

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job/Role Title:	TECHNICAL SPECIALIST
Reporting to:	HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND OFFSHORE
Location:	WORLD SAILING OFFICES, London (with international travel requirements)

Background

World Sailing is the world governing body for the sport of sailing, officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

World Sailing is responsible for:

- the promotion of the sport internationally;
- managing sailing at the Olympic Games and Para World Sailing Events;
- developing the Racing Rules of Sailing and regulations for all sailing competitions;
- the training of judges, umpires, measurers 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 145 'Member National Authorities' (MNAs) and the 100+ 'Class Associations'.

We have a clear and ambitious vision:

A world in which millions more people fall in love with sailing; inspired by the unique relationship between sport, technology and the forces of nature, we all work to protect the waters of the world.

Our mission:

To make sailing more exciting and accessible for everyone to participate or watch, and use our reach and influence to create a sustainable future for our sport and the waters of the world.

Role

The Technical Specialist will be responsible for the application of quality standards, regulations and procedures which ensure the integrity of our sport, specially focused on equipment for inshore events and Olympic competition.

Key Responsibilities

- Perform equipment and documentation reviews at manufacturing sites internationally.
- Provide support to World Sailing Quality Control and In-House Certification schemes.
- Provide support to Equipment Manufacturers and World Sailing Classes.
- Manage and update building specifications and construction manuals.
- Control world-wide production of equipment tracking plaques and certification, managing the equipment manufacturers and World Sailing Classes databases.
- Liaise with World Sailing Classes and International Measurers regarding rules, regulations and associated control processes.
- Provide full support to the following World Sailing Committees
 - Equipment Committee
 - World Sailing Classes Committee
 - International Measurer's Sub-Committee
 - International Regulations Commission
 - Equipment Rules Sub-Committee

Relationships & Interfaces

Strategic reporting to:

- Head of Technical and Offshore

Support & Guidance to:

- Equipment Manufacturers.
- International Measurers and Event equipment inspectors.
- World Sailing Classes.
- World Sailing Committees (listed above).
- World Sailing staff.

Personal Attributes & Experience

Knowledge:

- Knowledge of sailing's equipment key performance factors.
- Knowledge of equipment manufacturing processes and materials.
- Quality control procedures and tools.
- Knowledge of the Equipment Rules of Sailing, Racing Rules of Sailing and World Sailing Regulations.
- Experience around sailing events.

Skills:

- Previous involvement in sailing through any technical capacity. (i.e. coaching, naval architecture, performance optimization, manufacture, measurement)
- Excellent written and verbal English language skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- High computer literacy. Database experience a plus.
- Good communication ability, both verbal and in writing (technical and non-technical)
- Interest and involvement in the sport of sailing.
- Completely comfortable working irregular hours and traveling internationally.
- Ambitious with a 'can do' attitude.
- Organized, methodical and thorough individual.
- Constant improvement driven.
- A willingness to learn new skills and develop existing competencies.
- Second international language encouraged.

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