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# Presidential Welcome



After a long wait and an unprecedented period of uncertainty, the success of the Olympics has reminded us all of the sporting world's ability to triumph over adversity. The Games, very different in many ways, were still the dramatic

spectacle of determination, teamwork and fair play that inspire athletes the world over.

The sailing event in Enoshima reminded us of the Olympic legacy and connected us to the last time Japan hosted the event in 1964. The community in Enoshima embraced the Games with enthusiasm and brought us closer to the IOC, which sets us on a good path for the Paris 2024 Games and beyond. Working together as one is crucial for the benefit of the sport, sailors, coaches, sailing communities and the next generation of athletes across the globe.

Every sailor and coach deserve the utmost praise for balancing the restrictions and training to be able to appear at the Olympics.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Member National Authorities, Council Members, our volunteers, guides, stewards, race officials, juries and my Board for their efforts in the build up to and during the Games. Your dedication truly is an asset to the sport and we are incredibly thankful to you all.

This is an exciting time for sailing. The return of sailing events around the world after a long, enforced off-season offer a chance to reconnect with the sport we all love.

To end the year with so many national, regional and international championships set to go ahead gives us all cause for optimism. Safety regulations are still in place, but to bring the best sailors from around the world to compete safely shows that once again our resilience has shone through as we continue to navigate this difficult period.

As well as showcasing the immense talent sailing has to offer, these events also provide a prime opportunity to demonstrate our community initiatives, such as the ENP, Steering the Course, PDP, eSailing, and sustainability. It gives us a chance to gauge our progress towards our targets, set new standards and innovate in order to grow the sport across a variety of channels.

I look forward to a fantastic return to form for sailing around the world and hope we will all continue to work together for the benefit of the sport.

Quanhai Li, President

# From The CEO's Desk



The strength of the World Sailing community was on show for all to see at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. It was an excellent event in spectacular surroundings and brought an end to a long cycle of training and competing,

which was longer and more challenging than ever. We now feel that the sport is ready to re-start and make up for lost time. The variety of international events already taking place and scheduled for the coming months are extremely encouraging and we look forward to a strong end to the year.

My sincerest thanks go to everybody involved making the Olympiad XXXII Tokyo2020 the incredible success it was, especially those of you who volunteered your time. You contributed to an iconic event and helped to make the dreams of sailors from around the world come true.

Alongside events taking place in all corners of the world, we also have the next edition of Steering the Course global women's sailing festival taking place in the southern hemisphere.

Para sailors are currently preparing for the 2021 Hansa Class World and International Championships in Palermo, Italy. There are 175 competitors from 24 countries registered across Hansa 2.3, Hansa 303 and Liberty classes. It is encouraging to see the number of female participants. This promises to be a remarkable event, and participation numbers over the last number of years have been impressive which will greatly add to our initiative to reinstate para sailing into the Olympics which is gathering pace.

The Board held two meetings this quarter, 22 July and 14 September. World Sailing is now out of its cashflow crisis and in a much stronger position financially. The IOC have written indicating the distribution to the IF's will be at the same level as Rio (pending final reconciliation of the Tokyo2020 accounts) and our first tranche will be received at the end of this month.

The Board meeting minutes are all online, some of the highlights of the last 2 meetings are as follows:

- Board Charter, signed and approved by management and VPs
- 2021 Annual Conference will be held virtually
- 2022 Mid-Year Meeting will be held in person at the end of March in Abu Dhabi
- Sub-Committee formed to move Governance reform forward lead by VP Philip Baum

As I write this, we are in planning to get the Board together in person at the Youth World Championships in the Sultanate of Oman.

For complete details please refer to the minutes that are available online.

In line with the lifting of the lockdown restrictions in the UK, staff are now back to the office. We have decided between us that we will have a blended workweek, working from home and from the office 2 full days (Tuesday & Wednesday). Although it is early days, this blended week is proving really efficient.

We have, however, lost some team members during this period. It is always a shame to say goodbye to such dedicated people but they were offered good opportunities elsewhere and we wish them well. The recruitment process has already started and we look forward to welcoming talented new staff soon, if you know any suitable candidates please do get in touch.

