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To All MNA Presidents and CEOs

Dear President and CEO,

I am sure you are all aware from our announcements at the 2016 World Sailing Annual Conference in Barcelona, that we are putting significant focus and resources on ensuring that we have a strategy and plan to give us the best chance of Sailing being reinstated at the 2024 Paralympic Games.

We have already held Paralympic Development Clinics in Argentina and Hong Kong since the conference which has successfully begun the journey of kick-starting Para World sailing programmes in a number of new nations.

However, a strategy, plan and ongoing development clinics on its own is not enough to achieve our goal of reinstatement. It is essential that we work closely as a Federation throughout 2017 and commit to ensuring that we will have a minimum of 32 nations from 3 continents competing at our key events this year. The participation data for 2017 will be the data that forms our bid to the IPC in Spring 2018.

The critical event is the Para World Sailing Championships, which is taking place in Kiel from the 19 June - 25 June 2017 and will include the 2.4mR, Hansa 303, Weta and Skud 18 classes.

World Sailing will be providing financial assistance with the provision of free charter boats, travel and logistics support for new and emerging nations, and other nations where all funding for Paralympic Sailing has been lost (assessed on a case-by-case basis). If you wish to take advantage of the support offer please contact Massimo Dighe massimo.dighe@sailing.org at the earliest opportunity at the Executive office in Southampton.

It is only with your support, in ensuring that Paralympic Sailors attend the 2017 World Championships that we can be assured of reaching this critical target, which could be a one-off opportunity for our sport.

For this reason we're asking you to support your Paralympic sailors and coaches that wants to take part at the World Championship, to encourage your clubs with Paralympic programs to identify and propose sailors that could take part at the regatta and to work in a strict collaboration with us to create the conditions to ensure that the Kiel World Championship will be a great success in terms of participation and competitiveness.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Andersen
President