

WORLD SAILING EVENTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2025 1.0

1. Committee Name

Events Committee

2. Committee Members

Aiko Saito (Vice Chair)	JPN	f
Anna Holmdahl White	SWE	f
Ed Russo	FRA	m
Ferran Muniesa	ESP	m
Geoffrey Woolley	NZL	m
Lisa Dormanin (Athletes Committee rep)	AUS	f
Markus Schwendtner (OCSC rep)	GER	m
Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer	USA	f
Nuno Gomes	ANG	m
Paula Douat	COL	f
Piotr Oleksiak	POL	m
Saskia Clark	GBR	f
Shevaun Bruland	AUS	f
Tayfun Erey	TUR	m
Tian Wang	CHN	f
Walter Boddener	BRA	m
Wolfgang Mayrhofer (Chair)	AUT	m

3. Working Groups

Nota bene: Chair and Vice-Chair are *ex officio* part of Working Groups, i.e., have the option to take part in their meetings and provide oversight and input as appropriate.

Working Group 1: Quota & Qualification LA 28		
Name	MNA	Gender
Aiko Saito (Working Group Leader)	JPN	f
Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer (WG Co-Leader)	USA	f
Tian Wang	CHN	f
Walter Boddener	BRA	m
Lisa Dormanin (Athletes Committee representative)	AUS	f
Michele Marchesini	ITA	m
Ines Balestrini	ARG	f

Working Group 2: Brisbane 2032 and beyond		
Name	MNA	Gender
Shevaun Bruland (Working Group Leader)	AUS	f
Geoffrey Woolley (WG Co-Leader; link Format)	NZL	m
Walter Boddener	BRA	m
Piotr Oleksiak	POL	m

N.N. (EQ Representative)		
N.N. (Athletes representative)		
Eli Zukermann	ISR	m
Magnus Gravare	SWE	m

Working Group 3: Format		
Name	MNA	Gender
Piotr Oleksiak (Working Group Leader)	POL	m
Geoffrey Woolley (WG Co-Leader; link BNE 2032)	NZL	m
Anna Holmdahl White	SWE	f
Markus Schwendtner (OCSC representative)	GER	m
Lisa Dormanin (Athletes Committee representative)	AUS	f
Mark Robinson	GBR	m
Guillaume Chiellino	FRA	m

Working Group 4: Affordable Olympic Classes Sailing		
Name	MNA	Gender
Saskia Clark (Working Group Leader)	GBR	f
Nuno Gomes (WG Co-Leader)	ANG	m
Paula Douat	COL	f
NN		
NN (Athletes representative)		
Sandi Dekleva	SLO	m
Nadine Stegenwalner	GER	f

Working Group 5: Regatta Calendar and Ranking		
Name	MNA	Gender
Ed Russo (Working Group Leader)	FRA	m
Tayfun Erey (WG Co-Leader)	TUR	m
Ferran Muniesa	ESP	m
Aiko Saito	JPN	f
Ben Remocker	CAN	m
Matthias Schmid	AUT	m
NN. (Athletes representative)		

4. Remit and Strategic Alignment

Strategic corner stones

- [Ready for the Future 2025-2029](#)
- [Olympic Vision](#)
- [Sustainability Agenda 2030](#)
- [Steering the Course: Women in Sailing](#)
- [Para Inclusive Strategy](#)
- Implementation requirements as indicated by IOC 'guidance'
 - Shortening the opening series by removing at least 20 per cent of the races and scheduling the remaining races over three days for all events, while retaining one dedicated medal day per event.

- Aligning with LA28 and the Olympic Broadcast Service on the optimal distribution of races and competition days across the Games window — including the potential to begin before the Opening Ceremony — to minimise the event footprint and resource requirements.
- Reducing the target time for dinghy races to enhance the broadcast impact and allow for a more compact competition schedule.
- Ensuring a joint decision by LA28, World Sailing and OBS on whether more than one contingency day per event is required, based on the specific conditions of the field of play and the overall competition schedule.
- Further streamlining operations and enhance efficiency by reviewing and reducing the number of support boats required, minimising container use, reviewing official training time and venue access, and encouraging equipment sharing.

