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Dear Rodion

Ukraine and Russia

Thank you for your letters of 31 May 2017 and 14 June 2017 and please accept my apology that it has taken a while to respond to this sensitive matter while we took advice from the IOC.

World Sailing recognises the extremely difficult political situation in this region and, as you recognise, sailors are generally free to organise events without approval from national authorities or World Sailing provided they operate through an affiliated organizing authority.

World Sailing is aware that the United Nations General Assembly adopted a Resolution on 27 March 2014 about the territorial integrity of Ukraine. World Sailing cannot decide on matters of territory but, in line with the IOC, we must follow the advice of the UN in the resolution.

The position under the Racing Rules of Sailing is clear: any organizing authority must be affiliated to the national authority of the venue and, in this case under the advice of the UN resolution, this means the Sailing Federation of Ukraine (RRS 89.1). We note your view that you are content for the events to continue to be held but object to their input to international selection.

We have raised these concerns directly with the Russian Yachting Federation and they have assured us in writing that no Olympic Class qualification events have taken place on the Crimea and they have no plans to do so.

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As ever, we encourage both national authorities to work towards a solution which best protects the sailors themselves in these difficult circumstances. If you continue to have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief Executive Officer at any time.

With warmest regards,



Kim Andersen
President