. Working Teams

Working Teams	Lead	Members
Risk assessment templates	Christophe Gaumont	Shevaun Bruland, Matt Allen
Incident analysis dinghy, other (as Kite, Windsurf, etc)	Eurico Teodoro	Carmen Vaz Pardal, Michele Marchesini, Kiran Badloe
Incident analysis oceanic, offshore and keel boats	Matt Allen	Kiran Badloe, Niall McLeod, Christophe Gaumont
Incident analysis support persons	Michele Marchesini	Carmen Vaz Pardal
Revision of safety policy	Shevaun Bruland	Matt Allen, Niall McLeod

4. Remit and Strategic Alignment

"Ready for the Future 2025-2029"
"Olympic Vision"
"Sustainability Agenda 2030"
"Steering the Course: Women in Sailing"
"Para Inclusive Strategy"

Mission/Remit	Mission Statement/Remit: Safety advocacy supporting and promoting measures to improve safety and reduce harm. It involves advocating for policies, practices, and procedures that prioritize safety and protect from risks
Alignment to WS Strategies	
Ready for the Future	Safety is integral to World Sailing's future strategy, embedded in: • Athlete safeguarding procedures, • Equipment rules,

	• And education programs. This focus ensures not only the well-being of all participants but also the credibility and sustainability of the sport globally and as so the focus of the Safety Commission is to support WS strategies in becoming reducing risks and increasing safety.
"Olympic Vision"	Athlete-centric policies are part of a framework that naturally includes safety, by ensuring safety of equipment, adequate safety logistics
Sustainability Agenda 2030"	Promote durability and safety standards in equipment lifecycle assessments. Sustainability measures but taking into safety cannot be compromised.
Steering the Course: Women in Sailing"	Promote empowerment of Women in safety related matters, maintain awareness of individuals ergonomic differences and eventual safety equipment adjustments
Para Inclusive Strategy"	Promote safety standards for sailor and equipment

5. Objectives for the Year

List 3–5 specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) objectives for the year.

Objective 1	Annual Review of the Safety Policy
Objective 2	Review and Update of the Guidelines for Incident Reporting (encouraging reporting)
Objective 3	Develop resources to support the sailing community eg: WS Template for Risk Assessment / Crisis Management
Objective 4	Co-ordinate and share information with WS stakeholders
Objective 5	Monitor Equipment Standards
Objective 6	Safety for the future - safety advocacy

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6. Key Activities

- Break down the objectives into actionable tasks with deadlines and responsible parties.
- Define key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure progress and success.
- Outline the resources required to achieve the objectives.

OBJECTIVE 1	Annual Review of the Safety Policy			
TASKS	**DEADLINE**	**RESPONSIBLE PARTY**	**KPI**	**RESOURCE REQUIRED**
Review of policy and alignment with WS policy	August 2025	Working team		Staff time
Proposals of eventual changes Safety Policy	August 2025	Working team		Staff time
STATUS (Oct 2026)	In progress. The review led to the proposal to integrate the core of the ESMS, drafted as the Sailing Safety Management Code (SSMC, Draft 0.1, 19 Oct 2026), into the Safety Policy (P1). Carried forward to 2027 as part of ESMS Phase 1.			

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OBJECTIVE 2	Review and Update of the Guidelines for Incident Reporting			
TASKS	**DEADLINE**	**RESPONSIBLE PARTY**	**KPI**	**RESOURCE REQUIRED**
Verification of possible comparison IMO standards Guidelines for Incident Reporting	October 2025	Eurico Teodoro		
Proposals of eventual changes	October 2025	Eurico Teodoro	Nº of changes	Staff time
Recommendations for improvements	October 2025	Safety commission	Nº of recommendations implemented	Staff time
Publication of update guidelines	March 2026	Safety commission		Staff time and eventual budget
STATUS (Oct 2026)	Partially completed. The comparison with IMO principles was taken forward through the SSMC, which follows the structure of the IMO ISM Code and includes incident reporting. Under-reporting and late reporting were raised with the Board (Mid-Year memorandum, May 2026). Updated guidelines not yet published. Carried forward to 2027.			

OBJECTIVE 3	Develop resources to support the sailing community			
TASKS	**DEADLINE**	**RESPONSIBLE PARTY**	**KPI**	**RESOURCE REQUIRED**
WS Template for Risk Assessment	June 2026	Working team		~~Staff time and eventual budget~~NIL
WS Template Crisis Management	June 2027	Working team		Staff time and eventual budget
STATUS (Oct 2026)	Risk Assessment template developed into the Event Safety Management System (ESMS): consultation draft circulated in August 2026 and stakeholder documents in September 2026; crisis management integrated. The Board indicated that the work may continue in levels, starting at club level. 2027: ESMS Phase 1, development and approval together with the club level.			

OBJECTIVE 4	Co-ordinate and share information with WS stakeholders			
TASKS	**DEADLINE**	**RESPONSIBLE PARTY**	**KPI**	**RESOURCE REQUIRED**
Prepare Report for Mid-year Meetings & Annual Conference to raise the profile of Safety	1 month before meetings	Safety commission, writing by Chair and reviewed by commission		Staff time
Regular Sharing communication with WS stakeholders	Continuous	Safety commission members		Staff time and resources to
STATUS (Oct 2026)	Completed. Mid-Year memorandum to the Board (May 2026); Supporting Paper to Committees and Commissions and Annual Report for the 2026 Annual Conference; monthly incident summaries circulated to members.			

OBJECTIVE 5	Monitor Safety Equipment Standards			
TASKS	**DEADLINE**	**RESPONSIBLE PARTY**	**KPI**	**RESOURCE REQUIRED**
Reporting of change to Safety Commission	Continuous	Safety Commission	Nº of changes reported	Staff time
Coordination of changes	Continuous	Safety Commission	Nº of changes implemented	
Equipment matters (robotic marks, kill cords, vests, etc) and eventual awareness, coordinate	Continuous	Safety Commission	Nº of equipment reviewed	Staff time and eventual budget to advocate safety awareness and promoting
STATUS (Oct 2026)	Ongoing. Impact protection and PFD standards (ISO 12402 revision) followed with the International Regulations Commission; follow-up of RRS 2025–2028, OSR 2026–2027, Marine Megafauna guidelines and foiling protective equipment (Item 3 b).			

OBJECTIVE 6	Safety for the future			
TASKS	**DEADLINE**	**RESPONSIBLE PARTY**	**KPI**	**RESOURCE REQUIRED**
Incident reporting data analysis	Continuous	Working teams	Nr of incidents versus Nr of analysis carried out	~~Staff time and eventual budget for software development~~NIL
Lessons to be learned / recommendations	Continuous	Working team / Safety Commission	Nr of incidents versus Nr of recommendations	~~Staff time and eventual budget for software development~~NIL

Analysis of feedback to recommendations	Continuous	Commission member to committee	Nr of recommendations versus Nr implemented	~~Staff time and eventual budget for software development~~NIL
Yearly report incident and recommendations	Yearly in August			Staff time
STATUS (Oct 2026)	Ongoing. Monthly incident summaries reviewed by the Commission and analysed by the working teams in closed session. Yearly overview presented in the Annual Conference papers.			

7. Reporting and Review

Submit quarterly progress reports to the World Sailing Board and present findings at the annual general meeting.

Commission internal e-mail circulation on monthly basis with working teams updates

8. Continuous Improvement

Quarterly analysis of working teams status taking into consideration the goals to be reached.
Coordination of eventual changes