

## Applications for World Sailing Class Status

There is an application process for a Class to become a World Sailing Class that includes fulfilling several criteria as follows:

### 1. Timescale:

Although there is no application deadline defined in the regulations, in the past, applications for WS status were received in the form of Submissions and the associated deadline has continued to serve as reference. August 1<sup>st</sup> is used for consideration at Annual Conference.

### 2. Requirements for Application:

To be designated as a World Sailing Class Association, a Class must be recommended for designation by the Equipment Committee and must receive a majority vote of Council.

For an application to be valid it needs to demonstrate the requirements set out in World Sailing Regulation 10:

1. Reg. 10.1, Classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the respective criteria set out below may be designated as a World Sailing Class Association.
2. Reg. 10.2.1(a), must be an active class/owner's association,
3. Reg. 10.2.1(b), have a constitution passed by class/owner's association approved by the Equipment Committee and Constitution Committee,
4. Reg. 10.2.1 (c), have class rules in Standard Class Rules format adopting ERS, and approved by the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee,
5. Reg. 10.2.1(d), demonstrate minimum global distribution requirement and proof of actively sailing by either letters of confirmation from the requisite number of World Sailing Member National Authorities or a list of registered boat owners,
6. Reg. 10.2.1(f), paid an application fee,

The regulations allow for the following exemptions:

- Reg 10.2.1(c): The Equipment Committee may approve an exemption to requirement 4 above if in its opinion the class rules are satisfactory and well established;
- Reg 10.2.1(e): requirement 5 above may be waived by Council, upon recommendation of the Equipment Committee, when considering a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing.

### 3. Next steps

The Equipment Rules Sub-Committee shall review the class rules of these classes at their upcoming meeting and report their recommendation to the Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee shall review these applications at their meeting and make a recommendation to Council on whether to approve, reject or defer.

Further, following the review from the Executive Office, the Equipment Committee should consider reviewing the regulations to include in the evaluation process the requirement to assess the following ahead of considering applications:

- building specifications and extent of details required,
- Approval process for new moulds, changes to building specifications, etc.
- Class measurement policies and or Inspection protocols for events,

### 4. Summary review

The following pages include a summary review carried by the Executive Office based on the information provided by the applicants.

**Techno Wind Foil 130**

Equipment presented as One Design, manufacturer controlled with class rules requiring it to be manufactured by the approved manufacturer (Take Outdoors and its sublicensees) or other licensed manufacturers approved by World Sailing.

Events started in 2021 following postponement of events due to pandemic.

Class website: <https://twf2021.techno293.org/>

**1. Worldwide distribution**

Requirement: minimum of 5 MNAs with at least 15 boards per MNA (2 Continents minimum)

The Executive Office received the following information:

**2021 Annual Conference**

- a. A list of "sales invoiced" shows equipment distributed to:  
Total of 41 MNAs covering 4 continents.  
The list includes more than 5 MNAs with 15+ boards. Total of 887 'units' sold.
- b. A list of names of 24 sailors actively sailing the equipment in Australia provided by the distributor and consequently confirmed by Australia Sailing.
- c. A statement that there are around 30 sets in Germany to clubs.
- d. Letters of confirmation from World Sailing Member National Authorities received from:
  - i. FRA, ITA, JPN,
  - ii. Additional letter from SVK supporting the application but not confirming numbers.

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Letters of confirmation from World Sailing Member National Authorities received from:

- i. FRA, ITA, JPN, AUS, POL, HUN

**2. Class Activity**

**2021 Annual Conference**

- a. List of National and International Events on the website (Delayed Events due to Covid)  
<https://twf2021.techno293.org>
- b. French Sailing Federation provided results of the Coupe de France Minime Flotte Partagee Windfoil 2021 with 18 participants.
- c. German Sailing Federation provided results of two sailing events with 9 and 6 participants
- d. The Italian Sailing Federation provided results of the international event in Garda with 30 participants. ITA (18), CZE (6), FRA (1), HUN (2), SVK (3)
- e. The Slovak Sailing Union stated that their windsurfing team will be joining the TWF130 championship in Torbole, Italy.
- f. 2021 International championship taking place 20-22 October Torbole: 13 entries; GER (9), ARG (1), RUS (2), SVK (1)