All the best to sailors preparing for upcoming competitions and through my social feed I have seen many have started their qualification journey for Paris 2024. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at various sailing events throughout the year.

David Graham, Chief Executive Officer



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## Around the Globe

### Olympics Recap Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The Olympic sailing events have been heralded as a complete success. Given the challenges facing the Games, the IOC, Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, athletes and community of Enoshima all came together to deliver an excellent sailing event. Mount Fuji provided a spectacular backdrop for the sailing events and saw iconic imagery broadcast to audiences around the world. The quality of sailing was incredibly high as the sailors shook off the long hiatus created by the pandemic to deliver a Games that will live long in our memories.

### Olympic Games and the ENP



One of the most pleasing aspects of this Olympic Games was the performance of the sailors and coaches who have benefited from World Sailing's Emerging Nations Program. Six women in the Laser Radial class, three men in the Laser Standard class and five coaches all representing their country at the Games is an impressive feat, considering the difficulty in qualifying and how many Olympic coaches there are.

Spotlight: Women's finalists include: Nethra Kumanan from India, 35th; Khoulood Mansy from Egypt, 41st; Sophia Frances Morgan from Fiji, 42nd; Jalese Gordon from Antigua, 43rd; Rose-Lee Numa from Papua New Guinea, 44th. Deizy Nhaquile from Mozambique, 40th: unfortunately, she tested positive for COVID-19 upon entry to Japan and spent the week leading up to the event in hospital losing weight instead of training.

Men's competition: Rodney Govinden from the Seychelles, 33rd; Aly Badawy from Egypt, 34th; and Teariki Numa from Papua New Guinea, 35th.

### Build up to Paris 2024

Paris 2024 is now less than three years away. Sailing will take place in the beautiful Mediterranean city of Marseille at the newly designed Roucas-Blanc Marina. The Roucas Blanc Nautical Stadium will offer ideal training conditions for athletes, as well as exceptional access to Marseille's La Corniche, which will enable the thousands of spectators to follow the events at close quarters.

### Upcoming events

The spotlight turns to the Sultanate of Oman this Winter for an action-packed season with no fewer than five world and Asian championships in a short space of time.

### Youth Sailing World Championships

The highest profile event this winter is the Youth Sailing World Championships, which will take place in Asia for the first time. Preparations have been gathering pace, and currently there are 606 participants from 55 MNAs – 427 sailors and 179 coaches.



This is a blue ribbon event for World Sailing and the idyllic conditions in Mussanah, just north of the capital city of Muscat, promise excellent sailing in a perfect location. This should be a spectacular return for the Youth Worlds after a long break.

[worldsailingywc.org](https://worldsailingywc.org)



## Youth Worlds Emerging Nations Program

Alongside the Youth Worlds will be the Youth ENP. This clinic will be bigger this year as a result of extra assistance from Olympic Solidarity and there will be a coaching clinic funded by Olympic Solidarity.

## Regional Games

### 49er Asian Championships

From 5-9 November, 80 of Asia's best sailors will compete in the 2021 Asian 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 Championships in Mussanah. The event serves as a warm-up for the World Championships, also in Mussanah, and offers much-needed competitive sailing.

[49er.org/event/2021-asian-championship-2/](https://49er.org/event/2021-asian-championship-2/)

### 49er World Championships

The 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Championships 2021 makes its Asian debut on 16 November for six days of sailing in the warm waters of the Sultanate of Oman. The event is expected to feature over 200 sailors across all three classes for the first global sailing event post-Tokyo 2020.

[49er.org/event/2021-world-championship/](https://49er.org/event/2021-world-championship/)

### Asian Windsurfing Championships

Fifty riders, male and female, from 15 countries head to the Northern enclave of Khasab, on the Strait of Hormuz, for a week of epic windsurfing in Formula Windsurfing Foil, Techno293 Junior, Techno293 Youth, Techno293 Plus Youth and Techno293 Plus Open classes.

[www.omansail.com/asian-windsurfing-championship-2021](https://www.omansail.com/asian-windsurfing-championship-2021)

### ICLA Radial World Championships (Laser)

A busy period comes to a close with the ICLA Radial World Championships in Mussanah. More than 160 of the best male and female Laser Radial sailors from around the world will compete for the honour of becoming World Champion.

