

## World Sailing Special Events

### Regulations Governing Special Events

A submission from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To ensure that rules and regulations that govern special events are clear, objective and made available to World Sailing stakeholders.

#### Proposal

To set up a working party tasked with formalizing regulations governing special events with a set of key rights and obligations for special events.

#### Current Position

There are currently no regulations governing special events nor any kind of register that sets out or lists the rights and obligations of special events.

#### Reasons

- 1) Special events have been established by World Sailing to govern events not covered elsewhere in the Rules and Regulations and offer opportunities to showcase sailing outside of established MNA, club, and/or class structures. The boundaries are however not clearly marked and, in some cases, blatantly crossed or violated with impunity. It is unclear what the consequences are for possible breaches of Rules and Regulations.
  - 2) Some Special Events (namely the PWA – Professional Windsurfer Association and the GKA – Global Kite Association) clearly do not comply with World Sailing Rules and Regulations, that World Sailing Classes are required to comply with, resulting in unwanted side effects and issues making Classes feel unsupported.
  - 3) Multiple attempts over the past 7(!) years to solve these issues through contracts with Special Events have failed.
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