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Bid Guidelines



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Youth Sailing World Championships

This document is intended for World Sailing Member National Authorities (MNAs), yacht clubs and host regions and cities. It is a guide and specification of requirements for bidding for the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships, although World Sailing may consider multiple-year bids.

Specifications outlined here are the minimum requirements for both the sports competition and the on-shore events, setting out the rights and responsibilities for each party in hosting the championship.

We strongly encourage bidders to contact World Sailing seeking any clarification on the requirements related to hosting the championship.





About World Sailing

World Sailing is the world governing body for the sport of Sailing, recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Founded in Paris in 1907, World Sailing now has 147 Member National Associations.

World Sailing is responsible for:

- the promotion of the sport internationally;
- managing sailing at the Olympic Games;
- developing the Racing Rules of Sailing and regulations for all sailing competitions;
- the training of judges, umpires and other administrators;
- the development of the sport around the world; and representing sailors in all matters concerning the sport.

Foreword

The greatest youth event in sailing

For over half a century, the Youth Sailing World Championship has stood as the pinnacle youth sailing performance event, showcasing the future stars of the sailing world and the starting point for many future world and Olympic champions.

Each edition of the Youth Sailing World Championship attracts the most promising youth sailors from around the world, selected by their Member National Authority, and competing on a level playing field across all events.

At youth level, the Youth Sailing World Championships are an essential component of the performance pathway for the best youth sailors, pivotal to the development of emerging nations and essential for nurturing the next generation in an atmosphere of mutual friendship and respect.

A legacy for young sailors around the world

At every host venue, World Sailing aims to leave a legacy to support the future of the sport and make sailing a leader in accessibility, inclusivity and sustainability.

The Youth Emerging Nations Program offers gifted sailors from underrepresented nations the opportunity to work with seasoned coaches, thereby bridging performance gaps and unlocking their full potential.

Wide-reaching sustainability initiatives both on site and in the community align with World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda and aim to enhance the environmental stewardship of the sport and underscore the leading role of sailing within international sport in promoting sustainability.

Delivering impact for the hosts

The most recent editions of the Youth Sailing World Championship, Buzios 2023 and Lake Garda 2024, generated substantial direct and indirect return on investment for the local economy covering accommodation, hospitality, daily transfers and locally-created employment, showing the benefits of hosting the event extend throughout the local economy.

The Youth Sailing World Championships is also an impactful platform to promote a venue, city or region to a global audience, generating wonderful images and positive coverage which is shared around the world. The last two editions of the event have generated a total of two million video views and over 150,000 engagements on social media.

Far more than a competition

The Youth Sailing World Championship is far more than a competition; it is an unforgettable celebration of camaraderie, learning, and personal growth. With over 700 sailors and coaches taking part each year, it is one of the largest events in all of sailing and exposes competing athletes, teams and organisers to Olympic level championship management and an Olympic-type experience.

This event is a vibrant testament to the power of sailing by laying the foundations for growing the sport and shaping the next generation of champions, and we are proud to continue this tradition of excellence and innovation at the 55th staging of the Youth Sailing World Championship in 2026.

Dates

The Youth Sailing World Championships can begin either on the second Saturday of July or the second Saturday of December of the year of the championships and finish eight days later. For 2026 this is either 10-18 July 2026 or 11-19 December 2026. However, due to a possible overlap with other sailing events, World Sailing's preference is for the December dates.

World Sailing will consider Hosts bidding for multiple consecutive years.

Championship Schedule

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
Equipment allocation	Open training	Practice races	Race day 1	Race day 2	Race day 3	Race day 4	Race day 5	Departure Day
Open training	Opening Ceremony			Closing Ceremony				

The format of racing for the Youth World Sailing Championships will be defined by World Sailing.

Venue Requirements

Sport



Venue Requirements

World Sailing is seeking venues, ideally compact, that include accommodation for athletes and event personnel, all administration, competition management, boat parks, field of play, media centre, ceremonies and spectator facilities.

Venues with multiple locations within a 10 km radius area may be considered but must allow for easy and safe transport links between venues, and all accommodation to be within the same area.

The overall size of the venue and the plans for communication and logistics are vital considerations.

It is essential that the championship ensures a legacy to the sport of sailing in the region and should be run in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive way.

Meteorology

Excellent sailing conditions will be a key requirement for the selection of the Youth Sailing World Championships venue. The venue will need to provide statistical information for the time of year and hours of racing including: average wind speed, wind direction, current speed, current direction, wave conditions, air temperature, water temperature and average number of days with precipitation.

The Host must provide a professional forecasting service during the championship, to be agreed depending on the profile of the venue.

Water Quality

World Sailing is committed to selecting venues with excellent water quality. The Host should carry out a risk assessment to ensure that the quality of the water is suitable for sailing. No sailing should take place without reviewing results from water quality tests.

Data from the three years preceding the Youth Sailing World Championships will be considered and water quality samples should be taken from three different locations on the field of play and launching areas.

Where there are water quality concerns, World Sailing may require weekly testing in the month preceding the event and daily testing in the week preceding the event and during the event.

Potential open water sailing venues need to be tested for E. Coli and Enterococci. It is essential that all sailing events taking place on open water meet the minimum standards set by World Sailing.

World Sailing Standards	E. Coli	Enterococci
Primary contact (NMP/100ml)	800	200
Secondary contact (NMP/100ml)	2000	500

Field of Play

Five racing areas will be required.

