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Vladimir Silkin
President
Russian Yachting Federation

Dear Vladimir,

Crimea

The World Sailing Board met recently and discussed the situation concerning sailing events organised on the Crimea. The Sailing Federation of the Ukraine has recently objected again to organizing authorities on the Crimea not being properly affiliated to it.

The Board has noted that, under RRS 89.1, an organization is only properly affiliated if it is affiliated to the national authority of the venue. As mentioned in the President's earlier correspondence, whilst World Sailing understands the difficult political situation in the region, it must follow the decisions of both the United Nations and International Olympic Committee that the Crimea remains part of the territory of the Ukraine. Therefore, the view and decision of the Board is that organizing authorities on the Crimea must be affiliated to the national authority of the Ukraine in order to be properly affiliated under RRS 89.1 (which is a fundamental requirement of the sport).

The Board has asked me to notify all MNAs affected of this decision. You will be aware that, under Article 6 of the World Sailing Constitution, MNAs are required to respect World Sailing decisions, carry them out, and to use reasonable endeavours to persuade others within their area of jurisdiction to refrain from actions that are inconsistent with them.

Yours sincerely



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