1. Background

Article 77 of the World Sailing Constitution (‘Constitution’) provides that Council must appoint a Judicial Board at its first meeting after each ordinary meeting of the General Assembly. The last ordinary meeting of the General Assembly was held in November 2020, therefore Council is required to appoint a new Judicial Board at the 2021 mid-year meeting.

Further to the Constitution and Regulation 35, the Judicial Board is responsible for ensuring the independence and integrity of the disciplinary system for World Sailing. The Judicial Board does not investigate or hear cases, rather it ensures that all investigatory and disciplinary functions are carried out by the appropriate personnel and panels.

Article 78 of the Constitution provides that in appointing members to the Judicial Board, Council should note the following requirements (emphasis added):

(a) Members shall be proficient in the English language,
(b) Members shall have a legal background,
(c) Members shall have a substantial yachting and sports background,
(d) Members shall be persons of the highest integrity for the world yachting community.

To assist Council identify suitable candidates, the Executive Office published a request for expressions of interest on 23 March 2021. The Executive Office received 22 responses.

Although Council appoints Judicial Board members at its discretion, the Executive Office and Board have reviewed the expressions of interest to develop a short list of candidates based on the above criteria and the following additional criteria which the Board felt was important: gender representation, geographical representation, common law experience and no other World Sailing appointments. The Board also considers it important that the Judicial Board have 7 members to ensure it is able to function effectively and efficiently.

In the Board’s view, the following individuals are the most suitable candidates for appointment to the Judicial Board based on the above criteria:

(a) Hon. Ruth Miller
(b) Alberto Predieri
(c) Prof. Bruce Collins QC
(d) Mark Yeadon
(e) Dr. Anne Jakob
Further information about the Board’s recommended candidates is set out in Appendix 1.

A full summary of all individuals who submitted expressions of interest is set out in Appendix 2.

2. **Recommendations to Council**

   **Board**

   The Board recommends that Council appoint the following individuals to the Judicial Board:

   (a) Hon. Ruth Miller (as Chair)
   (b) Alberto Predieri (as Vice Chair)
   (c) Prof. Bruce Collins QC
   (d) Mark Yeadon
   (e) Dr. Anne Jakob
   (f) Dr. David Sharpe QC SC
   (g) Carol Roberts
Appendix 1

(a) **Hon. Ruth Miller** – US Virgin Islands (N. America) – Common law: well reputed former Judicial Board Chair; existing member of the Judicial Board which will provide continuity; a Magistrate Judge.

(b) **Alberto Predieri** - Italy (Europe) - Not common law (civil law): Long experience with World Sailing.

(c) **Prof. Bruce Collins QC** - Australia (Oceana) – Common law: existing member of the Judicial Board which will provide continuity; well qualified.

(d) **Mark Yeadon** - Hong Kong (Asia) - Common law: highly qualified barrister; has acted as a Disciplinary Investigating Officer for World Sailing.

(e) **Dr. Anne Jakob** - Germany (Europe) - Not common law (civil law): experience with the IAAF including drafting their Code of Ethics; arbitrator for the German CAS and German esports.

(f) **Dr. David Sharpe QC SC** - Ireland (Europe) - Common law: member of Sports Resolution; very usefully is a medical doctor, utilising his medical knowledge in relation to anti-doping matters; serves as the Legal Chair on the Board of Appeal for the International Paralympic Committee; has experience in Chairing disciplinary panels of public bodies.

(g) **Carol Roberts** – Canada (N. America) - Common law: experience in CAS, Sports Resolution and Anti-Doping cases, oversees Judicial appointments in Canada.
Appendix 2

1. **Hon. Ruth Miller**

Honourable Ruth Miller has extensive legal experience and most recently has been a US Virgin Islands Magistrate Judge for the last 11 years. She has strong sailing experience and a solid understanding of the workings of the Judicial Board.

2. **Prof. Bruce Collins QC**

Bruce is a highly accomplished Australian Barrister, admitted to practice in both Australia and England & Wales. He has practiced extensively in arbitration for over 36 years, specialising in commercial and construction disputes. Bruce is highly active across sport and is a member of CAS. Sport Resolutions (UK) and has experience with various sporting and specialist panels.

3. **Luis Velasco**

Luis is an Argentinian lawyer with over 40 years of experience. His practice focuses on complex litigation in white collar crime, corporate governance and other criminal matters. He is also a professor of criminal law and procedure. Luis is highly involved in sailing in Argentina.

4. **Mark Yeadon**

Mark is a Partner in the Commercial Disputes practice of Eversheds Sutherland (Hong Kong), with 40 years of practice. He has extensive experience advising on public law matters and the conduct of inquiries and investigations. Mark has been sailing and racing for over 50 years and is familiar with World Sailing’s regulatory framework, having acted as a Disciplinary Investigations Officer for World Sailing in 2020.

5. **Dr. Anne Jakob**

With over 25 years’ experience, Anne is the founder and principal of her own law firm specialising in sports law. Based out of Germany, she is extensively involved with a variety of sporting organisations and bodies and acts as an arbitrator for the German Court of Arbitration for Sport, the German E-Sports Federation and German Hockey League. Anne is a former GDR athlete and sails for leisure. She has further experience as a member of the IAAF Juridical Commission where she drafted the IAAF Code of Ethics and has served as a member of the European Athletics Anti-Doping Commission in the past.