[sailing.laserinternational.org/site/event-site/126](https://sailing.laserinternational.org/site/event-site/126)

[sailing.laserinternational.org/site/event-site/127](https://sailing.laserinternational.org/site/event-site/127)

### J/70 European Championships

The rearranged J/70 European Championships took place in Copenhagen in near perfect conditions for the 98 boats. José-Maria Torcida (ESP) and his team took the title from Paul Ward (GBR) four points back and Michael Goldfarb (USA) in third. Local contender Jens Christensen finished fourth.

[j70europeans2021.com/](https://j70europeans2021.com/)

### Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup

The seventh edition of the historic Rolex New York Invitational Cup returned to Newport, RI, in September. For the second time the event was run in the club's fleet of IC37s, showing once again that the event is the ultimate platform for high energy, amateur sailing on a completely level platform.

[nyyc.org/2021-rolex-nyyc-invitational-cup](https://nyyc.org/2021-rolex-nyyc-invitational-cup)

### GKA World Tour

The GKA Kite-Surf World Cup in Denmark unfortunately was unable to take place due to a lack of wind throughout the event. The venue, Hvide Sande, is usually perfect for kite surfing, but on this occasion, nature prevented the competition from getting underway. Each rider in attendance still received 30 points towards their ranking.

[www.gkakiteworldtour.com/events/gka-kite-surf-world-cup-denmark-2021/](https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/events/gka-kite-surf-world-cup-denmark-2021/)



### Moth World Championships

The 2021 Moth World Championship 'Redoro Frantoio Veneti' at Fraglia Vela Malcesine, Lake Garda, Italy saw over 140 athletes from 20 nations compete over five days. The title belonged to Australia with Tom Slingsby in first and compatriot Iain Jensen in second. Paul Goodison of Great Britain finished third and Australian Kyle Langford in fourth.

Slingsby successfully defended the title he won in 2019 and extends his winning run to 14 regattas.

Josie Gliddon of Great Britain won the women's championship, finishing at the front of the 12-strong fleet - marking the world's largest ever women's world championship. Jo Aleh of New Zealand was second and Franziska Mäge of Germany third.

<http://mothworlds.org/malcesine21/>





### Sail GP St Tropez

The fifth event of SailGP Season 2 took place in Saint-Tropez, France, with the team from Japan helmed by Nathan Outteridge emerging victorious. The USA finished second and Spain third in a winner-takes-all Final. A 29m wing was used for the first time in SailGP on Race Day 2. The next event takes place in Cadiz, Spain, in October to close out the European leg of Season 2. The race then heads to Australia and New Zealand before finishing in the USA.

[sailgp.com/races/france-sail-grand-prix-event-page/](https://sailgp.com/races/france-sail-grand-prix-event-page/)

### 49er European Championships 2021

The 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 European Championships finally began on September 14 in Thessaloniki, Greece, after being originally scheduled for May 2020, then September 2020, then May 2021. A total of 112 teams are competing from Europe, Oceania and the Americas.

[49er.org/event/2021-european-championship/](https://49er.org/event/2021-european-championship/)

### 2.4mr Gold Cup Para World Championship

There are currently 35 registered sailors for the 2.4mr Gold Cup Para World Championship in Warnemünde, Germany - one of three Para Championships this year where the Organisers are supplying all boats for the first time.

[2punkt4.de/gold-cup-2021](https://2punkt4.de/gold-cup-2021)

### Hansa World Championships, Palermo

The Hansa World Championships on the Italian island of Sicily will take place from 4-9 October. It is open to all competitors in Hansa 2.3 single person, Hansa 303 single



person, Hansa 303 two-person and Liberty/Liberty Servo classes, with 175 competitors from 23 countries registered for the event.

[hansaworlds.org/](https://hansaworlds.org/)

### 2021 Hempel Offshore World Championships

The 2021 Hempel Offshore World Championship is a showcase of the best mixed offshore double handed sailing, running alongside the Nastro Rosa Regatta in Italy.

