



World Sailing

# Sea-trials venue selection

Men and Women's  
One Person Dinghy

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# Invitation to tender for Sea-trial venue selection

World Sailing is inviting to tender MNAs to host the Sea-trials for the Selection of Equipment for the Men and Women's One Person Dinghy events starting in 2024.

The Sea-trials will test the D-Zero, the Laser, the Melges 14 and the RS Aero with sailors from different MNAs during 3 days of sailing on a venue to be selected among the received bids.

Once the venue and dates are selected, all MNAs regardless of the venue location will be approached in January to nominate the following:

- 1 Male Sailor, ideally weight within range 75kg to 90kg
- 1 Female Sailor, ideally weight within range 55kg to 70kg



## 1 Bid submission

MNAs are hereby invited to submit proposals with proven experience and recognized sailing venues to serve as host and assisting World Sailing with the administration and logistic organization of the trials.

Due to the challenges of equipment transport and logistics, as well as climate considerations, Southern European venues are preferred.

Interested parties are requested to show expression of interest by email to [technical@sailing.org](mailto:technical@sailing.org) by 17:00 UTC on Friday 30 November.

The proposed venue should provide:

- Standard resources to host a trial event with 2 days ashore and 2 or 3 days sailing,
- Sufficient ribs, marks and personnel to set up a windward / leeward course with one mark upwind, one mark downwind, an additional reach mark and a starting line,
- A boat park with space for 20 dinghy boats and (subject to location) capacity for 4 containers, trucks or cars with trailers,
- A class room with capacity for 25 persons,
- 1 rib with capacity for 6 persons,
- 5 ribs, with capacity for 3 persons each,
- Description of launching system: Concrete ramps, floating ramps or beach access,
- Accommodation and meals proposals for 12 sailors (6 women and 6 men),
- Accommodation and meals proposals for Evaluation Panel and World Sailing Staff (approx 13 persons)
- In addition, the host MNA or Sailing Club shall provide 4 youth women sailors (<21y/o, ideally weight within range 55kg to 70kg)) and 4 youth men sailors (<21y/o, ideally weight within range 55kg to 70kg) taking care of their accommodation.

By 17:00 UTC on Friday 14 December Interested parties are requested to provide bids, including the following:

- Dates availability during February, March or April,
- Description of expected sailing conditions,
- Description and pictures of the Installations,

World Sailing's Board will make a selection of the received bids to further discuss the requirements and proposals.

## 2 Promotion

World Sailing will promote the selected venue via its communications before, during and after the sea-trials via news items and social media posts directly related to the sea-trials. No fewer than two news articles promoting the sea-trials will be published. Each post will include direct reference to the selected venue. The selected venue will have editorial rights to any professional photographs taken during the sea-trials.



### 3 Background

In November 2018 Council took the decision to approve the Board recommendation for the Men and Women's One Person Dinghy equipment:

*"To Select New Equipment with an additional recommendation that the existing equipment (Laser/ILCA) is included as a full option in this process. The selection of equipment will be made from amongst the D-Zero, ILCA (Laser), Melges 14 and RS Aero following equipment trials (sea trials) to be scheduled at the earliest opportunity with evaluation against the criteria stated in the invitation to tender."*

Following the decision from Council, Sea-trials will now take place as part of the Selection of Equipment process.



## Re-evaluation of Equipment Men and Women's One Person Dinghy

In November 2017, Council approved World Sailing's procedures for re-evaluating the equipment used for Olympic Events. This process is separate from the existing review process under Regulation 23 and is in line with World Sailing's Anti-Trust Policy approved by Council.

In January 2018, the World Sailing Board commenced a re-evaluation of the equipment for the Men and Women's One Person Dinghy for the 2024 Olympic Games.

An invitation to tender was published and the Board appointed a working party to evaluate all 8 tenders received.

### Phase 1

Phase 1 of the review focused on criteria such as suitability to the event, class rules, manufacturing capabilities, price and customer service. Following a report from the working party, the Board agreed to shortlist four tenders for the second phase of the process.

### Phase 2

World Sailing undertook site visits to the manufacturers to confirm the submitted information, after which an improved bid was requested from each of them which addressed the supply of equipment to major events, the accessibility to the market by new builders and the standardization of equipment amongst different builders.

The Board's Re-evaluation Working Party reviewed the bids and recommended to the Board that World Sailing should proceed to select new equipment with additional recommendation that the existing equipment (Laser/ILCA) is included as a full option in this process.

The Board discussed and approved the Working Party recommendation to proceed to evaluation and trials for these four candidates. Following the trials and evaluation, a report will be made to the Equipment Committee. The Committee will then make a recommendation to Council on the final selection of the equipment.



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