**2022 Mid-Year Meeting**

World Sailing has been informed of the following event participation levels:

- a. 2020 International Championships: 45 competitors, 6 countries, 1 continent
- b. 2021 International Championships: 21 competitors, 8 countries, 3 continents

**3. Constitution**

- a. The Constitution Committee reviewed the constitution and has no concerns, they however noted that the class describes themselves as a class member of the IWA. There is some confusion as to whether Techno Wind Foil 130 is a subsidiary (and/or member) of the IWA, or an independent entity in its own right.
- b. The Executive Office can confirm that a number of World Sailing classes have been approved under similar circumstances being member of a "parent class" as well as being independent WS classes in their own right.

**4. Class Rules**

**2021 Annual Conference**

- a. Class Rules under review by the Equipment Rules of Sailing Sub-Committee
  - i. Need to remove all ERS definitions from the class rules in A.1.5
  - ii. Class rules not clear on the point that there are two different sail designs allowed. 6 sail sizes listed in G.1.1
  - iii. No rule defines which equipment is to be used by which division (sail and rig sizes) therefore c.6.2 allows to register any sail size regardless of age division.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

Final Class rules draft provided on 04/2022 reviewed and approved at the April Equipment Rules Sub-Committee meeting.

5. **Agreement draft**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. Parties involved: Tahe Outdoors (copyright Holder), the Class and WS.
- b. Class agreement shall follow the draft template currently under development which identifies approved manufacturers and includes requirement for right holder to license new manufacturers when evaluated and considered qualified by the class.

Plaque fees would follow the model in the current WS classes Techno293 and Techno293+, World Sailing collects a fee in respect of "WS plaque fee" which includes a 0.4% share for WS and a %(t.b.c) for the class.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

Draft to be produced. Main points discussed and agreed by the parties involved.

6. **Technical specifications**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. The class agreement will require manufacturers to provide to WS 'building specifications' for all equipment items which are limited to 'licensed manufacturers'. Tahe Outdoors has provided extensive technical documentation for the board.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

Updated Builder Manual provided 05/2022

Updated graphic design including WS Class Association Logo provided 05/2022

**2021 Annual Conference minutes**

The Committee noted that confirmation from one additional MNA was required to comply with the global distribution requirements. It is expected that the requirement will be satisfied. The deferral will also allow to implement minor class rule changes required by the ERSC.

**Executive Office Review**

The items highlighted at the 2021 Annual Conference have been successfully addressed by the Techno Wind Foil 130 Class.

### L30 One Design

In 2019 the L30 application was deferred for not meeting the minimum global distribution requirements. In 2020 the L30 requested to waive the distribution requirement under regulation 10.2(e) (class serves a unique aspect of Sailing). The Equipment Committee noted that the Equipment Rules of Sailing in its review of the class rules considered that some changes were required to its structure. The Equipment Committee did not believe that the class served a unique aspect of sailing and recommended to Council to reject the application. The Equipment Committee decided in 2020 that the application will be considered again once the class is able to meet the minimum global requirements.

Class website: <https://l30class.org/l30-one-design/>

#### **1. Worldwide distribution**

Requirement: minimum of 3 MNAs with at least 6 boats per MNA (2 Continents minimum)

The Executive Office received the following information:

##### 2021 Annual Conference

- a. list of membership names including hull numbers: 6 boats in Germany, 6 boats in Hungary, 6 chartered boats in USA, 5 boats in Korea and 11 more isolated members.

##### 2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Letters from 3 MNA's with 6+ boats.
- b. Letter from the Class, including boat owners and Hull numbers:
  - i. 6 German Boats
  - ii. 6 Hungarian Boats
  - iii. 6 Ukrainian Boats
  - iv. 7 US Boats
  - v. 3 Korean Boats
  - vi. 8 Isolated Boats
- c. L30 fleets are presented on four continents (Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America).