Racing areas will need to be between one and two nautical miles in diameter. Neither changed marks nor beating legs must interfere with the neighboring area.

Detailed information regarding depth, size and location of the racing areas shall be presented to World Sailing.

All racing areas shall have a commercial or recreational traffic plan if needed for that specific racing area.

Boat Park

The boat park area should be close to the competitors' area and the launching ramps.
The following space (approximate) will be required:

One Person Dinghies	6 x 4 m. per boat
Two Person Dinghies	6 x 4 m. per boat
Multihulls	10 x 6 m. per boat
Board racks	10 x 25 m.

The dinghy park requires an area for 265 boats, 100 windsurfing boards and 60 kiteboards.
This area should be easily accessible for trucks to unload equipment.

CAD drawings or similar should be used to ensure boat park spaces are big enough for all the boats that are expected to enter.

In addition, there shall be a minimum of 10 water hoses for rinsing the equipment and full-time/24h security from the moment the equipment is at the venue.

Appropriate cover needs to be provided for windsurfing equipment. This normally takes the form of a marquee where the sails and boards can be racked up.

Flag poles for signals ashore and one flagpole for each competing nation's national flag (approximately 75 in total).

Notices shall be published electronically only through the event online notice board. Nevertheless, there shall be one physical notice board ready to use in case of system failure. This should be situated in a location easily accessible by all competitors, coaches and team leaders.

A competitors' area with shade, refreshments and seating shall be provided. This area should be large enough to accommodate all sailors and coaches and should have air conditioning in extreme heat.

Room or tent for tracker check out/in and collection/recharging.

Toilets, shower and changing room facilities, with gender separation, as well as drinking water should be provided for the competitors, coaches and officials.

Launching

Appropriate and safe launching conditions must be guaranteed. Ramps ending under the water surface with an angle of no more than 10 degrees. Ramps located on the prevailing windward side of the harbour and padded edges are desirable. Launching from a beach would be ideal for kiteboard and windsurfing events, if not for all equipment. The ramps should be accessible from the field of play, allowing for different wind conditions.

Moorings and fuel station

Mooring facilities and fuel station for coach vessels, Race Committee vessels, rescue vessels, media will be required.

Safety

The Host will need to provide a complete safety plan for approval at least two months before the event. The plan shall follow the requirements of the applicable legislation as well as the relevant local authority guidance and requirements.

It should include:

- “General Emergency Plan”. A detailed plan with medical and other authorities’ responsibilities; all the evacuation procedures ashore and from the water; the definition of the safety team (on the water, at the venue, ambulances and helicopters if appropriate) and the chain of responsibilities and all instructions in case of an emergency;
- A “Participant Emergency Plan” designed for the sailors and coaches with the General Emergency Plan (easy to read and with the key emergency contacts), muster points and the emergency and medical extraction points and procedures (from the water and from the venue), Medical Centre and links to hospital and other medical facilities;
- Tide table and official sunset times.

World Sailing and Host Spaces

The following office space is required at each venue and may need to be duplicated if multiple venues are used. All offices require office furniture, power, high-speed internet connection, phone lines etc. Additional requirements such as computers, photocopiers and printers shall be provided as required.

Host and administration staff including:

- Registration Office
- Main Information Desk
- Regatta Office
- Competition management offices, including Principal Race Officer office and Bridge
- World Sailing Technical Delegate Office
An office located near the regatta office for five or more people, with wireless internet.
- World Sailing Meeting Room
A meeting room for at least 10 seats to be used by World Sailing staff at any time.
- World Sailing Race Officials Meeting Room
Rooms where jury members and World Sailing Course Representatives can have their meetings, leave their foul weather gear with wireless internet access and refreshments.
- International Jury
Three rooms (prepared for protests hearings). Each room should be air-conditioned, must be able to seat ten people in chairs around a large table and provide whiteboards, flipcharts etc.
- Jury Secretary Office – adjacent to the jury rooms with space for the Jury Secretary.
- Technical Committee Office
- Technology Services Centre:
Secure room (50sqm) for technology services with internet, power and able to receive radio messages from the FOP, including:
 - 4m of desks with two chairs for results
 - 12m of desks with four chairs for tracker, weather unit storage and preparation.
- Medical Centre:
First aid facilities and doctors in case of serious injuries for athletes, team support personnel, Host personnel and volunteers should be available.
- Team Leaders & Competitors Meeting Room
Meeting room for daily Team Leaders meeting (150 people). Requires a projector, whiteboard, projector screen, PA system, tables and chairs.

Media Centre and services

The Media Centre should accommodate a minimum of 20 people and must be of a major international sporting event standard, including a dedicated 100 MB/s wireless high-speed internet and cable connections for the exclusive use of accredited media.

The Media Centre should be within close proximity of the main venue. A high-speed photocopier and black and white printing facility should be available, as well as a noticeboard for key regatta information and secured storage for photographer and media personnel items.

Air conditioning, as appropriate, and adequate refreshment provision should be available within the Media Centre.

Facilities for Doping Control

A room for Doping Control is required with individual male and female toilet facilities. There should also be a desk and normal office equipment for the doping control officers and a seated waiting area for eight athletes. Lockable cupboards and filing cabinets should be provided. .

Other venue facilities

Recycling and non-recyclable material collection facilities need to be provided within all areas and should be emptied daily. Access to hazardous waste facilities should be available.

