



# World Sailing Media Information Pack

Allianz Sailing World Championships 2023

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# Introduction

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# Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to the Allianz Sailing World Championships 2023. Over the 10 days of the event, around 1400 of the world's best sailors will take to the waters for the opportunity to be crowned world champion.

Following in the footsteps of some of the most famous names in our sport, the Sailing World Championships also offers the chance to secure their place at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

This event also marks an important milestone in the history of sailing as the first edition Sailing World Championships to include Para World Sailing events.

As World Sailing continues to promote greater participation, accessibility and equality, it is absolutely vital that the sport is inclusive of all and the world's best Para Sailors in Hansa 303, 2.4mR and RS Venture classes will all compete for the world title here.

The Sailing World Championships feature all 10 Olympic classes and offer a chance to see the medal hopefuls first-hand at the highest profile event in the World Sailing calendar.

World Sailing understands the key role the media plays in promoting our wonderful sport and we thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



**Quanhai Li, President**



**David Graham, CEO**





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# About the Allianz Sailing World Championships

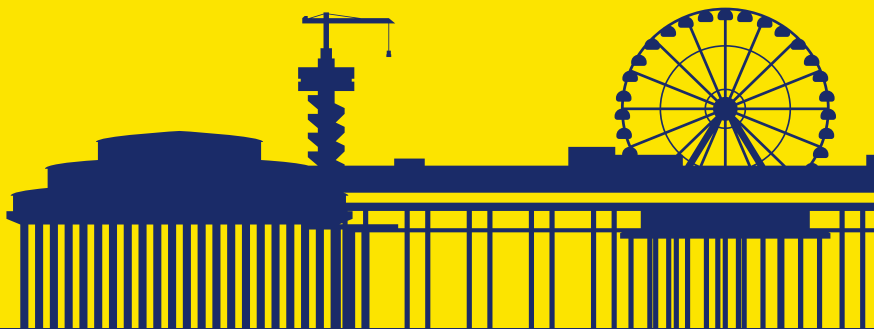
The Allianz Sailing World Championships 2023 will take place in The Hague from August 10th to August 20th. It is the sixth Sailing World Championships, an event which is held once every four years.

The Allianz Sailing World Championships 2023 is organised by TIG Sports in close cooperation with the Dutch Sailing Federation (the Watersportverbond) and the City of The Hague.

In contrast to the Olympic Games, for which only one team per Olympic class per country qualifies, several teams from all countries may participate in this World Championship. As a result, there is a much stronger and larger field of competitors at the World Championships than at the Games.

The 2023 edition of the Sailing World Championships will see Para sailing included for the very first time.

The medals will be contested at two sites – Scheveningen for the Olympic classes and Braasemermeer for the Para sailing classes.



# The event in numbers

**150K**  
VISITORS

**1.4K**  
PARTICIPANTS

**1.2K**  
VOLUNTEERS



**922**  
BOATS

**81**  
COUNTRIES

**296**  
MEDIA

**75**  
BROADCASTERS



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# Qualifying for Paris 2024

Not only do the world's best sailors compete for the world title for a fortnight, the Allianz World Championships is also a qualifying event for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



# About World Sailing

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

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.**





# History of the Sailing World Championships

The Sailing World Championships were first held in Cádiz, Spain, in 2003, where the team from Great Britain – led by Sir Ben Ainslie – topped the medal tables with Gold in Men’s 49er and Men’s Finn, as well as Silver in Men’s Tornado and Bronze in Men’s Star.

The 2007 Sailing World Championships took place in Cascais, Portugal. Great Britain once again led the way with double Olympic gold medallist Sarah Ayton leading the Yngling crew to victory. Australia’s Tom Slingsby, 2021 Rolex World Sailor of the Year, also starred, winning Gold in the Laser.

Slingsby repeated this success in 2011 in Perth, Australia, as the host nation claimed three Golds with compatriots Nathan Outteridge and Mathew Belcher also winning the top prize.

At the 2014 Sailing World Championships in Santander, Spain, the Brazilian pair of Martine Grael and Kahena Kunze – future double Olympic Gold medal winners at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 – won Gold in the 49er FX. New Zealand duo of Peter Burling and Blair Tuke won Gold in the 49er while Great Britain’s Giles Scott won Gold in the Finn event, going on to win Olympic Gold at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.

In Aarhus in 2018, Daniela Moroz of the United States claimed Formula Kite Gold on the event’s first appearance at the championships, and Dorian van Rijsselberghe followed his golds at London 2012 and Rio 2016 with Gold in the Men’s RS:X.



