



World Sailing

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Presidential Welcome



The events of 2021 firmly demonstrated how strong the sport of sailing really is. There is no doubt that we started the year with a great deal of uncertainty but as we look back on the year as a whole, it is a great time

to celebrate our many successes.

On the water, the Olympics was an obvious highlight – and to win an Olympic Gold Ring at the International Olympic Committee Awards (link [here](#)) is a great accomplishment. This is the third time in the last four Games that the coverage of sailing at the Olympics has been honoured. The additions to the broadcast offered a unique insight and really helped to show the essence of the sport to a global television audience.

Elsewhere, we have seen the delivery of two editions of the Steering the Course Women's Sailing Festival which will have long-term and far-reaching benefits for women in sailing by raising awareness and highlighting the opportunities available at all levels. We have seen class World Championships raced as competitive sailing returns to near-full strength and the Youth World Sailing Championships, a highpoint in the World Sailing calendar, showcased the incredible talent that is coming through the ranks around the world.

We, as a sport, have shown resilience and determination, and came together recently to celebrate some of these achievements. The Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards and the 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award showed just how many exceptional people there are in this sport at all levels, in all classes, and on every continent. It is a global sport and sailing is a global community working together as one, sharing each other's triumphs and supporting each other.

The Annual Conference showed the determination to continuously improve. My thanks go to everyone who took the time to engage in the meetings and tune in to the discussions. The event showed democracy in action for the good of sailing and sailors around the world, and the outcomes will have a positive impact on the sport for years to come.

I would also like to pass on my condolences over the passing of Jean-Pierre Champion, Jack Roy and Kathy Dyer. All were passionate sailors, great leaders in sailing in their respective countries and worked tirelessly to inspire so many others to take up the sport. World Sailing worked with all three for many years and they will all be sorely missed.

As ever, despite the successes, we always recognise there is more to do. Our priorities for the coming year remain on track and we will look to build on the growth this year to deliver even greater success for the future.

I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to all of our MNAs, partners, sponsors, sailing clubs, media and World Sailing Staff, as well as sailing fans for the support and contribution to the sport throughout 2021. Of course, sailing is nothing without the sailors themselves and on behalf of everyone at World Sailing, I extend my thanks to every sailor who persevered through a difficult year to show just how many opportunities there are in the sport and how diverse and resilient sailing really is.

Quanhai Li, President

From The CEO's Desk



The final months of 2021 were momentous for our sport, and after the disruption we have all navigated it is great to see a return to form for the events, planning for the future, celebrations and reflection on the past year.

SailGP had a dramatic end of year event in Sydney, with the new season already announced, the GC32 Racing Tour wrapped up in Spain, the Women's Match Racing Championships and GKA Kite World Tour both crowned new world champions, and the Transat Jacques Vabre ended with a sprint to the finish. We have seen World Championships delivered in ILCA 6, 49er, 49erFX, Nacra 17 and windsurfing and with a tremendous finale to the year with the Youth World Sailing Championships presented by Hempel, in Oman.

2021 was incredibly successful, especially given the environment we started the year in. Set against this backdrop we have achieved so much in all areas of the sport. Steering the Course had a huge impact on grassroots and women's sailing, so much so that the dates for next year are already set.

Financially we are stronger, which means we can help more MNAs and training programmes to invest in the future of the sport and developing coaches, sailors and emerging nations. Our goal is to make sailing inclusive, gender equal and increase participation at every level. World Sailing will soon move to a new headquarters in London. It is well suited to our needs, centrally-located, and we are all very excited about starting this new chapter in Q1 2022.

Para Sailing has taken huge leaps forward this year. The launch of 'Back the Bid' (link [here](#)) to reinstate the sport to the Paralympic Games in 2028 continues to gather momentum, and will continue to do so throughout 2022.

The Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards and 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Awards set a new record for public votes with 44,000 people helping to decide the winners. Seeing how far and wide the message had spread really showed the reach of our sport. The enthusiasm for the Awards showed the respect sailors have for fellow sailors. Choosing just one winner was a difficult task when all of the nominees had achieved so much. It is a privilege to see so much talent on show across the classes and how inspiring our champions are to the next generation.

The 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Awards demonstrated how the sport has fuelled the imagination of the world and given a platform for associations to devise ingenious solutions to issues facing the sport, and indeed the world. Once again, the winner in this category was a very close decision, and all four finalists can be very proud. We sincerely hope to see their projects replicated in classes and countries across the globe.

