

Location for Annual Conference 2023 and 2024.

## Regulation 39

A submission from the Board

### Purpose or Objective

An amendment to Regulation 39 is proposed to permit:

- 1 The Board to determine the location of the 2023 Annual Conference.
- 2 The deadline for the 2024 Conference to be extended, so as to allow the 2023 Annual Conference to vote for the 2024 Conference location.

### Proposal

Amendment as follows:

REGULATION 39

LOCATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

39.1 The location of the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting held two years prior to the relevant year (except that ~~the 2016 Annual General Meeting may determine the locations of the 2017 and 2018 Annual Conferences~~ **the 2023 Annual General Meeting shall determine the location of the 2024 Annual Conference**).

39.2 The Board shall invite bids from interested venues and shall publish in advance the criteria against which the Board will assess any bids received.

39.3 The Executive Office will undertake site visits to such candidate venues as the Board shall determine. The Board will then assess bids against the published criteria and shall recommend up to three eligible bids to the Annual General Meeting. Each bidder may present to the Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting will then vote to decide which bid is successful. The presentation and voting procedure shall be determined by the chairman of the meeting

39.4 All successful bids shall be subject to concluding a suitable contract with World Sailing by a date specified by the Board. In the event that:

- (a) a selected venue does not enter into a contract with World Sailing by a date specified by the Board;
- (b) a venue withdraws after selection by the Annual General Meeting; or
- (c) otherwise, there is no venue selected following the relevant Annual General Meeting, then Council shall have the power to select an alternative venue on the recommendation of the Board

**39.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulations 39.1, 39.3 and 39.4, the Board shall determine the location of the 2023 Annual Conference and Annual General Meetings.**

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Current Position

The Regulations as above required that the location of the Annual Conference 2024 be put to the Council at the forthcoming Conference in October and that the location of the Annual Conference 2023 should have been put to the Council at the 2021 Annual Conference.

Reasons

The usual process was disrupted because of the uncertainty created by the global pandemic.

Note that the process for appointment of the 2025 Annual Conference may change if the Governance Reform proposals are approved

Proposed Timeline

28/29 October 2022	Council meeting & submission vote
Before end November 2022.	Bid documentation finalised.
Start of December 2022	Distribute invitation for bids for 2023 and 2024 to stakeholders (allowing a 6-week application window)
30 January 2023	Review Bids Received
First week of February 2023	Shortlist venues for 2023 and 2024 respectively
By 6 March 2023	Complete site visits for 2023 shortlisted venues for facilities assessment within one month of shortlisting.
End of March Board Meeting	Recommendation to be put forward to the Board for 2023 Conference location.
End of May 2023	Complete site visits for 2024 shortlisted venues for facilities assessment within four months of shortlisting.
Annual Conference 2023	2024 Conference location put to 2023 Conference for Vote.