[www.nastrosatour.it/](https://www.nastrosatour.it/)

### German Wingfoiling Championships

The first ever wing foil event on the Baltic Sea took place over the last weekend of July, bringing together 50 athletes and a crowd of over 10,000 people at the Baltic Sea Resort of Schönberg.

[www.wingfoilworldtour.com/events/foil-festival-open-german-championships-2021/](https://www.wingfoilworldtour.com/events/foil-festival-open-german-championships-2021/)

### iQFOiL World Championships 2021

The first ever iQFOiL World Championships on Lake Silvaplana, Switzerland, was an exhilarating example of the sport with 157 competitors in the Men's event and 72 in the Women's. In the end it was a double win for France with Helene Noesmoen and Nico Goyard becoming the first ever iQFOiL World Champions. The next major event in the class is the European Championships at the end of October in Marseille, the Olympic Sailing venue for Paris 2024.

[iqfoilclass.org/worlds2021/](https://iqfoilclass.org/worlds2021/)

### One-Design Laser 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the original One-Design Laser Dinghy. Making its debut in 1971, it has become the most recognised boat brand and most sold small dinghy class in the world. A fleet of over 100 boats sailed from the Sydney Opera House to Watsons Bay to mark the occasion and celebrate in style. Video highlights are available here [www.dbsc.com.au/laser-50th](https://www.dbsc.com.au/laser-50th)





# Meetings

## 2021 Annual Conference

The Annual Conference will take place virtually from 22-30 October.

[www.sailing.org/meetings/2021-conference.php](http://www.sailing.org/meetings/2021-conference.php)

*\*\*All times listed are UTC*

### Friday 22 October

Time	Meeting	Format
12:00-14:00	Regional Games Sub-Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
09:00-11:00	Race Management Sub-Committee	Closed – BJ Meetings
13:00-15:00	Intl. Judges Sub-Committee	Closed – BJ Meetings

### Saturday 23 October

Time	Meeting	Format
12:00-14:00	Team Racing Sub-Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
11:00-14:00	Equipment Rules Sub-Committee	Open – BJ Meetings

### Sunday 24 October

Time	Meeting	Format
05:00-08:00	Intl. Umpires Sub-Committee	Closed – BJ Meetings
13:00-15:00	Intl. Measurers Sub-Committee	Closed – BJ Meetings
11:00-14:00	Youth Events Sub-Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
16:00-19:00	WS Classes Sub-Committee	Closed – BJ Meetings

### Monday 25 October

Time	Meeting	Format
12:00-14:00	Match Racing Sub-Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
11:00-14:00	Equipment Committee	Open – BJ Events
13:00-15:00	Special Regulations Sub-Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
16:00-18:00	Women's Forum	Open – BJ Events
17:00-20:00	Olympic Classes Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
09:00-12:00	Coaches Commission	Closed – BJ Meetings

### Tuesday 26 October

Time	Meeting	Format
19:00-22:00	Events Committee	Open – BJ Events
15:00-18:00	Development & Regions Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
08:00-10:00	Racing Rules Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
10:00-13:00	Race Officials Committee	Closed – BJ Meetings
09:00-12:00	Constitution Committee	Open – BJ Meetings

### Wednesday 27 October

Time	Meeting	Format
11:00-14:00	Equipment Committee	Open – BJ Events
19:00-22:00	Racing Rules Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
10:00-12:00	WS Board Meeting	Closed – BJ Meeting
12:00-15:00	Para World Sailing Committee	Open – BJ Meetings

### Thursday 28 October

Time	Meeting	Format
19:00-22:00	Events Committee	Open – BJ Events
09:00-12:00	Constitution Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
13:00-15:00	Oceanic & Offshore Committee	Open – BJ Meetings
10:00-12:00	WS Board Meeting	Closed – BJ Meeting

### Friday 29 October

Time	Meeting	Format
09:00-17:00	Council Meeting	Open – BJ Events

### Saturday 30 October

Time	Meeting	Format
09:30-12:00	AGM	Open – BJ Events





# Para Sailing

WeThe15, a global human rights movement for the 1.2 billion persons with disabilities was launched in August. The campaign is led by International Paralympic Committee, International Disability Alliance, UN Human Rights, UNESCO, UNAOC, amongst others, and marks the first time ever that the IPC, Special Olympics, Invictus Games and International Committee of Sports for the Deaf have collaborated.