# Sustainability

World Sailing has a long-standing and serious commitment to sustainability, having published our strategy Sustainability Agenda 2030 in 2018.

Sustainability Agenda 2030 is supported by the International Olympic Committee and outlines how the sport will contribute to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Sustainability Agenda 2030 is split up into World Sailing's six main operational areas with a total of 56 different targets. The targets range from participation to gender equality, water quality to single use plastic.

The Allianz Sailing World Championships has been used to innovate the use of a hydrogen-powered support boat and sailors will be given the opportunity to create end of life solutions for previously unrecyclable broken equipment.

Media looking for more information on World Sailing's sustainability work, should please contact [scott.dougal@sailing.org](mailto:scott.dougal@sailing.org)

# International Development

World Sailing invests in the development of sailing globally across five priority areas – coaches, sailors, leadership, women in sailing and Para sailing.

At the 2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships, World Sailing has offered sailors on our Emerging Nations Program (ENP) assistance with entry fees, boat charter fees and travel as well as the opportunity to receive expert coaching immediately prior to the event.

The ENP program for the 2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships will be attended by 44 athletes from 27 nations including Samoa, India, Uganda, Antigua and Ecuador.

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# Following the 2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships

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# Media Operations

## Venue Media Centre

The media centre in Scheveningen is located in the office building of Den Heijer, Vissershavenweg 50, 2583 DK Den Haag.

It opens on the first official registration and equipment inspection day of the Championships which is 6 August.

Opening hours on non-racing days will be from 0900-1900 local time.

Opening hours during competition days will be from 0800-2100 local time.

## Mixed Zones

Located next to the different boat parks you will find a media hub with mixed zone facilities for accredited media. To make life easy, the mixed zone facilities are near the spot where the athletes hand in their trackers when they come back from racing.

Walking by the mixed zone is only mandatory after the medal races. For athletes and team interviews on other days, please liaise with the respective team PRs and/or sailors.

Please note that mixed zone duties after racing are only mandatory on medal race days. When at Scheveningen, due to prize giving schedules and transport the timings are tight, there will be an option to do interviews near the main podium at Festival at Sea.

## More information on media operations

For more information on media operations at the 2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships, please contact: [media@allianzsailingworlds.com](mailto:media@allianzsailingworlds.com)

# Event Coverage

Results and reports will be available via the **EVENT WEBSITE**.



# News Releases

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# Photography

World Sailing will be making rights-free photography available throughout the  
2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships. To access our Photoshelter galleries,  
please click **HERE**.

Sign up for a free Photoshelter account **HERE**.



# Broadcast

You can follow the 2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships broadcast via the World Sailing YouTube channel [@WorldSailingTV](#)

# Tracking

Tracking has been made available for use via World Sailing's Official Technology Partner, SAP.

Para classes tracking can be accessed [HERE](#).

Olympic classes tracking can be accessed [HERE](#).

# Noticeboard

The event noticeboard is [HERE](#).

# Social Media



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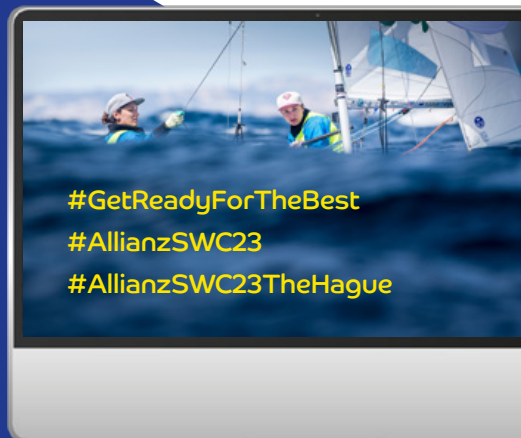
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# Event Schedule