Progress on own sustainability agenda gathered steam when we signed the UN's 'Race To Zero' at the COP26 summit in Glasgow. We are committed to halving emissions in sailing by 2030 and becoming a net zero activity by 2040. Sailing is a leader in this space and we continue to find innovative ways to do more, change and evolve for the good of the sport and the good of the world.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2022 and I would like to thank everyone for your hard work and dedication over the past 12 months.

David Graham, Chief Executive Officer



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Around the Globe

GC32 World Championships

Red Bull Sailing claimed the title on countback, after defending champions Alinghi collided with the leeward gate while out in front only to limp home in seventh. Red Bull Sailing finished fourth but by virtue of their placing in the final race were crowned champions.

www.gc32racingtour.com/red-bull-sailing-team-claims-gc32-worlds-countback/

GC32 Mar Menor Cup



Alinghi did however triumph in the Menor Mar Cup in Spain in November after winning five of the 10 races, ahead of Black Star Sailing in second and Red Bull Sailing in third. Alinghi also took the GC32 Racing Tour title by winning three of the four stages and beating Red Bull Sailing by five points.

www.gc32racingtour.com/gc32-game-set-match-alinghi-mar-menor/

Hansa World Championships

An exciting final day in Palermo, Italy, saw medals awarded in all four categories at the 2021 Hansa World Championships.

www.sailing.org/news/91250.php

SailGP Sydney

The Australia Sail Grand Prix (December 17-18) proved to be one of the most action-packed of the series after Great Britain SailGP collided with Japan SailGP on Day 1. Dubbed one of the most dramatic crashes in sailing, Nathan Outteridge's team's F50 suffered serious damage. After admitting fault for the event, Ben Ainslie offered the Great Britain's F50 to Japan for Day 2, allowing them to compete on a hybrid boat and going on to win the final two fleet races.

It was the Australia SailGP team that came out on top, not only winning their home event but also booking themselves a place in the winner-takes-all \$1 million Season 2 Grand Final.

The United States Sail Grand Prix will take place in San Francisco on March 26-27 with the event's additional five qualifying races deciding which team will complete the line-up for the Grand Final against the two qualified teams from the United States and Australia.

sailgp.com/news/21/craziest-crash-sailing-history-great-britain-japan-collision-footage-all-angles/

SailGP 2022/23

SailGP has unveiled the first eight host cities for the upcoming third season, set to begin in May 2022. The season will start in Bermuda for the second straight year, on 14-15 May 2022 before heading to Chicago, Plymouth, Copenhagen, Saint-Tropez, Cádiz, Dubai and Christchurch.

sailgp.com/news/21/first-eight-cities-unveiled-expanded-season-3/





Asian Windsurfing Championships

Local riders claimed the top prizes in Mussanah, Oman, where Abdullah Al Sarhi won nine of his 10 races in the Techno293 PLUS class to take gold. In the Techno293 class, AbdulRahman Al Mujaini secured the title, and in the Formula Foil class, making its debut at this year's Asian Windsurfing Championships, AbdulMajeed Al Hadhrami won gold with a perfect 5/5 score.

www.omansail.com/asian-windsurfing-championship-2021

Asian 49er and 49er FX Championships

Asian Title winners at the Asian Championship were KC Ganopathy and Varun Thakkar (IND) in the 49er and Molly Highfield and Sandi Choi (HKG) in the 49erFX.

www.omansail.com/asian-championships

World 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 Championships

The 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Championships concluded with double Dutch gold as Bart Lambriex and Floris van de Werken took the 49er win and Odile van Aanholt and Elise de Ruyter claimed the 49erFX world title. It was the first time any nation has ever won both the 49er and 49erFX titles simultaneously.

www.omansail.com/49er

ILCA 6 World Championships

Nik Pletikos of Slovenia won the men's 2021 ILCA 6 World Championship by a single point in the last race on the last day of the competition. The women's race was just as dramatic. Emma Plasschaert of Belgium is the new women's ILCA 6 World Champion on countback after finishing level on points with Agata Barwinska of Poland.