The Host shall provide some devices (eg tablets or notebooks) for sailors to complete online protests, scoring enquiries etc.

Venue Requirements

Vessels & equipment



Competition Equipment

Except for kiteboarding equipment, all competition equipment (competitors' boats, boards and sails) is supplied and transported to the venue. The cost of the transport shall be the financial responsibility of the Host.

World Sailing will give advice on logistics, and on transport of the equipment. The hosts are required to use the Official Global Logistics Partner of World Sailing for transport or shipping of the supplied equipment.

Sufficient container unloading space is required along with a secure area for storing spare equipment in either a lockable building or storage containers.

The equipment suppliers will be expected to provide the following staff free of charge for the servicing and management of the relevant equipment:

- Two people: up to 60 boats/boards
- Three people: more than 60 boats/boards

The cost of travel (including to and from all airports), food (good quality and healthy) and accommodation (with free Wi-Fi) of the equipment supplier staff shall be the financial responsibility of the Host.

Official Vessels

The Youth Sailing World Championships will require the following official vessels to conduct the racing:

- Race Committee
 - Signal vessels – one per racing area
 - Pin end starting vessels (RIB or other) – one per racing area (can be replaced by robotic marks and high precision trackers)
 - Finishing vessels – one per racing area
 - Mark-laying and control vessels – four on each racing area (quantity to be confirmed if robotic marks are used)
- Rescue vessels (RIB) – a minimum of two vessels per racing area, only dedicated for safety and rescue, with suitably trained volunteers and the correct safety and first aid equipment. These vessels may be used to support technology to install/replace trackers on athlete boats and marks
- Jury vessels (RIB) – based on an International Jury of ten, five RIBs will be required
- One PRO vessel (RIB)
- One Technical Committee vessel (RIB)
- One FOP technology activities support vessel (RIB)
- One Technical Delegate vessel (RIB)
- Press/Photo/TV Vessels
 - Press Vessels – a minimum of one vessel, sufficient vessels for the number of registered journalists.
 - Photo Vessels – a minimum of two vessels, each capable of handling up to four photographers and 740mm x 460mm x 265mm protector cases. Should the number of accredited photographers exceed eight, further vessels will be required. Photo vessels should include fuel and English-speaking drivers who are experienced in dinghy racing.
 - Broadcast Vessels – two 7m RIBs for the duration of the Youth Sailing World Championships (one of which will be used for the launching and retrieval of drones) including fuel and English-speaking drivers experienced with this type of racing.
- Suppliers support vessels (RIB) – five
- Coach vessels – Five, with toilets as follows:
 - ILCA – for up to 60 people
 - Nacra – for up to 15 people
 - iQFOiL – for up to 50 people
 - 420 – for up to 40 people
 - 29er – for up to 40 people

In total, should be a minimum of 1:10 ratio of RIB vessels to sailing boats

The use of electric powered ribs, or the use of synthetic fuels is encouraged.

Competition Management Equipment

The Host shall supply the following equipment which is essential for the event:

- Communications Equipment: VHF radios or equivalent, mobile phones and GPS units.
- Visual Signals
 - All visual signals (flags) shall be a minimum size of 60 x 90 cm and be displayed at least six meters above the water surface.
 - Course, bearing, change, start and finish boards
- Sound signals
 - Starting signals shall be given with horns and should be able to be heard at a distance of at least 500 metres. Other sound signals shall have a similar effect.
- Marks and Ground Tackle
 - Each area shall have marks of different colors.
 - Each mark should be approximately two metres high and one metre in diameter.
 - The Marks shall have facilities for the secure attachment of tracking devices on a horizontal surface with clear view of the sky and will be suitable for carrying branding material.
 - the use of tested and approved robotic/autonomous/smart marks are encouraged.
- Competitor identification
 - Three-letters country code decals for sails and hulls.
 - National flags for sails
 - Bibs with three-letter country code to all competitors, including leader bibs (yellow, blue and red). World Sailing shall provide the design and specify the brand of competitor bibs.

World Sailing Competition Technology Services

World Sailing will provide the following Competition Technology Services as part of the Technology Fee (subject to contractual arrangements):

- Digital entry and registration solution
- Digital results solution
- Digital noticeboard solution
The Host shall provide the screens in the various spaces (Jury, Media Centre, Bridge, Athlete Lounge).
- Trackers and tracking solution
The Host shall provide accommodation, transfers, transport, subsistence, high speed internet and volunteers to support these activities

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- The provision of integrated weather unit and digital officiating will be agreed as part of the contractual negotiations when the format of racing is determined.

Venue Requirements People



Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders

All Member National Authorities of World Sailing are eligible to enter a team into the Youth Sailing World Championships.

Each team will send up to four support staff. If more than one, one of the staff will be nominated as the Team Leader and the others as a coaches. The number of support staff may be increased to five by World Sailing.

Airport transfers, food (good quality and healthy) and the accommodation (with reliable and free Wi-Fi) for all competitors, team leaders and coaches during the Youth Sailing World Championships are the logistic and financial responsibility of the Host. Ideally, all competitors and coaches should stay at the same hotel, within walking distance of the boat park. Single beds only should be provided. Different genders should not share rooms, nor should children share with adults.

Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders

The following people, appointed by World Sailing, will be present at the Youth Sailing World Championships:

- One World Sailing Technical Delegate
- One Principal Race Officer
- 11 World Sailing Judges (organizers may propose four national or international judges)
- One World Sailing Course Representative per racing area
- One Measurer
- Up to three staff per Class manufacturer
- Four World Sailing staff
- World Sailing President and Vice-Presidents
- Chair of Youth Events Sub-committee
- World Sailing Scorer

Travel (including travel to and from all airports), food (good quality, healthy and to accommodate dietary requirements) and accommodation (with free Wi-Fi) shall be the logistic and financial responsibility of the Host.

The Race Officials and World Sailing Officials and Staff shall be accommodated in a nearby hotel, in single rooms, minimum of a three-star level, which should be a reasonably close walking distance from the Competition Venue.

The World Sailing Technical Delegate and the Communications and Digital team, who will be on site before the Youth Sailing World Championships begin, should be accommodated as close to the competition venue as possible. Additional delegates from World Sailing will attend the event at World Sailing's cost. It is expected that the Host will help organise accommodation close to the venue for these members of staff along with the Technical Delegate.

Site Visits

The Host will be financially responsible for three site visits before the Youth Sailing World Championships by three World Sailing staff.

Host Staff, Officials and Volunteers

The Host will require a range of experienced, professional staff to manage and deliver the Youth Sailing World Championships, including:

- Race Management Teams (international and national officials, mark layers, safety officers)
- Venue Services (registration, regatta office, boat parks, VIP, transport, security, catering)
- Media (media centre, broadcasting)
- IT support
- Ceremonies and social events staff
- Three technology operators (one results and two tracking) and volunteers
- Event Director
- Event Secretary
- Equipment Manager
- Event Media Manager

Event	Equipment	Quota	Sailors
Male Windsurfer	Youth IQFoil	50	50
Female Windsurfer	Youth IQFoil	50	50
Male One Person Dinghy	ILCA 6	60	60
Female One Person Dinghy	ILCA 6	60	60
Male/Mix Two Person Dinghy	420	30	60
Female Two Person Dinghy	420	30	60
Female Skiff	29er	30	60
Male Skiff	29er	30	60
Mixed Multihull	Nacra15	25	50
Male Kiteboarding	FormulaKite	30	30
Female Kiteboarding	FormulaKite	30	30
Total Competitors			570
Total Team Leaders/Coaches			130 approx.
Total Competitors + Team Leaders & Coaches			700 approx.

Entry Fee

The entry fee paid by competitors and coaches shall be approved by World Sailing as part of the contractual negotiations. The current entry fee for the 2025 event is €1,500. Bidders can propose a different entry fee, if justified.

The entry fee shall include local taxes (where applicable) and will be paid directly by MNAs to World Sailing via the World Sailing event registration system. World Sailing acts as an agent and collects the entry fee for the event on behalf of the Host.

Additionally, there is a non-refundable administration fee of €10 per bank transaction to be paid to World Sailing by the MNAs.

Anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policy

The Host shall ensure that there shall be no discrimination on the grounds set out in Aim (b) of World Sailing's Constitution ("Constitution"), and in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, against any competitor, support person or official and use their best endeavors to persuade others within their area of jurisdiction to refrain from actions that are inconsistent with the objects, rules, regulations or decisions of World Sailing.

The Host shall ensure that all competitors are allowed to use their national flag, letters, insignias and anthem during the event as per World Sailing rules, regulations and guidelines.

Anti-Doping

World Sailing will conduct a mandatory Anti-Doping education session for all sailors and support persons attending the Championships. The Host will need to assist with providing meeting room and ensuring that this is included in the schedule of the Championships.

Safeguarding

Host will be required to comply with World Sailing Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. As this is an event for youth the Host will need to ensure that there are appropriate safeguarding measures in place to prevent any harm and/or abuse of young people during the Championships. Host will work with World Sailing Integrity Manager to carry out a risk assessment and put appropriate contingencies in place to ensure a safe environment for the Championships.

Legacy

World Sailing is focused on the development of sailing on a global level. It is essential that hosts ensure a lasting legacy to the sport of sailing in the region and demonstrate the ability to run a sustainable and environmentally sensitive event.

A successful bid will outline a suitable legacy plan. This should describe in detail the training programs to be held for sailors, coaches and race officials along with equipment investment in the lead up to and following the Youth Sailing World Championships.

A key World Sailing initiative is the Youth Emerging Nations Program (ENP), which concludes each year with a scholarship incorporating a four-day pre-event training camp and support during the Youth Sailing World Championships for selected sailors from Emerging Nations around the World. The host nations should be in support of this program and show the ability to provide:

- A venue to host the pre-event clinic.
- Discounted accommodation close to the venue for the clinic.
- Boats for the sailors attending the clinics – 20 ILCAs
- RIBs: at least four for both the clinic and the event
- Training facilities (classroom with whiteboard and projector)
- Local coach with venue specific knowledge and who speaks English – a minimum of one ILCA coach and one iQFOiL coach. World Sailing will work to ensure there is gender balance in the coaching team.

Event Presentation



Spectators and Hospitality

World Sailing is seeking venues that both meet the sports criteria set out within this bid guide but also are attractive to spectators and are in a location that is already an existing visitor destination.

Ideally, the venue will have an existing walk-up audience that could be engaged by the Youth Sailing World Championships.