6. **Dr. David Sharpe QC SC**

David is a Queens Counsel (UK and Caribbean) and Senior Counsel (Ireland) with over 20 years’ experience involving extensive judicial and arbitral work. He is a member of Sports Resolutions (UK) and Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland. David is also a doctor and utilises his medical knowledge in relation to anti-doping matters. He serves as the Legal Chair on the Board of Appeal for the International Paralympic Committee and has experience in Chairing disciplinary panels of public bodies.
7. Carol Roberts
Carol is a lawyer with over 30 years’ experience primarily in alternative dispute resolution. She has served on the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada as an arbitrator and mediator for 20 years and is also a member of the CAS Anti-Doping Division and Sport Resolutions (UK). Carol has further experience in ethics and disciplinary matters for the British Columbia Law Society and Bar Association where she vetted candidates for judicial appointments for six years. Carol has an athletic background is in figure skating.

8. William Norris QC
William Norris is a Queens Counsel (UK) with over 45 years’ experience and an experienced arbitrator and mediator in sports law. He is a panel chairman for Sport Resolutions (UK), World Athletics, The FA, and until recently, the Independent Judicial Panel of the British Horse Racing Association. William has sailed and raced all his life.

9. Joanne Keen
Jo is a General Counsel with over 25 years legal experience. Her in-house practice involves management of disciplinary investigations and other variety of regulatory and governance matters. Jo is involved in sailing at all levels and is a former member of the World Sailing Ethics Commission and sits on the Board of Australian Sailing.

10. Tim O’Connor
Tim is an Irish Barrister and has been practicing for over 20 years in the areas of sports law, regulatory/public law and judicial review. He also lectures on sports law and has a variety of sport specific legal publications. He has been sailing and racing since the age of 10.

11. Alberto Predieri
Alberto Predieri is a lawyer with over 25 years of legal experience and is the co-founder and Partner of the Italian law firm – de Bedin & Lee studio legale associato. He has been a sailor for over 30 years and has been heavily involved in World Sailing as a Vice-President (2008-2012) and member of the Constitution Committee (2004-2008) as well as holding senior positions in the 470 Class between 1998 and 2008. Alberto has unspecified experience with civil and arbitral proceedings.

12. Alastair Campbell
Alastair is a Partner at the English law firm ‘Level Law’. With eight years’ experience in commercial, regulatory and sports disputes. He has significant experience conducting proceedings before disciplinary tribunals considering professional misconduct.

13. Stevie Loughrey
Stevie is a Partner at the English law firm, Onside Law. With twelve years’ experience, he handles commercial litigation, arbitration and regulatory disputes for sports sector clients.
14. Dr. Jens Holscher
With 13 years of legal practice, Jens is the founder and principal of her own law firm specialising in intellectual property, competition and contract law. Jens has been involved in sailing and the organisation of regattas for over 20 years and until last year, was the Chairman of the German International 14 Class.

15. Dr. Dieter Neuport
Dieter is a Swiss lawyer. His application does not specify the duration of his practice, or his practice area. He has experience as a National Judge and as the Chairman of the Swiss Aviation Arbitration Court. He has long been involved in sailing and as sat on or chaired numerous World Sailing and national sailing committees and is a former member of the WS Ethics Commission.

16. Ahmadreza Barati
Ahmadreza is an Iranian lawyer and identifies himself as having 20 years’ experience in law and sports legal affairs, regulatory frameworks and disciplinary proceedings. He has worked as an arbitrator for CAS and Sport Resolutions (UK) and is heavily involved with a variety of football associations.

17. Dr. Zachary Calo
Zachary is primarily a legal academic based out of Qatar, having briefly worked for a law firm in Washington DC between 2005 and 2007. He acts as an arbitrator and mediator for Sports Resolutions (UK) and the Qatar Sports Arbitration Tribunal. Zachary has recently published a variety of papers on sports law in respect of disputes and ethics.

18. Gavin Dingley
Gavin is an English Barrister with 4/5 years of practice covering commercial litigation, sports, professional discipline and public law. He currently sits on 9 national level sports panels for disciplinary, safeguarding and conduct matters.

19. Edward Bayliss
Edward was called to the English bar in 2012 although it is not clear if he has acted as a barrister. He qualified as a solicitor with Higher Rights of Audience in 2019 and currently works for a law firm on shipping and maritime disputes in court and arbitration proceedings. Edward regularly competes in yacht racing.

20. David Jon Lees
David is retired from legal practice in 2002 and it is not clear what areas of law he covered during his career. He has been involved in sailing throughout his life and previously sat on and chaired the World Sailing Constitution Committee between 2004 and 2012. David is currently a WS International Judge.
21. Tijana Zivkovic

Tijana is a Serbian qualified lawyer admitted to the bar in Serbia in 2020. She has worked pre-qualification in the sports law sector for the last 7 years and has experience in international litigation, CAS arbitration and dispute resolution bodies within federations such as FIFA, UEFA and FIBA.

22. Carlos Arrebola

Carlos is a newly qualified solicitor based in the UK. His practice covers commercial disputes and he has some sailing experience however due to his inexperience he is felt not be suitable for a position on the judicial Board.