Launched ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, WeThe15 aims to end discrimination towards persons with disabilities and act as a global movement publicly campaigning for disability visibility, accessibility and inclusion.

Aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, WeThe15 aims to change attitudes and create more opportunities by:

- Putting persons with disabilities at the heart of the diversity and inclusion agenda
- Implementing a range of activities targeting governments, businesses, and the public to drive social inclusion for persons with disabilities
- Breaking down societal and systemic barriers that are preventing persons with disabilities from fulfilling their potential and being active members of society
- Ensuring greater awareness, visibility, and representation of persons with disabilities
- Promoting the role of assistive technology as a vehicle to driving social inclusion

World Sailing will be supporting the ongoing WeThe15 movement across its communications and in partnership with the International Paralympic Committee. Read more here: [www.paralympic.org/news/wethe15-global-human-rights-movement-1-2-billion-persons-disabilities](https://www.paralympic.org/news/wethe15-global-human-rights-movement-1-2-billion-persons-disabilities) and see launch video [here](#).

## Paralympic Reinstatement

World Sailing's initiative to reinstate Para Sailing at the Paralympics in Los Angeles 2028 is also underway. A Town Hall meeting with all MNAs and their media, social media and communications teams will be organised in early October for maximum collaboration on this global push - watch this space!

## Paralympic Development Program

The PDP in Palermo is in the final steps of registration. There are currently 18 registered sailors and coaches. Support for PDP participants will be provided for the PDP and the World Championship.

There will be an additional PDP in Oman in early November and invitations will be sent soon.

## European Paralympic Committee

World Sailing has received an invitation for the European Paralympic Committee meeting in early November in Cyprus.





# Training and Development

## Steering the Course: Women's Sailing Festival

The Southern Hemisphere edition of Steering the Course is set to take place from 1-10 October.



The positive impact of the Northern Hemisphere programme is still being felt and has been an incredible success in growing the sport. The first success story is Iceland, where the organisers of a Sail Around Iceland event for women has reported more than three times the expected number of applications - over 120 women, many of whom have returned for sailing lessons. More successful case studies are sure to follow and it is hoped the Southern edition will be received just as enthusiastically.

## New Athletes' Commission representatives elected

Voting for the new Athletes' Commission has taken place. A total of 19 candidates ran for election with over 200 votes cast by athletes during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The five new athletes joining the World Sailing Athletes' Commission are:

- Mathilde De Kerangat (FRA) - Laser Radial
- Pawel Kolodzinski (POL) - 49er
- Pavlos Kontides (CYP) - Laser Standard
- Heiko Kroger (GER) - Para Sailing
- Facundo Orezza (ARG) - Finn
- David Hughes (USA), Vice Chair – 470 Men

Three athletes will remain on the Commission for the remainder of their term:

- Jo Aleh (NZL), current Chair - 470 Women
- Sofia Bekatorou (GRE) - Nacra 17
- Mayaan Davidovich (ISR) - RS:X Women

We are pleased to welcome the new Commission members and thank those stepping down for their commitment to the sport.







# Technical and Offshore

## Technical Course for Coaches

There have been three successful applications for technical courses for coaches, all of which had previously been rearranged due to the pandemic. Fortunately, one course went ahead in Iceland from 13-19 August, and another Level 1 course took place in St Vincent and Grenadines. Restrictions on travel have impacted the delivery of the course, so to be able to complete these two courses is an achievement in itself. Namibia has also been successful with an application, and it is hoped the course will take place in January 2022.

The course has been adapted to a seven-day programme covering teaching sailing, safety, centre development and safe powerboat driving. Feedback from Iceland on the new course was very positive and as travel restrictions ease it is hoped that more courses will be able to go ahead in order to raise the standard of coaching around the world.

## Race Officials

Appointments have been finalised for the Youth Match Racing Worlds, the ILCA 7 Men's World Championships and the Youth World Championships.