A successful strategy could involve a partnership with another event to utilise a pre-existing spectator audience or to encourage spectator attendance numbers. Plans for engagement with local governments and cities should be provided, and any evidence in support of an event village which will help attract spectators

Engagement with spectators may include live commentary, cultural displays, athlete and coach interviews, daily leader bib presentations and other entertainment. A fan engagement zone could be created with a stage and screen.

Opportunities for local events and World Sailing global sponsors to showcase goods and technology and stage exhibition structures should be presented. Food and beverage vendors should be secured to provide services on site for spectators.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony should take place the evening before the practice race at an appropriate venue close to the athlete accommodation which includes a stage, host and an adequate sound system.

Traditionally, the Opening Ceremony includes a parade where the Host provides all the participating nations with their country's flag to carry around the town or city where the event is taking place, before entering a stage for the official Opening Ceremony.

The Host will provide adequate staff numbers to facilitate the flag parade, ensuring an estimated 70 nations are in the correct alphabetical order with the host nations positioned last.

The Opening Ceremony shall include the traditional water ceremony, where athletes mix waters from their home nations.

The Opening Ceremony provides an opportunity for partners and stakeholders to have a presence at the event and speak to participants and the wider audience in attendance.

The World Sailing President or a World Sailing Vice-President is responsible for raising the World Sailing flag to officially open the event.

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony takes place for approximately two hours on the evening of the last day of racing.

A podium is required on stage to accommodate 11 medal ceremonies for the events plus two separate trophy winners, the Bengt Julin and Nations Cup.

An on-stage host is required to oversee proceedings and facilitate the medal ceremonies.

World Sailing also requires the Host to facilitate a full run-through of the medal ceremony formats with the on-stage host and stakeholders to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The Host will provide a gift for each medal winner, eg flowers, and World Sailing will provide the medals and trophy logistics for the ceremonies.

The World Sailing President or a World Sailing Vice-President will officially declare the event at a close and hand the World Sailing flag on to the next host.

Brand, Communications & Marketing



Event Branding

The presentation of the event venue and all communications need to reflect the standard of a world-class sporting competition. The Host will work closely with World Sailing to ensure branding execution is of the right standard, and that all World Sailing, Event and Partner assets are used effectively.

A branding plan for the event venue should be agreed in advance with all designs approved by World Sailing ahead of production.

The branding plan should include wayfinding signage, entrance signage, event signage throughout the venue, local and global partner recognition, stage and podium backdrops and dressing, leader boards, screens, broadcast, championship program etc.

Sustainable sourcing should be a key consideration for branding production, and branded items should be non-PVC and recyclable.

Media Rights

All image and moving image rights for the Youth Sailing World Championships are the property of World Sailing. For the duration of the championships and up to one year after, image rights (subject to contract) may be given to the Host, championship sponsors and accredited media or broadcasters.

Digital and Mobile

World Sailing retains the right to online media platforms including social media, mobile technology and applications.

Broadcasting

The World Sailing Director of Communications and Digital, in consultation with the Host will appoint a Host Broadcaster and a Distribution Partner.

The Host shall be responsible for all fees and costs incurred related to Broadcasting and Distribution.

The Host Broadcaster will provide copyright-free distribution pictures for use by the Host and World Sailing. World Sailing retains the right to capitalise on online broadcasting. At a minimum, the Host Broadcaster will be expected to deliver daily highlights, international news releases and social media output.

The Distribution Partner will distribute international news releases to international broadcasters as agreed by World Sailing, the Host, the Host Broadcaster and the Distribution Partner.

World Sailing retains the exclusive right to capitalise on online broadcasting and international rights. The Host may have the opportunity to secure local broadcast rights in the event that World Sailing is not already active in the marketing.

The Host will provide the following facilities to be utilised by World Sailing in the delivery of national and international TV coverage of the championships at its cost:

- TV compound space which shall include the following minimum areas:
- Editing facility area (5m x 4m)
- Kit store (3m x 4m)
- Dedicated hard-wired symmetrical internet access with a minimum of 100MB/s for the duration of the championship.

Communications and Marketing

The Host will present and implement a communications and marketing plan with the approval of World Sailing to engage regional, national and international audiences with the Youth Sailing World Championships.

The Host will be responsible for appointing a Communications and Marketing Lead who will be responsible for delivering the communications and marketing plan as well as media operations at the event. The Host shall be responsible for all fees and costs incurred related to communications and marketing.

Commercial Rights

The Youth Sailing World Championships commercial rights are a key element of the overall World Sailing global commercial rights structure. This structure is designed to maximise commercial revenues for the benefit of the sport of sailing. The assignment of rights between the Host and World Sailing is constructed to allow the Host to optimise local revenues, and for World Sailing to optimise global partnership revenues.

World Sailing retains the right to appoint a title sponsor for the Youth Sailing World Championships. This partner will be granted branding on all collateral (as part of the Host's branding execution cost), as well as access to hospitality and sales activation space. The latter two elements will be at the expense of the partner in terms of execution.

World Sailing has a range of global partners which have exclusive category rights at World Sailing events, including the Youth Sailing World Championships.

Event partners/sponsors, contracted by the Host, must not operate within the World Sailing defined excluded categories (outlined below). The Organising Committee is required to seek written approval from World Sailing of the sponsor packages offered to the market, and before any contract with a sponsor/partner is signed.

The Host will have the right to grant aid or other support from national/regional/ local government and other public institutions.