#### **2. Class Activity**

##### 2021 Annual Conference

- a. List of European events on the website <https://l30class.org/category/events/>
- b. Provided results of L30 European Championship 2021 with 14 entries, 8 countries.
- c. Provided results of Blue Ribbon 2021 (Hungarian Nationals) with 6 entries
- d. Provided entry list of Ukrainian L30 Class Nationals 2021 with 6 boats
- e. L30 is included in the USA Bacardi Winter Series in Miami and Southernmost regatta

##### 2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Events from the 2021 Conference:
  - i. January 22-23, 2022 – Commodore's Cup, Tampa, USA
  - ii. February 18 – 20, 2022 – St. Petersburg Sailing World Regatta Series, USA
  - iii. May 13 – 15, 2022 – Annapolis Sailing World Regatta Series, USA
- b. Events scheduled after 2022 MYM:
  - iv. June 10 – 12, 2022 – Chicago Sailing World Regatta Series, USA
  - v. July 28 – 31, 2022- Marblehead Sailing World Regatta Series, USA
  - vi. July 2022 – Blue Ribbon Regatta – Hungarian Nationals, Hungary
  - vii. October 12 – 16, 2022 – EUROSALF L30 Class European Championship, Sanremo, Italy
- c. American fleet is growing with eight boats ordered to the states.
- d. The US Sailing has recognised North American L30 class Association. Member ID: 818665Z

#### **3. Constitution**

##### 2021 Annual Conference

- a. The Constitution Committee reviewed the constitution and noted that Article 7.16 should be adjusted so that business disputes between the copyright holder and class should be referred to an independent arbitration body (such as Sports Resolutions), and not to the World Sailing Board (or a body selected by WS) as that is not a matter for WS to become involved in. Subject to that amendment being implemented, the CC would not object to the application on any constitutional grounds.

##### 2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Article 7.16 removed from the Class approved constitution.

4. **Class Rules**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. Class Rules under review by the Equipment Rules of Sailing Sub-Committee
  - i. Need to implement changes from the 2020 review.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Class rules provided 04/2022 and reviewed at the April ERSC meeting. Final ERSC approved draft received 05/2022

5. **Agreement draft**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. To be developed. The Executive Office is in the process of defining details and has initiated discussions with the class the right holder.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Draft to be produced.
- b. Main points to be discussed and agreed by the parties involved: WS, Class, Copyright Holder

6. **Building specifications**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. The Executive Office has relevant specifications presented at the time of considering suitable equipment for the 2020 Offshore World Championships.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Second boat yard in the Code Yachts boatyard in Hungary using second set of molds already used for the first ten boats in Slovenia.
- b. Ukrainian boat yard still operating (hull #34 just sent to Australia).
- c. Deck and Rigging Plans provided 05/2022

**2021 Annual Conference minutes**

The Committee noted that the L30 has expanded its global distribution and meets the minimum regulatory requirements. However, the Equipment Rules Sub Committee noted that changes are required to the class rules to align with the ERS before recommending approval.

**Executive Office Review**

The items highlighted at the 2021 Annual Conference have been successfully addressed by the L30 Class.

## International Wing Foil Open Class

The class allows the use of any equipment regarded as “wingfoil” with little to no limitation presented “to encourage development of equipment in this new discipline of sailing” while noting that “further equipment limitations may be introduced once the development has slowed down.”

Events started in 2021.

Class website: <https://wingsports.org/events>

### 1. Worldwide distribution

Requirement: minimum of 5 MNAs with at least 15 boards per MNA (2 Continents minimum)

The Executive Office received the following information:

#### 2021 Annual Conference

- a. A list of names presented as boat owners showing 17 MNAs where 5 MNAs have 15+ competitors and covering 3 continents.

#### 2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- b. Support letters confirming the above requirement from 8 MNAs from 3 continents: BEL, CHN, DOM, GER, ISR, ITA, POR, UAE.
- c. Where the MNAs have not replied, list of registered boat owners from 5 nations and 3 continents: Greece (20), Hong Kong (23), Japan (58), Poland (15), Puerto Rico (20)

### 2. Class Activity

#### 2021 Annual Conference

- a. List of National and International Events on the website <https://www.wingsports.org/events>.
  - i. WingFoil Euro-Cup Italy - Jul 2021 –11 entries racing
  - ii. WingFoil Euro-Cup Poland – August 2021 – number of entries not found
  - iii. WingFoil Euro-Cup Israel – October 2021 – number of entries not found
  - iv. “WingFoil Racing World Championships” – October 2021 – 41 entries