## 49er & FX

The class and the right holders announced the selection of a new rig and sail design for this next Olympic cycle. The change needs to be formally presented for World Sailing approval. The Office must monitor the transition to ensure it complies with the provisions of the Class Agreement and Commercial Undertakings. The new building specifications or the required changes to the class rules have not yet been presented for our approval.

## Nacra 17

The Manufacturer has designed an update to the rudder connection plates that will allow the rudder rake to be adjusted while racing to achieve foiling upwind. The change needs to be formally presented for World Sailing approval.

## Class Applications for World Sailing status

World Sailing received the following applications for World Sailing status. These will be considered at the 2021 Annual Conference:

- a. Techno Wing Foil 130
- b. L30 One Design (deferred application)
- c. Marblehead
- d. Wing Foil Class
- e. GWA Wingfoil Race Class





# Commercial

## Virtual Regatta

### eSailing Nations Cup

The 2021 Nations Cup now in its second year started on 12 September with seeding rounds and then the knockout rounds will run from 13 September-31 October. The final will be held on 6 November and all rounds will be broadcast live on YouTube with commentary and analysis.

### eSailing World Championship

The eSWC Final will be held on the 5 November and we will be held virtually for the second year. The eSWC Playoffs will be held from the 1-4 October to determine the final players in the final. These 8 players will join the Olympic Virtual Series winner, the eAmerica's Cup winner, the eSailGP winner and the top ranked player at the end of the eSailing World Championship ranking. With more players than ever before competing, this year will become the highest attended World Championship year to date.

## Olympic Virtual Series

The inaugural Olympic Virtual Series was concluded on 23 June and was deemed a huge success by the IOC, especially for sailing. There was a total of 242,540 unique players across all sports in the series with just under half (117,308) of the participants from sailing. UCI / Swift were the second biggest with 72,500 and FIA / Grand Turismo having 45,764. Social media was heavily engaged with over 7m impressions across IOC social media for the series. World Sailing ran events in the Offshore and Inshore games - the offshore race was a race from Rio de Janeiro to Tokyo, and the inshore races were held in the Olympic classes: Nacra 17, Laser and 49er. This is the first time the IOC has worked in the eSports arena and we believe that this project was a great way of introducing what we do at World Sailing with eSailing and we have learnt a lot about how to take even more advantage in the future. With the full engagement, integration, and education of the IOC this opportunity can provide even higher figures in participation and revenues whilst reinforcing our position as a leading eSports federation.







## SAP Activation at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Event

SAP have signed on as a World Sailing Global Partner and supporter of the World Sailing Trust for 2021-2023 and work began immediately on the Olympic analytics project, which has been in the pipeline for over three years. Focusing on delivering a World Sailing white-labelled tracking analytics solutions at the Games to mirror the service provided at World Sailing's Hempel World Cup Series, the project brought together Swiss Timing, OBS, SAP and World Sailing to deliver the upgrade. The analytics package provided as part of our SAP agreement was distributed globally through Olympic broadcast rights holders and MNA's to give live tracking and data for fans and stakeholders which was previously unavailable. The analytics give added insight for commentary teams ensuring that they had access to a wind-based leader board and rich data to inform the viewer. The results were excellent both from feedback from the commentary teams and OBS as well as the record-breaking numbers for SAP. Previously the highest number of unique users on the SAP platform was close to 50,000 at the Sailing World Championships in Aarhus. The Tokyo 2020 activation boasted over 450,000 unique users and over 1.3 million total requests throughout the event. SAP are very happy and have requested our teams work together to promote both externally and internally within SAP, showcasing sailing as a data-driven sport for participants and fans. SAP is now focused on the provision of more technology at the Offshore World Championships and the Youth Worlds as well as planning for 2022.



## Rolex

Discussions have taken place with Rolex to confirm that after a year of hiatus the Rolex World Sailor of the Year will be back for 2021 but as a Virtual show towards the end of the year. The nominations process and voting will start in October and will provide an opportunity to award and recognise the world's best and look back at the top events that managed to showcase our sport and athletes this year.

## Musto

The Race Officials portal will be launched in October that offers discounted purchases of World Sailing Official branded clothing for all registered international race officials.