2021-radial.laser-worlds.com/

ILCA Masters World Championships

The ILCA Masters World Championships in Barcelona were won by Wannes Van Laer (BEL) with Maciej Grabowski (POL) in second and Lorenzo Cerretelli (ITA) third.

2021-masters.laser-worlds.com/

FreeWing Wingfoil World Games

Hosted by Univela Sailing, the inaugural event tested various courses with the aim of defining the new standard for the future of the International WingFoil Class. The general male classification was won by Alessandro Jose Tomasi of Fraglia Vela Riva del Garda ahead of Balz Mueller of the WSCI and Mathis Ghio of the A.V.Carry-le-Rouet. The general female ranking was won by Olivia Piana ahead of her two compatriots Orane Ceris and Marion Mattia.

www.campioneunivela.it/en/all-news/free-wing-wingfoil-world-games-presented-by-sabfoil-final-day/



The 2021 GWA Surf-Freestyle World Champions

Bowien van der Linden has been unstoppable this season, winning three out of the four stops in the Surf-Freestyle discipline. She has now been crowned as the new GWA Surf-Freestyle World Champion, followed by Olivia Piana and Paula Novotna.

For the Men's Surf-Freestyle discipline, Titouan Galea won two out of the four events, and has managed to maintain solid results to achieve the win with Camille Bouyer and Hugo Marin were close behind.

www.wingfoilworldtour.com/news

PWA World Tour

A disrupted PWA World Tour came to a close with the SOMWR 10 x

Marignane PWA Grand Slam in November. Just four events were able to take place this year but the events that did go ahead were incredibly successful for slalom, freestyle and wave riders.

www.pwaworldtour.com/index.php?id=2253

Women's Match Racing World Championship

Pauline Courtois, bronze medallist at the 2019 Women's Match World Championships, and her Match in Pink by Normandy Elite Team took gold in emphatic style at this year's World Championships on home waters in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin, without dropping a single race throughout the event.

www.matchracingresults.com/2021/womens-world-championships/



Transat Jacques Vabre 2021

For the first time in the 28-year history of the biennial event, the Transat Jacques Vabre finished on the Caribbean Island of Martinique. Four classes competed on three different courses. Maxi Edmond de Rothschild, skippered by Franck Cammas and Charles Caudrelier won in the Ultime class; the Ocean Fifty fleet was led home by Primonial, co-skippered by Sébastien Rogues and Matthieu Souben; the first IMOCA across the line was LinkedOut, led by Thomas Ruyant and Morgan Lagravière; with the 45-strong Class 40 winner Redman, skippered by Antoine Carpentier and Pablo Santurde del Arco. In total, 150 sailors and 75 crews successfully made the transatlantic crossing from Martinique to Le Havre.

www.transatjacquesvabre.org/en/

2021 Youth Sailing World Championships

The Youth Sailing World Championships presented by Hempel kicked off in Mussanah, Oman, on 11 December. Featuring 11 events and over 335 sailors from 59 countries, the winning nations were France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Singapore and Spain and the first ever gold medals for Peru and Bermuda in the 50 year history of the Youth Worlds. France won the Nations Trophy for the best team performance.

worldsailingywc.org/



ANOC World Beach Games 2023 and 2025

ANOC has announced that kite foiling is part of the nine sports and 10 disciplines that will form the core programme for the 2023 and 2025 editions of the ANOC World Beach

Games. The bid process is still open for both events and the host venues are due to be announced in due course.

anocolympic.org/anoc-new/anoc-announces-core-programme-for-2023-2025-anoc-world-beach-games/

Planning

The 2022 World Cup Series is taking shape with events scheduled for the USA, Spain and the Netherlands.

The 2022 Youth Sailing World Championships and 2023 Sailing World Championships are headed to The Hague, Netherlands.

The 2024 ILCA European venues have also been announced:

- ILCA 4 Youth, Izola, Slovenia.
- ILCA 6 Youth, Ballyholme, Ireland.
- ILCA U21 Euros, Menorca, Spain.
- ILCA Senior Euros, Athens, Greece.
- ILCA Masters Euros, Livorno, Italy

Gold Coast to host first Para Sailing World Championships in 2022

The inaugural Virtus Para Sailing World Championship will be staged in Gold Coast, Australia, 5-12 November 2022, for Hansa 303 class sailors from all around the world.

www.sailing.org/news/91395.php

Hempel World Cup Series

The 2022 Allianz Regatta, part of the Hempel World Cup Series, will take place in Almere, Netherlands, from 1 - 5 June 2022 as part of Dutch Water Week. The Regatta is the core of the week and will feature ten Olympic classes, including the new kite sailing and windfoiling classes. In addition, regatta sailors will also compete in other classes for the Open Dutch Championship during the week.