Mission/Remit	
Alignment to WS Strategies	
qualification for the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition and the related competition policies	Implementation requirements by IOC Olympic Vision Ready for the Future 2025-2029 Sustainability Agenda 2023 Steering the Course: Women in Sailing
the future of Olympic sailing events in the BNE 2032 quad and the groundwork for the update to the Olympic Vision for 2036 and 2040	Implementation requirements by IOC Olympic Vision Ready for the Future 2025-2029 Sustainability Agenda 2023 Steering the Course: Women in Sailing
the format definitions for the World Sailing Olympic events and Olympic Sailing Competitions	Implementation requirements by IOC Olympic Vision Ready for the Future 2025-2029 Sustainability Agenda 2023 Steering the Course: Women in Sailing
the concerns about rising non-material and material costs of Olympic sailing	Implementation requirements by IOC Olympic Vision Ready for the Future 2025-2029 Sustainability Agenda 2023 Steering the Course: Women in Sailing
the issues related to scheduling Olympic Class regattas in a feasible way that is sustainable and optimises the sport's resources across the campaign cycle.	Olympic Vision Ready for the Future 2025-2029 Sustainability Agenda 2023 Steering the Course: Women in Sailing

5. Objectives for the Year 2025

Objective 1	Submit a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition Quota and Qualification System
Objective 2	Submit a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about at least 4 events from the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition to put under review for the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition
Objective 3	Submit a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about the format of each event in the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition

Objective 4a	Establish until the 2025 Annual Conference EC Meeting the basis for a workplan on a) how to make all events supplied equipment by BNE 2032 (as per Olympic Vision) and (b) what formats enable supplied equipment to make Olympic sailing more affordable
Objective 4b	Establish until the 2025 Annual Conference EC Meeting the basis for a workplan on how to reduce the material and non-material costs of competing in Olympic sailing.
Objective 5a	Maintain and further develop the policy for Olympic Class regatta date and venue approvals
Objective 5b	Support the development of a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about a World Cup starting from 2026 calendar year, specifically considering accessibility, sustainability, financial affordability, and practical feasibility

6. Key Activities

OBJECTIVE 1		Submit a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition Quota and Qualification System		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Define minimum qualification standard to be discussed in Events Committee	Q3 EC meeting	Working Group 1	Qualification standard defined within deadline	Regular Working Group meetings
Define the continental quota reallocation policy to be discussed in Events Committee	Q3 EC meeting	Working Group 1	Preliminary report on continental quota reallocation policy defined within deadline	Regular Working Group meetings
Formulate a recommendation to EC, including the possibility of various options in order of preference	EC Q3 Meeting	Working Group 1	Strategically aligned recommendation formulated in time	Regular Working Group meetings
Assist the WS Office to finalise qualifier bid requirements	As appropriate	Working Group 1	Person identified as liaison between Working Group and WS Office Self- and Other-Assessment about assistance	Communication channels with WS Office

OBJECTIVE 2		Submit a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about at least 4 events from the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition to put under review for the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Develop a process for the overall review	Q3 EC meeting	Working Group 2	Transparency and feasibility of the process	Regular Working Group meetings
Develop a structured set of criteria for assessing events to put under review	Q3 EC meeting	Working Group 2	Plausibility of assessment criteria and their operationalization	Regular Working Group meetings World Sailing Review of 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition (OSC) Targeted stakeholder consultation
Use the criteria from above to assess events, then consider options for which / how many events to place under review.	Q3 EC meeting	Working Group 2	Support recommendation of EC (which may include options)	Regular Working Group meetings Targeted stakeholder consultation Media data analysis OSC 2024
Studying the positions of crucial interested parties	Q3 EC meeting	Working Group 2	Clustered and power-sensitive list of positions	Targeted stakeholder consultation

