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World Sailing: Jurgen Cluytmans, IM to chair the Technical Committee of the Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

February 2022 - World Sailing, the global governing body for the sport, has announced the appointment of the Technical Delegate and Chief Race Official positions for the Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Technical Committee

Jurgen, currently chair of World Sailing's Equipment Committee and vice-chair of the Technical Committee at Tokyo 2020, will chair a committee of International Measurers, each with a specific area of expertise related to the Olympic equipment used in competition at the Games. The technical committee will be responsible for ensuring that each boat complies with the Class-specific rules.

A challenging timeline & approach to cut costs

Not only is this cycle 1 year shorter following the Covid-19 pandemic; also extensive cost control is being introduced by the Paris 2024 organisers and the IOC. This all together makes the composition of the committees, the preparations and the definition of the work programme all the more challenging.

New events and classes

The Paris 2024 Olympics will see a couple of changes in the events and equipment used compared to Tokyo 2020:

- in windsurfing men and windsurfing women, the iQFoil will replace the RS:X;
- kiteboarding makes its entry in the Olympics with both a men's and women's event;
- the 470 class continues its Olympic career as two person dinghy but this time in a mixed set-up.

Gender equity

World Sailing has made gender equity a priority and works towards achieving this goal for Paris 2024.

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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