Allianz Regatta

The Allianz Regatta, part of the Hempel World Cup Series, has a new location. From 2022 the event takes place in Almere / Amsterdam the Netherlands, from 1 to 5 June 2022 as part of Dutch Water Week. The Regatta will feature ten Olympic classes, including the new kite sailing and windfoiling classes. Running up to the event, regatta sailors will also compete in other non-Olympic classes for the Open Dutch Championship from 27 - 29 May. Since 1985 The Allianz Regatta builds on the legacy of the Spa, Holland and Delta Lloyd Regatta and the tournament has always been a leading innovator in Olympic sailing events worldwide.



World Sailing Awards

The World Sailing Awards (read the news [here](#)) took place on 2 December in a virtual ceremony streamed live from the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes, UK.

Olympic gold medalists Hannah Mills MBE (GBR) and Eilidh McIntyre (GBR) were voted female 2021 Rolex World Sailor of the Year.

Mills and McIntyre claimed gold in Tokyo in the 470 class, a victory which made Mills the most successful female Olympic sailor of all time. This was her second Olympic gold, repeating her victory from Rio 2016 with her new partner. McIntyre won her first gold medal in Tokyo and followed in the footsteps of her father, Michael, who won gold at the 1988 Games in Seoul. The pair received 37% of the votes, making them the clear choice for this year's female Rolex World Sailor of the Year award.

Australia's Tom Slingsby won the male 2021 Rolex World Sailor of the Year in celebration of his achievements in three competitive classes over the past two years.

Slingsby secured 29% of the votes after defending his Moth World Championship, winning 13 of the 14 races, securing back-to-back 2019 and 2021 title wins. He has also set the standard in the global SailGP circuit, earning the Season 1 title as Team CEO and Skipper of TeamAustralia. He capped a fantastic year on the water by being part of the crew of 'Comanche', winners of the 2021 Rolex Middle Sea Race.

Choosing one winner from an entire sport worthy of recognition was no mean feat, but the expert panel and public agreed with the outcome. A record-breaking 44,000 votes were cast this year to honour the achievements of sailors across all disciplines breaking the previous record of 23,000 in 2019.

The World Sailing 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award went to the Sail Africa Youth Development Foundation for increasing the participation of ethnically diverse and female sailors in Durban, South Africa. In the time since launching, the number of girls racing has increased and podium positions have improved year on year. Sailing is now a much more multicultural sport.

The programme has doubled as a life skills initiative, ensuring positive sustainable outcomes around alleviating poverty, reducing inequality, developing education and creating environmental awareness. The foundation won the Ethekwini Maritime Cluster Award for Empowering Youth in 2017 and was profiled as part of this year's World Sailing Steering the Course program.

The 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award celebrates the effective execution or ongoing delivery of high-impact, highly replicable sustainability initiatives that work to protect and restore the health of the ocean, and are aligned with the World Sailing Sustainability Agenda 2030.

Rewatch the live show [here](#)

More information about the nominees is available [here](#)



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2019 Annual
Conference
Bermuda

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The maximum transverse distance between the outermost points of any **hydrofoil wings**.

Current Position

See above.



Meetings

2021 Annual Conference

The Annual Conference took place virtually from 22-30 October. All minutes relating to outcomes from the Annual Conference are available [here](#), and the meetings can be viewed on the [World Sailing YouTube Channel](#).



The provisional dates for:

the **2022 Mid-Year Meeting** were set for **24 - 27 March 2022**, and; the **2022 Annual Conference** will be **22 - 30 October 2022**.

The intention is to conduct these meetings in person in Abu Dhabi. With consideration to the global travel restrictions brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, further news will follow within the week commencing 24 January 2022.

Governance Reform

A big thank you goes to our extensive volunteer body, World Sailing classes and MNA's for your contribution to our governance reform discussions. Thank you also to the Governance Reform Sub-Committee for your hard work. To date we have had fantastic engagement from all corners of the globe with stakeholders openly sharing opinions during our plenary sessions. Viewpoints are noted, openly discussed and the fluidity of the process is very positive. In some areas, the discussion is providing clear answers whilst in others it is narrowing down the options that will put our sport in a better place.