Musto supported three Mozambique sailors at Tokyo 2020 with a generous donation of clothing for on and off the water. Deizy Nhaquile (Laser Radial) has been supported through the ENP programmes so it was amazing to see her kitted out in Musto on the Olympic Waters! This forms a pathway for Musto to hopefully support more sailors in the future through other routes, including offshore

## GAC Pindar

GAC Pindar and World Sailing have extended their partnership to 2028. This partnership focuses on continued support of the Paralympic Development Programme as well as initiatives in Sustainable logistics best practice.



# Sustainability

## 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award

The World Sailing 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award is open for entries where the winner will receive a \$10,000 prize to help deliver more impact. MNAs and Class Associations are encouraged to apply as well as encourages their members to apply if they have delivered sustainability initiatives in the last year. Entries close on the 15th October. To apply click [here](#).

## Sustainability Agenda 2030 – update

Overall, exceeding expected delivery but with some individual targets slipping due to Covid.

- Targets complete : 22 KPIs
- Targets with work started – 24 KPIs
- Targets where work not started – 10 KPIs

## Researchers place World Sailing top of International Federations on their sustainability delivery

World Sailing were happy to be top of the podium for their sustainability work as published by recent research [here](#).

## MNA initiatives

World Sailing's MNA, the Monaco Yacht Club hosted their **Solar and Energy Boat competition** where World Sailing presented on their Challenge 2024 initiative alongside Paris 2024. The event featured electric boats, electric foiling boats as well as boats which used hydrogen giving a glimpse of what the future might hold for a low carbon support boat fleet.

## Special Events

Sail GP launched their **impact league** where prize money is up for grabs for the teams sustainability initiatives.

## Climate and outreach

World Sailing's participation in the **UN Sports For Climate Action** continues, there are now 210 global sports participating. World Sailing Chair the strategic action work with the International Olympic Committee.

Finally, the World Sailing Education Programme continues to be used by our members. Educating the next generation on how to be more sustainable sailors has been very popular with youth sailors. This was showcased when World Sailing Sustainability team presented at a UNICEF event with United Nations Climate Change.

## World Sailing present at IUCN World Congress

World Sailing presented with the International Maritime Organisation at the world's largest nature congress which was a hybrid virtual event in Marseille. The IOC also presented and The Ocean Race were able to showcase their **Relay for Nature**.





# Website

Development of the new World Sailing website is nearly complete and an official launch is imminent.

## Sailor Categorisation

World Sailing is currently migrating systems ahead of the imminent launch of a brand-new website. In the meantime, to request classification please download [https://sailing.org/tools/documents/Classificationformdocx-\[27464\].docx](https://sailing.org/tools/documents/Classificationformdocx-[27464].docx) the classification document and email the completed form to [classification@sailing.org](mailto:classification@sailing.org).

Please apply 10 days prior to your intended date of participation.





## A Day in the Life: Hannah Stodel

Hannah Stodel is a British Paralympic sailor. She is a three-time World Champion and has represented Great Britain at four Summer Paralympics. Coming from a sailing family, much of her early life was spent on the water. We caught up with her to find out, in her own words, what a typical day looks like.

It's Sunday, and I'm racing with the King 40 Cobra on the Solent for the last of the Royal Southern Championships, with it all to play for us. We go into the last race on equal points, which makes for exciting sailing, and what a way to close out the season with a silver.

I love racing with Cobra. They're an amazing team, and I've been able to helm for them for nearly two seasons now. The racing did run long, and we don't get back to the dock until nearly 15:30, so without the time to stay and de-rig (thank goodness my team are so understanding of my crazy existence!), I'm straight into my car and on the road to Hereford to start work with Fieri Leadership and Development.

After arriving at our base, it's straight into setup with the Event Manager Harrie. We have to create various scenarios and activities in advance to challenge and test our delegates. This week we have some of the Head Coaches from various Premier League football clubs joining us for a super intense training session. There's a huge amount of preparation work to be done in the background, so it's a late one finishing around 23:30.

The fun thing for me is that almost no two days are the same. I'm in a very privileged position where I work for a company that not only supports my Vendée Globe campaign but also that compliments it.