Division of Commercial Rights

Definitions

For the purposes of the commercial rights table below, the following words have the following meanings:

"Branding Rights" means the right to sell or otherwise make available advertising or branding opportunities whether at the Venues or otherwise (including on online platforms and social media), by any means, including, without limitation:

- a. shore-based advertising sites
- b. branding on Equipment, race management vessels, marks, buoys etc within the field of play, concessions, sampling, premiums, on-venue branding (such as flags, backdrops, staging, banners) equipment usage or other methods (including, without limitation, by means of so-called virtual advertising)
- c. branding on printed matter such as programmes, posters, letterheads, press releases, newsletters, flyers and tickets; and
- d. branding on the clothing and equipment of photographers, medical and security staff and race officials.

"Betting and Gaming Rights" means:

- a. the right to develop betting, gaming and/or lottery products in relation to the Championships, any Competitor and/or any national team competing in the Championships; and
- b. the right to accept (and/or authorise the acceptance of) bets in relation to the Championships, any Competitor and/or any national team participating in the Championships,

(in each case irrespective of whether the bet is a "back" or "lay" bet and further irrespective of whether the bet is accepted by a bookmaker).

“Broadcasting and Media Rights” means the right to produce, transmit, make available and otherwise distribute coverage of content and/or Championship Coverage or other services or information relating to the Championship (and any and all associated activities), together with other material, by any means of any delivery system on any delivery basis now known or hereafter devised, including by means of all forms of media now known or hereafter developed including photograph, television, radio, video and/or audio formats, fixed media formats (including without limitation videogram, DVD, CD-Rom, Blu-ray, CDI, Mobile Technology and the Web (howsoever delivered), theatrical and non-theatrical distribution together with all rights of access to Venues for the purposes of producing the same and including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Television Rights.

“Championship Merchandise” means apparel, novelty items, pins, flags badges and other merchandise of any description relating to the Championships.

“Championship Merchandising Rights” means the right to develop, produce, distribute and license the manufacture and distribution of Championship Merchandise.

“Data Rights” means the right to create, package, sell, deliver and/or make available data, information, and statistics in textual and/or numerical form generated from the Championship in any way by means of any platform or delivery system whether now known or hereafter invented and whether delivered or made available on a stand-alone basis or in combination with Championship Coverage.

“General Merchandise” means apparel, novelty items, pins, flags, badges and other merchandise of any description not relating to the Championships.

“General Merchandise Rights” means the right to develop, produce, manufacture, distribute and licence the manufacture and distribution of General Merchandise.

“Hospitality Rights” means the right to provide corporate hospitality services at each Event.

“Official Status Rights” means the right to use words or language that state or imply official approval by or in connection with the Championships and World Sailing including but not limited to “Official Sponsor”, “Official Product”, “Official Supplier” and “Official Publication”.

“Presenting Partner” means a commercial partner that is granted the right to present a Championship, e.g. the [date] Youth Sailing World Championship presented by [Partner name].

“Presenting Partner Rights” means the right to appoint a Presenting Partner.

“Publishing Rights” means the right to sell or otherwise make available all forms of printed and/ or electronic books, articles, magazines, periodicals and serialisations relating in any way to the Championship, and to sell or otherwise make available recordings, representations and images of the Championship by way of video, DVD, CD-Rom, other fixed media and home video devices, etc.

“Social Media Rights” means the right to set up, transmit information via and/or otherwise make available official social media sites on any delivery system on any delivery basis relating to the Championships, any Team and/or any Competitor.

“Spectator Food and Beverage Rights” means the right to sell food and beverages to spectators at the Championship but, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include Hospitality Rights.

“Sponsorship Rights” means the right to sell (for cash, benefits in kind, or otherwise) sponsorship, official supplier and other associations of all descriptions in connection with the Championships, any Team and/ or any Competitor.

“Television Rights” means the rights to transmit and/or make available and/or otherwise distribute Championship Coverage by means of any and all forms of television whether now known or hereafter invented (including without limitation analogue terrestrial TV, digital terrestrial television (DTT), cable TV, DTH satellite TV, IPTV, and Mobile Broadcast Technology) whether delivered and/or made available on a free, pay or pay-per-view basis as part of any linear broadcasting service or on-demand service and including without limitation any simultaneous or delayed re-transmission or making available of any Championship Coverage in whole or in part by means of the Web or Mobile Technology.

“Ticketing Rights” means the right to issue, sell or otherwise make available tickets for the Championship either alone or packaged with corporate hospitality and/or travel arrangements and to retain the proceeds of sale for such tickets.

“Title Sponsor” means a sponsor with the right to have the Championship known as the ‘[Sponsor name] Youth Sailing World Championship’.

“Title Sponsor Rights” means the right to appoint a Title Sponsor.

“Video Game” means any electronic interactive product distributed or received by any means whatsoever (whether now known or developed or discovered at any time from this time on) consisting of digitally animated graphics and words and/or music and/or other audio visual images which is played on a computer monitor or game console or any other device capable of displaying graphics or images of any description or dimension whether on a screen, a virtual reality projection or any other means (including mobile telephones and other hand-held devices) which may or may not be connected to a television monitor and which may include (inter alia) Championship Coverage and/or material based on or deriving therefrom or from any part of or otherwise related to the World Sailing, the Championships, or any Team or Competitor.