The engagement in each session has clearly demonstrated the passion within World Sailing regarding the welfare our sport; the very essence of why we are proposing to reform our Governance – to ensure our decisions are aligned to our strategy, made by the right bodies assisted by a nimbler process to fit with the fast changing world of sport.

The next plenary session will take place on **7 February 2022**. We have a dedicated email address for Governance, if you have any views to share please contact governance@sailing.org.



Para Sailing

Paralympic Reinstatement

Phase 1 - launch highlights

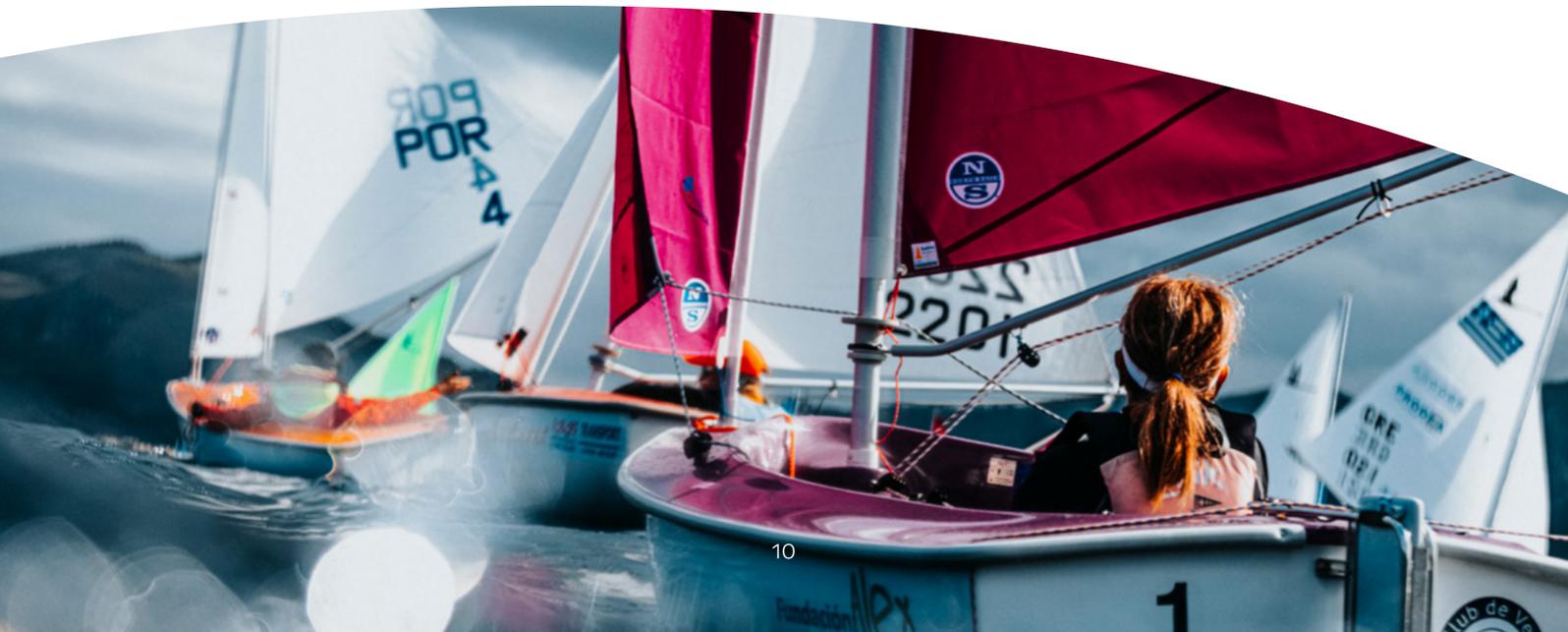
The launch on 26 October of World Sailing's Paralympic Reinstatement campaign was picked up immediately by international media and within the sailing community.

Extensive international media coverage was secured, thanks to seeding the launch with major global news agencies Reuters, EFE and Xinhua, and securing interest from global media outlets, including the BBC, The Times, ABC Australia, and the sailing and sports industry media read by the International Olympic and Paralympic Committees.

