# LA2028 Supplied Equipment ILCA

## 1. Introduction

1.1 This paper updates the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee on the LA2028 ILCA supplier and manufacturer selection process and the proposed timetable, and seeks the selection of the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee member for the Evaluation Panel.

1.2 We plan to conduct the manufacturer tender and evaluation over the next three months. Board approval of the Evaluation Panel will be sought by email ahead of the 2026 Annual Conference, allowing the group to begin working together at that stage.

## 2. Recommendation for the Evaluation Panel

2.1 The panel will evaluate and rank manufacturers and advise the Board on manufacturer selection. ILCA's representative will contribute in an advisory capacity; responsibility for manufacturer selection and quality control remains with World Sailing.

2.2 The proposed composition of the Evaluation Panel is presented below:

(a) One Equipment Rules Sub-committee (ERSC) member

(b) One Equipment Committee (EQC) member

(c) One World Sailing Board member

(d) One World Sailing Technical Department staff member

(e) One ILCA Class Technical Officer

2.3 Once the Board has approved the panel's composition, the Office will invite each of the remaining groups to nominate its representative. The panel will be considered formally appointed once all nominations have been received.

2.4 The Equipment Rules Sub-Committee is asked to appoint its representative to the Evaluation Panel.

## 3. Background

3.1 For the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, LA2028 will manage an open tender to select the suppliers of ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 equipment. World Sailing will lead a separate process to select the manufacturers and retain control of equipment quality assurance. The suppliers appointed by LA2028 will be required to provide equipment from the manufacturers selected by World Sailing.

3.2 LA2028 has indicated that it needs to initiate its supplier tender. We are therefore moving forward with the manufacturer selection process, coordinating the two processes so that the technical requirements and selected manufacturers inform LA2028's procurement.

3.3 We have been working closely with the ILCA Technical Team and have adopted an evaluation approach similar to that used by the Class for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. For LA2028, World Sailing is leading the process, with ILCA Technical Officers providing technical advice in a consultative role. The commercial model also differs, with LA2028 managing the open supplier tender and World Sailing retaining responsibility for manufacturer selection and quality control.

3.4 The evaluation and selection process and timetable have been developed in consultation with ILCA's Technical Officers and presented to and approved by the Equipment Committee

at previous meetings, including at the 2025 Annual Conference. The current work follows that agreed process and timetable.

3.5 Selected manufacturers will produce the Olympic equipment during a defined production period, subject to the specified Olympic requirements and tighter tolerances. They will carry out inspections and measurements, retain quality-control records and provide traceability for individual items. World Sailing will audit production and verify compliance, with access to facilities, production records and quality-control data.

3.6 The evaluation framework assesses manufacturing consistency, compliance with Olympic tolerances, production capacity, resolution of audit findings and sustainability. Its detailed scoring methodology will be finalised with the Evaluation Panel before the manufacturer tender is issued.

3.7 The intended timetable is to seek panel nominations and Board approval at the 2026 Annual Conference, enabling the panel to discuss its work at the Conference. The manufacturer tender and evaluation are planned over the next three months, with the detailed schedule coordinated with LA2028’s supplier tender.