11 • 16  
AUG **Hansa 303**  
Braassemmermeer boat park

11 • 16  
AUG **RS Venture Keel & 2.4m OD**  
Braassemmermeer boat park

11 • 17  
AUG **470 Mixed**  
South beach boat park

11 • 17  
AUG **Nacra 17 Mixed**  
Hellingweg boat park

11 • 18  
AUG **49er & 49erFX**  
South beach boat park

13 • 20  
AUG **ILCA 6 & 7**  
South beach boat park

14 • 20  
AUG **iQFOiL**  
North beach boat park

14 • 20  
AUG **IKA Formula Kite**  
Jumpteam boat park



CLASS	WED 2-AUG-23	THU 3-AUG-23	FRI 4-AUG-23	SAT 5-AUG-23	SUN 6-AUG-23	MON 7-AUG-23	TUE 8-AUG-23	WED 9-AUG-23	THU 10-AUG-23	FRI 11-AUG-23	SAT 12-AUG-23	SUN 13-AUG-23	MON 14-AUG-23	TUE 15-AUG-23	WED 16-AUG-23	THU 17-AUG-23	FRI 18-AUG-23	SAT 19-AUG-23	SUN 20-AUG-23
iQFOIL M					MNA Bump in	BPO	T	T	T	EI	EI								
iQFOIL F					MNA Bump in	BPO	T	T	T	EI	EI	EI							
IKA Formula Kite M					MNA Bump in	BPO	T	T	T	EI	EI	EI							
IKA Formula Kite F					MNA Bump in	BPO	T	T	T	EI	EI	EI							
ILCA 7	MNA Bump in					ED	T	T	T	EI	EI								
ILCA 6	MNA Bump in					ED	T	T	T	EI	EI								
49er				MNA Bump in		BPO	EI	EI	EI										
49erFX				MNA Bump in		BPO	EI	EI	EI										
470 Mixed				MNA Bump in		BPO	EI	EI	EI										
Nacra 17 Mixed				MNA Bump in		BPO	EI	EI	EI										
Hansa 303				MNA Bump in		ED	T	EI	EI										
2.4m OD				MNA Bump in		BPO	T	EI	EI										
RS Venture Keel	MNA Bump in					ED	T	EI	EI										

RACING DAY

RESERVE DAY

MEDAL RACE

RESERVE MEDAL STAGE

ED EQUIPMENT DELIVERY

BPO BOAT PARK OPEN

T TRAINING

EI EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

CLASS	FRI 11-AUG-23	SAT 12-AUG-23	SUN 13-AUG-23	MON 14-AUG-23	TUE 15-AUG-23	WED 16-AUG-23	THU 17-AUG-23	FRI 18-AUG-23	SAT 19-AUG-23	SUN 20-AUG-23
iQFOIL M										
iQFOIL F										
IKA Formula Kite M										
IKA Formula Kite F										
ILCA 7										
ILCA 6										
49er										
49erFX										
470										
Nacra 17										
Hansa 303										
2.4m OD										
RS Venture Keel										

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# Olympic Classes



## Windsurfer - iQFOiL

The iQFOiL foil is an upgraded version of the Starboard Race Plus. Like the Race Plus, it uses patented High-Efficiency Foil Geometry, which means that the front wing is positioned further forward to allow the tail wing to run at a much more streamlined angle. Having both wings more aligned with each other gives the rider more speed and a lot more control in high winds.

For light winds, there's a tail wing angle adjustment system that allows you to increase tail wing angle, giving you extra power when you need it. It is also supplied with our new iQFOiL 95cm mast, which is an extra-stiff version of the standard 95cm mast. It's built from a fusion of 44 layers of ultra-high modulus carbon. It gives the highest level of control. The iQFOiL foil set is available in both Carbon and Aluminium versions, where the aluminium version is recommended for the Youth division.



## Kiteboarding - Formula Kite

The Formula Kite is a high performance hydro foiling kite-racing class.

The class features a foil kite and a board with a hydrofoil. The equipment is not one-design, but instead competitors use their choice of approved production equipment.



## Men's One Person Dinghy - ILCA 7

A small single-handed dinghy, the ILCA 7 is one of the most popular boats in the world, due to its broad accessibility and simplicity to set up and sail.

The ILCA 7 is the original rig, with the largest sail area of all variations, and has been used at the Olympic Games since 1996. As a one design class, all athletes in the ILCA 7 will compete at the Olympic Games with equipment built and supplied by the same manufacturer.

Designed by Bruce Kirby (CAN) & Ian Bruce (CAN) in 1969, the ILCA 7 has a single mainsail, meaning it is lightweight and fast to sail.



## Women's One Person Dinghy - ILCA 6

The ILCA 6 uses a more flexible and slightly shorter lower mast, with a sail area 18% smaller than the ILCA 7. It was first introduced as an Olympic discipline at Beijing 2008. Visually, the ILCA 6 class is distinguishable from the ILCA 7 via the red rhombus carried on the mainsail of the boats used in the Women's event.