Sailors, teams and well-known global sailing faces including Sir Robin Knox-Johnston also rushed to social media to support the #BacktheBid campaign.

Phase 1 is now being extended to January 2022, as a result of the ongoing appetite from media, social media and in the global sailing community for the #SailtoLA content being produced.

Read more about it [here](#)





Training and Development

Paris 2024

We are hopeful of securing a World Cup/Test Event in Marseille in 2022 and 2023 and talks are continuing with the FFV to finalise plans.

The scoring systems and event formats will be discussed at the ORIS meetings in March 2022. World Sailing and OBS have made proposals to Paris 2024 on the competition schedule.



LA 2028

The Men's Kiteboard, Women's Kiteboard, Mixed Dinghy and Mixed Multihull events and equipment are under review for the LA 2028 Olympic Games.

Proposals and a testing plan for new formats at the LA 2028 Olympic Games are also underway.

2022 Youth Worlds

The Hague 2022 Youth Worlds Notice of Race has now been published and entries are being received from MNAs. The Host Venues for the 2023 and 2024 Youth Worlds will be confirmed at the 2021 Mid-Year meeting.

Youth Worlds Emerging Nations Program

The power of the Emerging Nations Program has been proven with the impact made by these sailors at Tokyo 2020 and the knock-on effect on their return to their home-countries. In 2021, in addition to the usual program, there is additional support from Olympic Solidarity.

Sailors have been added from the Caribbean, and South and Central America on the Olympic Solidarity Youth Development Program. There will be regional technical course for coaches alongside the Emerging Nations Program, and during the Youth Sailing World Championships, experienced coaches will also mentor the new coaches on the coach boats. The sailor program is run by Tania Elias Calles from Mexico and the technical course for coaches by Tim Cross, supported remotely by Rob Holden.

There are 23 sailors in the program:

- 12 female and 11 male sailors from 16 MNAs are on the sailor program
- 9 international coaches, 6 female and 3 male, are on the coach's program
- There were also 6 coaches from Oman on the course





Foiling Week

Foiling Week has been granted Special Event status in a multi-year agreement aimed to promote foiling, sustainability, diversity and inclusion and to drive a global, multi-event series.

Foiling Week joins high profile activities with Special Event status such as the America's Cup, The Ocean Race, SailGP, World Match Racing Tour, PWA World Tour, Star Sailors League and GKA Kite World Tour.

Foiling Week is the hub of the world hydrofoiling community and the only World Sailing Special Event that is community-based and includes a well-attended Forum, where the most talented and creative individuals share ideas and put their minds together to make connections and improve the way the event operates and the class evolves.

Special Event status ensures World Sailing formally recognises and sanctions the events. It also means that Foiling Week will follow the targets set by the World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030, which includes working with the Magenta Project to promote professional sailing opportunities for women and the World Sailing Trust which provides funding for a diverse group of initiatives to increase access to sailing and promote sustainable practices in sport and manufacturing.

As part of the Charter, all Special Events will have a comprehensive sustainability strategy, aligned applicable principles set out in Sustainability Agenda 2030, and commit to working with World Sailing to accelerate the objectives and targets.

www.foilingweek.com



Continental Development Plan

Research on the proposed Continental Development Plan continues to review how it would fit into the World Sailing training structures, and how to develop the structures to adapt to the proposed plan.

Steering the Course

After the success of the **Steering the Course Festival of Women's Sailing of 2021** (see link [here](#)), there is a clear need for year-round action and MNAs, clubs and classes are encouraged to run initiatives through the year. The 2022 Northern Hemisphere special event has been scheduled for Friday 20 May to Sunday 29 May and the Southern Hemisphere one from Friday 30 September to Sunday 9 October.

iQFOiL Learn to Videos

World Sailing has worked with Starboard on a series of learn to windsurf videos featuring the new Surface to Air youth board. Starboard will soon be releasing a set of fun publications called Windsurf Kids which includes training and safety information as well as sustainability and pathways.

Watch the videos [here](#).

Endorsed Resources

High-level resources for coaching and athletes are being worked on and will be made available on the World Sailing website soon.

Race Officials

All Race Official applications have been finalised for 2021. A new Events Appointment Working Party has been formed and will now quickly manage the future appointment of officials to World Sailing and Olympic Classes events.