“Video Game Rights” means the rights to sell, develop, produce, publish licence or otherwise make available Video Games.

“Website Rights” means the right to set up, transmit and/or otherwise make available official websites by means of any delivery system on any delivery basis relating to the Championship, any Team and/or any Competitor.

“World Sailing Sponsor Rights” means the following rights which the EMP must ensure each World Sailing Sponsor receives:

- a. inclusion in sponsor recognition boards on Championship website and at each Venue;
- b. on-Venue branding, including the sponsor’s logo;
- c. recognition in World Sailing-issued communications (including press releases, video, across digital platforms etc.)
- d. recognition in Championship Programme and advertisements for the Championship;
- e. if the sponsor is a technical / non-technical clothing partner, the right to have space and sell goods within each Venue.

Table 1 – Division of Commercial Rights and Obligations

Rights Category	World Sailing rights and obligations	Organiser rights and obligations
Title Sponsorship Rights	Exclusive rights	Can be included as part of a sanction fee for holding the events.
Presenting Partner Rights	No rights	Exclusive rights
Official Status Rights	Rights for World Sailing Status Sponsors to be recognised for their partner status as notified to the Organiser from time to time.	Exclusive rights for domestic partners status, as per sponsorship above.
Advertising Rights (within the Territory)	See Sponsorship Rights.	The right to have the name and logo of the Title Sponsor on all Event Collateral and the Championship Marketing Materials.
Advertising Rights (outside the Territory)	Exclusive rights	No rights
Hospitality Rights	Exclusive rights to provide hospitality to all World Sailing Sponsors either via a bespoke scheme or using the event hospitality programme. Exclusive rights to international hospitality sales.	Exclusive rights to domestic hospitality sales.
Spectator Food & Beverage Rights	No rights	Exclusive rights
Championship Merchandising Rights	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers, but subject always to subject to agreement with World Sailing clothing partner(s).	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers, but subject always to subject to agreement with World Sailing clothing partner(s).
General Merchandising Rights	Exclusive rights	No rights

Publishing Rights	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers.	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers.
Broadcast and Media Rights (within the Territory)	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers.	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers.
Broadcast and Media Rights (outside the Territory)	Exclusive rights	No rights
Social Media Rights	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers.	Shared between World Sailing and the Organisers.
Website Rights	The exclusive right to determine which entity (World Sailing or the Organisers) is to create and host the Championship website. In relation to the ongoing management of the Championship website, shared rights between World Sailing and the Organisers, including the right to link Championship website to World Sailing website and have World Sailing Sponsors recognised on Championship website.	Championship website, shared rights between World Sailing and the Organisers
Data Rights	Exclusive rights	No rights
Ticketing Rights	No rights	Exclusive rights
Betting & Gaming Rights	Exclusive rights, including the right to grant to any third party any Betting & Gaming Rights.	No rights, and no involvement
Video Games Rights	Exclusive rights, including the right to grant to any third party any Video Games Rights.	No rights

The Host shall notify World Sailing of the identity of each potential sponsor or commercial partner and the rights to be granted, for the approval of World Sailing.

Except with the prior written consent of World Sailing, the Host agrees that no such sponsor's or commercial partner's business activities shall fall within any of the Excluded Sponsor Categories.

World Sailing Sponsors and Excluded Sponsor Categories

Table 2 – World Sailing Global Partner Status

The sponsors and official sponsor statuses set out below are as at the date of this bid document but may change subject to contract renewals.

Partner	Partner status
Rolex	Official Timepiece Official Timepiece Partner Any similar phrase as determined by World Sailing from time to time
Kuehne Nagel	Official World Sailing Partner Official Global Logistics of World Sailing Any similar phrase as determined by World Sailing from time to time

Musto	Official World Sailing Technical Partner Official Technical Clothing Partner of World Sailing Any similar phrase as determined by World Sailing from time to time
Virtual Regatta	Official World Sailing Partner Official exclusive Gaming Partner of/to World Sailing Official eSports Partner Any similar phrase as determined by World Sailing from time to time

Excluded Sponsor Categories

The sponsors and official sponsor status' set out below are as at the date of this bid document but may change subject to contract renewals.

Category	World Sailing Sponsor
Clothing (Technical)	Musto, and/or any Musto group company
Clothing (non-Technical)	As advised by World Sailing from time to time
Shipping, logistics and freight forwarding	Kuehne+Nagel
Sustainability	As advised by World Sailing from time to time
Timepieces, including intelligent wrist computers which have timing as a primary or ancillary function, watches, clocks and jewellery	Rolex, and/or any Rolex group company

Sustainability

Sustainability is integral to improving our events, the Youth World Championships has maintained a leadership position across sustainable sailing event management. The Event Host will submit a sustainability plan six months prior to the event detailing planned initiatives that support World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030 for World Sailing to approve.

The Host should adopt the guidelines for ISO 20121 – 'A specification for sustainable events' at the event and the Host should meet the Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas programme gold level or above.