As a one design class, all athletes in the ILCA 6 will compete at the Olympic Games with equipment built and supplied by the same manufacturer.



## Men's Skiff - 49er

The 49er, named after its hull length of 4.99 metres, is a two-handed high-performance skiff. It is a one design class where athletes compete with identical equipment built by a limited number of manufacturers. The two sailors onboard take different roles; the helm generally makes the tactical decisions and steers the boat, while the crew undertakes more of the physical work and controls the sails.

Both of the crew are equipped with their own trapeze, and sail while cantilevered over the water to the fullest extent, to balance against the sails. The mast can support a combined crew weight of up to 165kg from its dual trapeze. The spinnaker, one of three sails along with the mainsail and jib, is decorated in each country's flag at the Olympic Games, making this class one of the most visually appealing to watch.



## Women's Skiff - 49erFX

The popularity of the 49er continued to grow after it became an Olympic class at Sydney 2000, and so the 49erFX was introduced as a women's skiff from Rio 2016 onwards. The 49erFX is a one design class where athletes compete with identical equipment built by a limited number of manufacturers.

The hull is the same as the 49er, but the mast and sail plan were designed by Mackay Boats, with the aim of developing a skiff to provide the correct amount of power for the lighter crew target weight. This was achieved with a scaled-down rig, which can be adjusted for optimum performance in a variety of conditions.



### Mixed Two Person Dinghy - 470 Mixed

The 470, named after the overall length of the boat at 4.70m, is a double-handed monohull planing dinghy.

It is a one-design class where athletes compete with almost identical equipment built by approved manufacturers. Any differences in the designs between boats are within the permitted variations included in the class rules. These permitted variations allow athletes to compete with equipment that they consider best fitted to their style of sailing, adding a technical element to the competition.

Equipped with a spinnaker and trapeze, teamwork is key to success in this boat. The optimum weight for the crew is between 120-135kg.



### Mixed Multihull - Nacra 17 Mixed

The Nacra 17 is a performance catamaran, exciting to sail and to watch in action, and became the first mixed sailing discipline on the Olympic sailing programme in 2016. It is a one design class where athletes compete with identical equipment built by the same manufacturer. For Tokyo 2020 and beyond, the Nacra 17 has been converted to a sailing hydrofoil.

Around 17 feet long – hence its name – the Nacra 17 features hydrofoil daggerboards and winglets on the bottom of the rudders. Light in weight, it has been designed to cut through the water with minimum drag and maximum stability, it is an agile but challenging boat to sail.

When fully foiling, a fleet of Nacra 17s soaring above the water as they race around the course is a sight to behold.





# Para Classes



## One Person Non-Technical - Hansa 303

The Hansa 303 is ideal for those sailors who wish to take their sailing more seriously. The boat has a taller rig than the Hansa 2.3 with the addition of a jib so there are two extra control lines to handle. A heavier centreboard along with the same steering and similar hull characteristics to the smaller 2.3 ensures these boats are also extremely safe and easy to sail.



## Open One Person Technical - 2.4 Norlin OD

The 2.4mR is a one-person keelboat that offers even the most accomplished competitive sailors a unique opportunity to test their sailing skills. As complex and challenging as an Etchells or a Dragon without the high maintenance costs or the need for crew, it can be used as a platform to further develop team and fleet racing.



## Open Two Person Technical - RS Venture Connect

The RS Venture Connect SCS brings a new level of designed-in, engineered adaptability with simple, plug and play options including sip/puff electronic control to configure the boat for most disabilities – and change it between sessions to suit different requirements. A waterproof joy-stick both controls the rudders and also enables the mainsail to be trimmed in/out. A captive winch system, enclosed in a watertight housing, operates using 3D printed limit switches to eliminate over sheeting and the optional sip-puff headset integrates easily with the system steering controls. The system covers a full range of Para Sailing needs and means the boat can be configured to suit virtually all abilities.



# Olympic Class Venue Map Scheveningen

**1** Boat Park South  
ILCA6, ILCA7, 49er 49erFX,  
470 Mixed

**2** Coach Boats

**3** Boat Park Hellingweg  
Nacra 17 Mixed

**4** Boat Park North  
iQFOiL

**5** Festival at Sea

**6** Boat Park Kites

Jury

First Aid



# Para Sailing Venue Map

## Braassemermeer

1 Race Office

 Jury

2 Car Park

 First Aid

3 Boat Dock

4 Coach Boats



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