

World Sailing: Jurgen Cluytmans, IM to chair the 2021 - 2024 Equipment Committee

February 2021 – Following the publication of the World Sailing Board's Recommendation to Council at the end of 2020 with regard to Committee and Commission structures for 2021 - 2024, the World Sailing Council has now approved the proposed compositions. Jurgen Cluytmans is to chair the new Equipment Committee that sees for the first time all regions of the world represented and a significant number of female experts involved.

Equipment Committee

The Equipment Committee is within World Sailing responsible for advising its Council on equipment matters. This includes the Olympic Equipment policy, equipment evaluation and recommendations on change/evolution of the said equipment. The Committee also reviews applications by classes for World Sailing status and periodically reviews the World Sailing Classes with regard to continuation / withdrawal of their status. In consultation with its Equipment Rules Sub-Committee, it also formulates, revises and approves the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) on behalf of Council. The latter includes approving ERS Questions and Answers as well as approving authoritative ERS interpretations made by World Sailing.

Global representation

World Sailing has Member National Authorities in 6 continents (i.e. North America & Caribbean, Central & South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania). In previous terms the Equipment Committee was characterised by a composition from Europe, North America and Oceania. In the 2021-2024 term also experts from Asia, Africa and South America join the team.

Gender equality

In line with the goals of the IOC and World Sailing to get more women involved in the different levels and structures of the sport, the Equipment Committee now has a 50 % - 50 % gender balanced composition when looking at the 12 directly appointed members. Taking into account the representatives from other committees and sub-committees joining the team the total composition has about 58 % men and 42 % women.

World Sailing (WS) is the world governing body for the sport of sailing, officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

World Sailing is responsible for:

- the promotion of the sport internationally;
- managing sailing at the Olympic and Paralympic 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 the sailors in all matters concerning the sport.

The principle members of World Sailing are the 'Member National Authorities' (MNAs) and the 'Class Associations'.

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