The Host should, under the guidance and support of World Sailing, also:

- Create a sustainability plan, including: a legal register for the event specific to the country of operation; a biodiversity protection plan; a pollution control plan; a waste management plan; education activities and community engagement; and the use of materials from responsible sources including FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified wood products.
- Communicate efforts to sailors, volunteers and staff on sustainability topics including: biodiversity protection, waste, travel and single-use items including plastics.
- Organise sustainability education and engagement activity
- Encourage low carbon and active transport
- Specify water-only boat cleaning
- Mark all surface water drains
- Produce a post-event sustainability report to include high level carbon footprint including scopes 1, 2 and 3 emissions; data on utilities used during the event including fuel consumption; waste production; water usage; accommodation; travel for sailors, race officials, volunteers and staff; any actions taken to reduce the carbon footprint of the event; clean regattas certification and actions taken to achieve the framework; education activities implemented to engage the community.

Economic impact and event study

The Host must, at its own cost, engage reputable providers to prepare an economic and event impact report in English in respect of the Youth Sailing World Championships measuring the Event Outcomes.

World Sailing and the Host shall agree the format and supplier of the impact report no later than nine months before the event.

The study will assess event aspects including but not limited to stakeholders and organisation, economic, tourism, event experience, media exposure, social media exposure, sponsorship outcomes, sporting and social impact and sustainability ("Event Outcomes").

The Host must ensure the Impact Report complies with the International Association of Event Hosts (IAEH) event impact standards.

Bidding Process & Guidelines



Bidding Process

A party interested in hosting the event shall email the World Sailing Executive Office by 30 November 2024 to inform of their intent to bid. World Sailing will support the preparation of Bid Documents.

Formal intent to bid	30 November 2024
Non-Disclosure agreements signed by all parties	10 December 2024
Additional documents (financial, contract...) disclosed after reception of the signed NDA	ASAP after signature or by 10 December 2024
Final bids deadline	31 January 2025 at 17:00 UTC
Bid Presentation to the Event Evaluation Panel	February 2025
Recommendation to the World Sailing Board of Directors	February 2025
Signature of the contract between World Sailing, the Host and the Host MNA followed by the Venue announcement	March 2025

Visits

There will be no visits by World Sailing's evaluation commission or by members of the World Sailing Board to the bidding cities or direct approach from the cities to commission members or World Sailing Board members, for the promotion of their candidature. If a World Sailing committee or commission member must travel to a city for any reason, the city may not take advantage of this occasion for the promotion of its candidature, nor cover the costs and other expenses linked to such a visit, in particular, travel and accommodation costs.

Host MNA

The Host, including the member national authority for the territory, will assist World Sailing in the conduct of the Youth Sailing World Championships by: providing advice and technical support for the Championship to be run successfully; and, when asked to do so by World Sailing, act on behalf of World Sailing to ensure the Youth Sailing World Championships will take place according to the provisions of this document and the World Sailing rules and regulations.

Bid Document

Any party interested in hosting the event should prepare the bid document in cooperation with the key persons of the Organising Committee. The bid document shall be endorsed by the MNA and provide written support from the host city, the host club and the suggested accommodation provider.

The bid to host this event must adhere to the following principles to ensure the integrity of the event:

- The Youth Sailing World Championship is the premier competitive youth sailing event and is designed to mimic the Olympic Games experience.
- As many MNAs as possible in good standing with World Sailing can enter a team. Selection of that team is the responsibility of the MNA.
- All equipment, except for kites, is to be supplied free of charge to the competitor to ensure a level playing field.
- The venue and the accommodation of all competitors, coaches and team leaders should be within walking distance if possible.

The document shall be in Word or PDF and contain at least the following information

- Location of host venue, information about the country and region;
- Proposed dates of championship (July or December);
- Names of the host MNA, club/facility and recent event management history and experience;
- Names of the members of the Organising Committee, including the Event Director, and the main contact person;
- Number of sailable hours per day (daylight hours);
- Local weather and sailing conditions;
- Accommodation and food arrangements (number and type of meals);
- Distance from the venue to the accommodation;
- Venue Location and descriptions
- Boat park (CAD plans) & secured area
- Launching facilities
- Building facilities
- Racing areas locations
- Travel and Transport Information
- An outline for the Emerging Nations Program Clinic, including the location and facilities available.
- Local travel connections and information (airplane, train, ferry, road, taxi, bus)
- Approximate cost of travel to the host country from the following main airport hubs around the world:
 - London Heathrow, GBR
 - Schiphol, NED
 - Dubai, UAE
 - Hong Kong, HKG
- Distance to the venue from the nearest main airport;
- Detailed logistics information regarding organised transport from the nearest airport to the venue;
- Logistics information regarding equipment transport from likely ports to the venue;
- General Tourist Information
 - The venue
 - The country

- Financial:
 - A preliminary budget including the recommended entry fee (of 1,500 euros or as per the bid proposal) per competitor, team leader or coach using the attached budget template;
 - Proposed arrangements for potential sponsors;
 - Financial support from MNA, Government, National Olympic Committee or others;
- Photographs and satellite picture, if available, should be attached to the bid to allow the committee members a better understanding of the venue and the local conditions;
- Communications and marketing intentions
- Ceremonies and social event intentions
- Outline of approach to sponsorship and overall event funding
- Public engagement opportunities
- Preliminary Legacy, Sustainability and Emergency Plans

Other documents available by request of the interested bidders:

1. Budget Template
2. Event Presentation
3. A draft contract can be provided to interested bidders

Contact

All bids must be received by the World Sailing Executive Office by email by 17:00 (UTC) 31 January 2025.

World Sailing will confirm receipt of all documentation. All bids received will be treated as confidential.

For further information about these bid guidelines and to submit a bid please contact:

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