Formulate a recommendation to EC, including the possibility of various options in order of preference	EC Q3 Meeting	Working Group 2	Strategically aligned recommendation formulated in time	Regular Working Group meetings
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OBJECTIVE 3		Submit a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about the format of each event in the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Digest the format analyses from the previous quad	EC Mid-year Meeting	Working Group 3	Analyses reflected in debates and reports	Regular Working Group meetings Analyses from previous quad
Present direction of travel of the Olympic formats taking into consideration IOC implementation requirements	EC Mid-year Meeting	Working Group 3	Preliminary report presented at MYM	Regular Working Group meetings
Formulate a recommendation to EC, including the possibility of various options in order of preference	EC Q3 Meeting	Working Group 3	Strategically aligned recommendation formulated in time	Regular Working Group meetings

OBJECTIVE 4a		Establish until the 2025 Annual Conference EC Meeting the basis for a workplan on a) how to make all events supplied equipment by BNE 2032 (as per Olympic Vision) and (b) what formats enable supplied equipment to make Olympic sailing more affordable		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Develop a problem landscape	EC Q4 meeting (AC)	Working Group 4	Structured problem landscape	Regular Working Group meetings Access to previous documents on this issue Liaise with WS technical department re class by class analysis
Formulate a workplan	EC Q4 meeting (AC)	Working Group 4	Workplan with tasks, timeline, and responsibilities	Regular Working Group meetings
Progress report to EC	EC Q4 meeting (AC)	Working Group 4	Strategically aligned progress report formulated in time	Regular Working Group meetings

OBJECTIVE 4b		Establish until the 2025 Annual Conference EC Meeting the basis for a workplan on how to reduce the material and non-material costs of competing in Olympic sailing.		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED

Compile an overview about occurring material costs of competing in Olympic sailing	EC Q4 meeting (AC)	Working Group 4	White paper 'The material and non-material costs of Olympic sailing' with hard data/examples from MNAs and/or concrete campaigns	Regular Working Group meetings Hard data on material costs, e.g., from concrete examples
Compile an overview about occurring non-material costs of competing in Olympic sailing (sailors, coaches)	EC Q4 meeting (AC)	Working Group 4	White paper 'The material and non-material costs of Olympic sailing' with insight into psychological and social costs	Regular Working Group meetings Data on non-material costs, e.g., interview survey of athletes and coaches
Progress report to EC	EC Q4 meeting (AC)	Working Group 4	Strategically aligned progress report formulated in time	

OBJECTIVE 5a		Maintain and further develop the policy for Olympic Class regatta date and venue approvals		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Monitor Olympic Class regatta dates and venues	EC Q3 Meeting	Working Group 5	Transparent regatta monitor	Regular Working Group meetings
Check necessity of further developing regatta calendar	EC Q3 Meeting	Working Group 5	Strategically aligned suggestion of refined regatta calendar formulated in time	Regular Working Group meetings

OBJECTIVE 5b		Support the development of a recommendation to Council at the 2025 Annual Conference about a World Cup starting from 2026 calendar year, specifically considering accessibility, sustainability, financial affordability, and practical feasibility		
TASKS	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	KPI	RESOURCE REQUIRED
Liaise with WS staff to jointly develop scenarios	EC Q3 Meeting	Working Group 5	Liaison established in time	Joint meetings with WS staff
Support the development of a recommendation of EC	EC Q3 Meeting	Working Group 5	Strategically aligned recommendation formulated in time	Regular Working Group meetings

7. Reporting and Review

- Quarterly updates of Council at the respective Council meetings (on request)
- Comments on Equipment recommendations discussed at the AGM (on request)

8. Continuous Improvement

- Regular conversations during the year between EC Chair/Vice-Chair, WS Board liaisons (Daniel Belcher, Cory Sertl) and WS Staff liaisons (Michael Downing, Jim Morris)
- Reflection session as part of the in-person meeting(s) of the EC during the Annual Conference 2025