

Irish Sailing Proposes Modernisation and Membership Reform to Support Growth (Article 1 of 4)

As part of the EGM which is to take place on the 28 October in Portlaoise, **Irish Sailing** is putting forward a proposal to its members aimed at modernising how the sport is administered and funded, ensuring a stronger foundation for growth and more effective delivery of services across the sailing community. This includes a change to the current Irish Sailing Constitution.

An Outline of the Proposed Constitutional Change

The proposal focuses on aligning the organisation's constitution and membership structure with current best practice in sports administration. This involves updating Irish Sailing's governance framework and investing in systems that streamline operations, eliminate inefficiencies, and improve member services.

Key Proposal Elements

Constitution

- Constitution is to be corrected and amended in 2025 to reflect how we have formally operated in the past and operate today, in practice, day to day:
 - All members of Category 1 clubs will be members of Irish Sailing.
 - Club members will become 'Affiliated Personal Members'.
 - Board given authority to refund duplicate membership fees (membership of more than one club).
 - Voting structure of clubs remain unchanged, voting with the total number of declared members.
- The change in the constitution is required to correct the 2016 constitution and enables the implementation of the Member Management System in a legally compliant way (GDPR).

The Goal: A Stronger, Smarter, More Connected Organisation

Through these updates, Irish Sailing aims to create a more streamlined and transparent membership structure, improve administrative efficiency, and strengthen its capacity to support clubs, sailors, and the growth of the sport nationwide.