Technical and Offshore

Annual Conference

Meetings held during the Annual Conference 2021 resulted in a series of action points:

- With applications for World Sailing Class status from WingFoiling and Snowkite disciplines, the relevant Committees will review any required changes to the regulations to allow World Sailing to consider these applications.
- The Special Regulations Sub-committee and Oceanic and Offshore sub-committee approved changes to the Offshore Special Regulations for 2022. Attention is drawn in particular to existing Regulation 3.02.2 Structural Inspection, which becomes effective 1 January 2022 for monohulls in Categories 0,1,2,3. This regulation is associated with Appendix L - Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure and a set of Q&As.
[Click here to read the Offshore Special Regulations](#)
- Following a parenthesis in the auditing of certified lofts and MNAs, the In-House Certification programme which enables sail lofts that meet certain quality control standards to self-certify sails, is being re-launched with new audits planned for 2022.
- The IRC has provided World Sailing with its 'scientific formulation'.
- The Equipment Committee will conduct reviews for all World Sailing Classes against the regulatory requirements.
- The Office will license the IKA-Formula Kite manufacturers that have satisfied the requirements throughout the class evaluation period.





Commercial

SAP Activation

SAP provided the tracking technology at the Youth Sailing World Championships presented by Hempel in Oman. This was the first Youth Sailing World Championship to benefit from the tracking solution and SAP are looking to continue using the technology in 2022 in The Hague. Planning and budgeting for additional projects in 2022 has been submitted to the SAP management including market VIP activations as well as survey technology to assist with the planned World Sailing Trust census of classes and MNAs.

GAC Pindar

World Sailing and GAC Pindar have extended their long-standing partnership with a new seven-year contract to provide efficient and sustainable logistics solutions to MNAs, class associations, sailors and partners.

The agreement will run until 31 December 2028 and cover World Sailing-owned events, including the Offshore World Championships, World Cup Series and World Cup Series Final, the Youth Sailing World Championships and the Sailing World Championships.

GAC Pindar will continue as the exclusive marine logistics and freight partner of World Sailing and work in partnership to reduce the costs and environmental impact of logistics in the shipping of equipment to events, in line with World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030.

Read the news [here](#)

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The race officials' order was delivered in October in preparation for the Youth Worlds and the 2022 season. The Race Officials portal will be launched in early 2022 and allows discounted purchases of World Sailing branded clothing for all registered international race officials.