#### 2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Events from the 2021 Conference:
  - i. 1 National Event in Australia – 23 sailors –  
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5YdG0Ue4a/results>
  - ii. 4 National Event in Italy – 34 sailors –  
<http://www.classekiteboard.it/ranking-wingfoil-2022/>
- b. Events scheduled taken from website, 2022 Events - International Wing Sports Association:
  - i. 21 May - 22 May 2022 Puerto Rico Open National PUR
  - ii. 18 Oct - 22 Oct 2022 World Series Garda ITA
  - iii. 23 Nov - 27 Nov 2022 World Series Fuerteventura ESP
  - iv. 30 Nov - 04 Dec 2022 World Series Gran Canaria ESP
  - v. 13 Dec - 18 Dec 2022 World Series Saudi Arabia KSA

### 3. Class Rules

#### 2021 Annual Conference

- a. Class Rules under review by ERSC
  - i. The introduction of the class rules notes the intent to encourage development of equipment, the use of ‘closed class rules’ structure does not align with the open/development intent.
  - ii. The introduction notes that “the class rules are meant to regulate the equipment used in wingfoil events”. The rules would however regulate the use of equipment in class events, not in all and any wingfoil discipline event.
  - iii. Potential risk of including no limitations such as: “any hull may be used”, “any wing may be used” and “any hydrofoil may be used”. A hull could not necessarily be a board.
  - iv. References to RRS Kiteboarding rules and to the Advertising Code which does not include provisions for wing foiling.
  - v. The class rules require some changes to further align with the SCR template

#### 2022 Mid-Year Meeting

Class rules provided 04/2022 and reviewed at the April ERSC meeting. Final ERSC approved draft received 05/2022. The latest class rules reflect the name change to “WingFoil Open Class”

4. **Constitution**  
2021 Annual Conference
  - a. The Constitution Committee reviewed the constitution and has no concerns.2022 Mid-Year Meeting
  - a. Provided in 2021, outcome of the Constitution Committee review: no concern.
5. **Agreement draft**  
2021 Annual Conference
  - a. The parties involved would be the Class and WS. Noting that there is no limitation of equipment, 'plaque fees' would be due based on 'participation numbers'. The proposal includes a fee per board, wing and foil which shall be based on numbers of average equipment items used during a season for a sailor in the ranking, average price of equipment items and total number of competitors in the rankings of the previous full year.2022 Mid-Year Meeting
  - a. Draft to be produced.
  - b. Main points discussed and agreed by the parties involved: WS, Class
6. **Technical specifications**
  - a. n/a

#### **2021 Annual Conference minutes**

The Committee recognized the early development stages of the discipline and considered that deferring to mid-year 2022 will allow the Class to implement required changes to the class rules and to prove their validity. Further events will serve to further align with the requirement to offer a high standard of international competitive sailing. The postponement will allow to consider the intended progress in relation to how the class governs equipment and ensure that the global distribution numbers refer to athletes actively competing in events governed by the class rules.

#### **Executive Office Review**

The Equipment Committee should review whether the class complies with regulation 10.1 regarding "classes offering a high standard of international competitive sailing" noting that the reported events have been National events.

All other items highlighted at the 2021 Annual Conference have been successfully addressed by the Wingfoil Open Class.

**GWA Wingfoil Race Class**

The class requires the use of 'registered equipment' proposing a scheme similar to "World Sailing's Approved Series Production Board" system expanding it to wings and hydrofoils. Licensed manufacturers are required to register the models of hydrofoils, wings and boards through World Sailing. The registration process requires manufacturers to be licensed by the class, to have equipment mass produced requiring a minimum series production and to facilitate the building specifications to World Sailing. Competitors must use equipment from the list of models registered.

**1. Worldwide distribution**

Requirement: minimum of 5 MNAs with at least 15 boards per MNA (2 Continents minimum)

The Executive Office received the following information:

2021 Annual Conference

- a. Overview of equipment items distributed world-wide by the manufacturers. The information is considered commercially sensitive and has been requested to be kept confidential. The Office can declare that the reported figures for each equipment type (hydrofoil, wing, board) are well beyond the figures included in regulation 10.2.1(d)
- b. A list of athletes presented as boat owners showing 17 MNAs where the top 5 MNAs with most athletes have the following athletes: 30, 14, 14, 7, 6

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

The Executive Office has not received further information.