After a briefing, I head to bed ready for the early start the next day. I love the fact that I have been able to learn and grow as a coach and I have always been challenged and required to push myself out of my own comfort zone with them. I started working for them back in 2018, initially as a syndicate leader, but I started taking on more responsibility from role playing in scenarios to eventually running the main rotations.

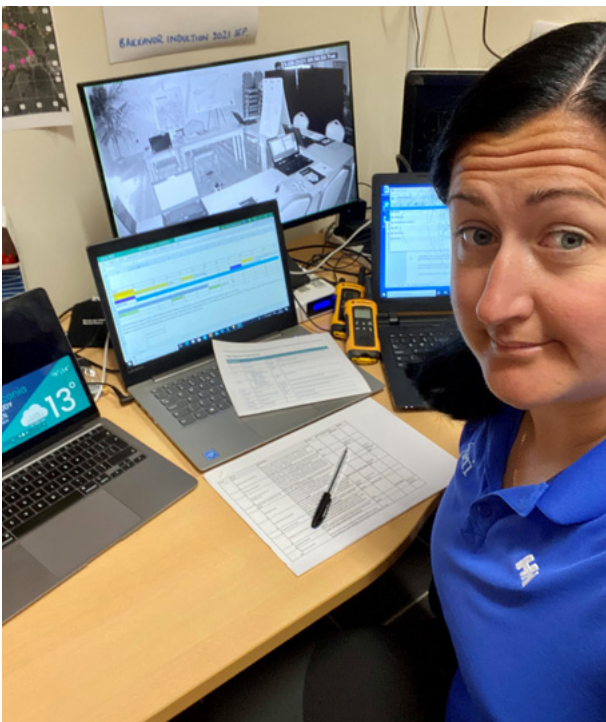
The next day starts at 04:30. I'm dressed in outdoor gear, completing my look with camo jacket, two beer bottles and a gun... it all sounds a bit weird, right? Well, I'm off into the woods to wake up the coaches. They slept out on the hills behind the centre and had to make their own shelters and survive on army rations. They will have been up most of the night.

Fieri staff take it in turns to wake them up by acting out various scenarios from minor security breaches to full scale political arguments - all designed to keep them on their toes and ensure they never really know what to expect next.

Myself and my colleague Brodie are about to role play as two drunk militants arguing about the current political situation. Whilst most of the delegates will be looking at us and trying to work out how to deal with us, our other







colleagues will be setting up explosives and smoke grenades to create our “crash out”, rudely launching the delegates into a full scenario day of challenges and activities.

We run four rotations lasting 2.5 hours each throughout the day ranging from a casualty evacuation, negotiations with armed militants, shooting (paint balls of course) and running an operations room, which is where I find myself today.

The operations room is a recreation of an actual Army Ops room, with computers for security, engineering, logistics, intelligence and command, news, weather and a live connection to ‘HQ’ for updates. My job is to act as HQ, which requires running several laptops, monitoring the CCTV feed for the actual ops room and allowing me to listen in on how the delegates are coping. Or not, as it may be.

The first rotation starts at 06:30 and my job is to throw as much as I can at the delegates within the time period with the aim of fully overwhelming them. I then have just 45 minutes to reset all the computers and run the whole thing again - three more times!

I’ve never actually run the Operations room before, so it’s a bit of a baptism of fire, but I found myself really enjoying the challenge. Really it all comes down to keeping track of timings and doing the calculations quickly and efficiently - not really that different to offshore sailing!

After the rotations finish, it’s time to pack all the kit back into stores and enjoy a BBQ and a chat by the fire with some of the Fieri staff to celebrate a job well done.

Finally, I’m back on the road again, and I’m home and in bed by 02:00 ready for a well-earned day off the next day where I can catch up on some Hannah Stodel Racing campaign admin and get a session in on my wonderful Peloton bike.

I’m hugely lucky to be able to have a challenging and interesting job with Fieri that constantly tests me, but that also allows me time to work on my fitness, sailing and Vendée campaign.

Life is busy and varied every day, but I wouldn’t have it any other way!



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