Virtual Regatta

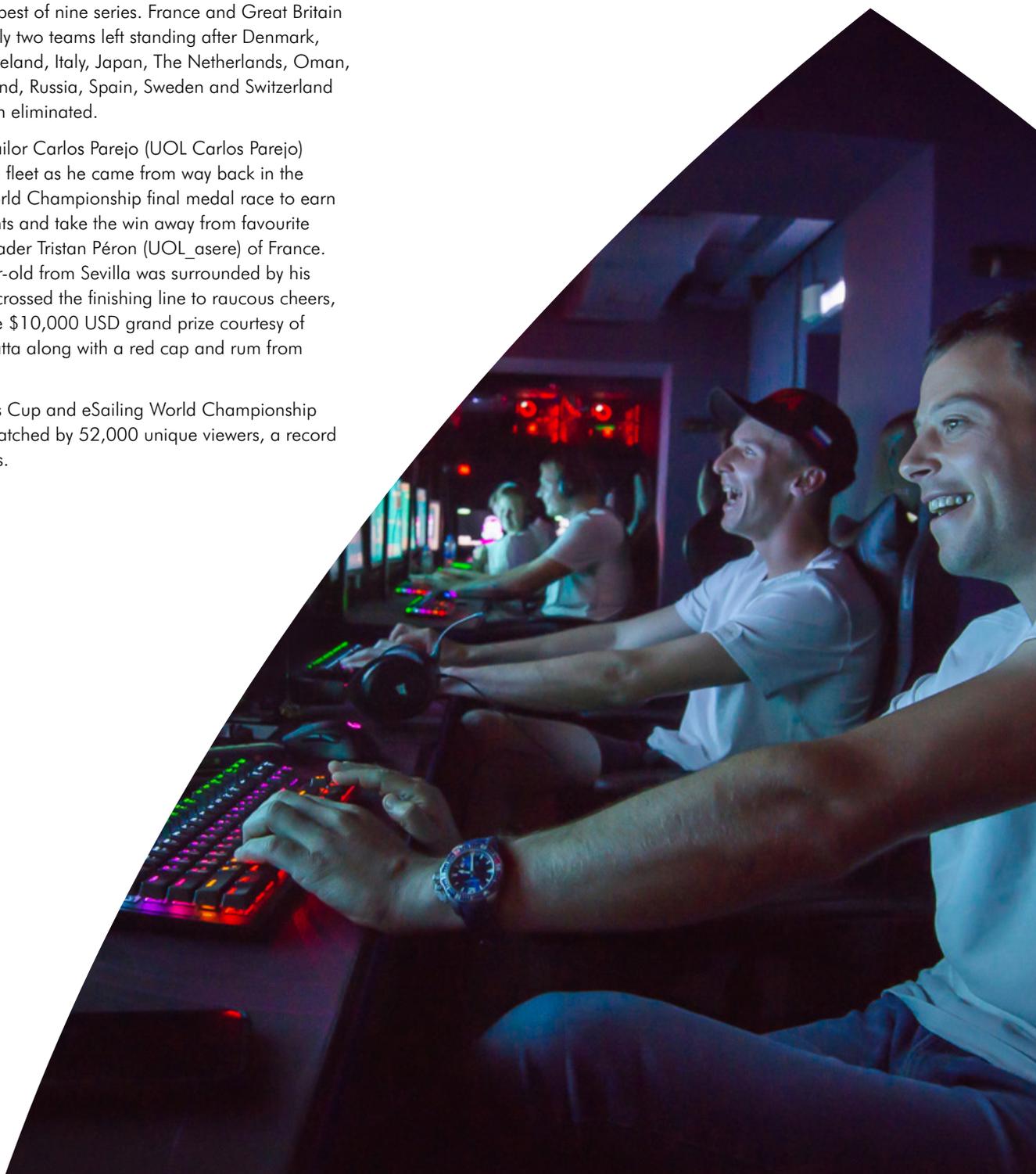
The Virtual Regatta season finished with the finals of the eSailing World Championship and the Nations Cup on 5-6 November.

The eSailing Nations Cup final saw France take on Great Britain in the live virtual final, while the eSailing World Championship featured the ten qualifiers in a winner-take-all race.

In the Nations Cup Final, a tense battle saw France emerge victorious 5-4 over defending champions Team GBR in the best of nine series. France and Great Britain were the only two teams left standing after Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Oman, Turkey, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland had all been eliminated.

Spanish eSailor Carlos Parejo (UOL Carlos Parejo) shocked the fleet as he came from way back in the eSailing World Championship final medal race to earn double points and take the win away from favourite and race leader Tristan Péron (UOL_asere) of France. The 19-year-old from Sevilla was surrounded by his family and crossed the finishing line to raucous cheers, claiming the \$10,000 USD grand prize courtesy of Virtual Regatta along with a red cap and rum from Mount Gay.

The Nations Cup and eSailing World Championship Final was watched by 52,000 unique viewers, a record for the finals.





Sustainability

COP 26 - [Link here](#)

World Sailing and the World Sailing Trust attended COP26 with the Paris 2024 Organising Committee and the IOC to continue its commitment to taking a leading role in sustainability and reducing emissions in sport. World Sailing has signed up to 'Race To Zero', the global campaign to cut emissions to zero run by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Rolex World Sailor of the Year, Hannah Mills MBE, initiated the call on world leaders to work together to fight climate change. In a powerful video produced with support from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), athletes who participated at the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 called on world leaders to deliver on climate action.

olympics.com/ioc/news/olympians-and-paralympians-call-on-world-leaders-to-work-together-to-fight-climate-change

Right Formula

Sports sustainability agency Right Formula have been appointed to provide an interim solution to maintain World Sailing's Sustainability obligations. We are in the final stages of recruiting a new Head of Sustainability to continue the work towards World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda. The main focus in the short term was managing the 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award, Carbon Recycling project and the World Sailing ISO20121 audit.





In Memoriam

The global sailing community is mourning the loss of three key figures in the sport:

Jean-Pierre Champion - [see here](#) ✨

Jack Roy - [see here](#) ✨

Kathy Dyer - [see here](#) ✨

World Sailing had the pleasure of working closely with each person for many years and sends its deepest condolences to their families at this time





World Sailing

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