**2. Class Activity**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. List of National and International Events on the website:  
<https://www.wingfoilworldtour.com/events/>
  - i. GWA Wingfoil SILVAPLANA, SWITZERLAND 2020 – list of entries not found
  - ii. GWA Wing Foil Super Grand Slam Brazil 2020 – 12 entries
  - iii. GWA Wingfoil Wing Pro Tarifa 2020 - 19 entries
  - iv. GWA Wingfoil Mondial du Vent France - April 2021 - 52 entries (15 different Nations)
  - v. GWA Wingfoil World Cup Morocco November 2021 – Not happened yet
  - vi. GWA Wingfoil World Cup Brazil November 2021 – Not happened yet

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. There has been no Race Class Events since last year with the first events starting in July –  
<https://www.wingfoilworldtour.com/events/?category=continental>
  - i. 14-17th July 2022 - GWA Wingfoil Race Class European Championship 2022 GRE
  - ii. 29th November 4th December 2022 - GWA Wingfoil Race Class South American Championship 2022 BRA
  - iii. 5-12th December 2022- GWA Wingfoil Race Class African Championship 2022 ZAF

**3. Constitution**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. The Constitution Committee noted that the class is a manufacturers' group where the draft governance documents are not aligned with those of a traditional class association and has concerns over whether GWARC fulfils the necessary criteria to be considered a "class association". Even though MNAs and individual members are mentioned, it states that only "Full" manufacturer members can vote. The CC is keen to emphasize that this is in no way a comment on the specific GWA equipment or format of racing, simply that the draft governance documents are not aligned with those of other classes.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. No update to the Constitution but the Class has communicated that it is willing to change the Constitution if necessary.

**4. Class Rules**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. Class Rules under review by ERSC
  - i. References to RRS Kiteboarding rules and to the Advertising Code which does not include provisions for wing foiling.
  - ii. The class rules require some changes to further align with the SCR template



2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Discussed with Class and ERSC 05/2022 – Class has agreed on ERSC requested changes - waiting final draft.

5. **Agreement draft**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. The parties involved will be the Class and WS.
- b. Class agreement follow the draft template currently under development however it makes the class responsible for approving manufacturers and ensuring these comply with WS requirements.
- c. Plaque fees (0.4% of price reported at time of registering models) per hydrofoil, wing and boards produced with 50% share to the class).
- d. Registration fee per model of equipment payable by the class to WS.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Draft to be produced.

6. **Technical specifications**

2021 Annual Conference

- a. The class agreement will require the class to provide to WS 'building specifications' for all equipment models that are being registered.

2022 Mid-Year Meeting

- a. Equipment Registration scheme currently not used.

**2021 Annual Conference minutes**

Similarly, to the previous wingfoil application, the Committee considered that deferring to mid-year 2022 will allow the Class to implement required changes to the class rules and to prove their validity. The Committee noted that the presented class rules are an improvement but had not been used in the current track record of events. Further events will serve to further align with the requirement to offer a high standard of international competitive sailing. The Committee noted the Constitution Committee review of the class constitution and the deviation from what is expected from traditional class associations.

**Executive Office Review**

The items highlighted at the 2021 Annual Conference have been acknowledged and there is a willingness to address them. There has been no class activity since the Annual Conference although there are events planned for later in the year.

**IKA Snowkite Class**

**2021 Annual Conference minutes**

Similarly to 2020, the Committee noted that currently there is no reference within the regulations that confirms World Sailing as the governing body of the sport of sailing on snow, ice or land. The Committee notes the need for the 'Equipment Governance Working Party' to consider the matter with the intent to confirm whether World Sailing is the governing body of the sport on snow, ice or land rather than deciding through a particular class application. The Committee will re-consider this application once these policy decisions are made by Council.

**Executive Office Update IKA Snowkite (deferred from 2020)**

**Class has requested the office to consider the opportunity to grant recognition as a Special Event.**