
IRISH SAILING

What does Irish Sailing do for you?

Unlocking the benefits of Irish Sailing membership

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IRISH SAILING – WELCOME

HISTORY

The organisation's identity has evolved over time, from its origins as the IDRA, through subsequent entities including the IYA, the Irish Sailing Association, and the ISA, before assuming its present designation as Irish Sailing. Throughout this evolution, it has remained an institution established by Clubs, for the benefit of Clubs, the sport of sailing and members.

PURPOSE

Irish Sailing is the National Governing Body for Sailing, Windsurfing and Powerboating in Ireland. Irish Sailing works to support and promote the activities of its key stakeholders while maintaining the goal of encouraging an 'Active Life on Open Water.'

OUR MISSION

To provide a sustainable system in which sailing activities are developed, supported, promoted and governed effectively and safely at all levels – from recreation to competition to success on the international stage.




**CREATED BY
CLUBS FOR THE
CLUBS & SPORT**

VISION




ACTIVE LIFE ON OPEN WATER



LEADERSHIP
COLLABORATION
FACILITATION
DIRECTION



PASSION
FUN
COMMITMENT
CURIOSITY



BELONGING
EQUALITY
DIVERSITY
INCLUSION



**ACTIVE
LIFE
ON
OPEN
WATER**



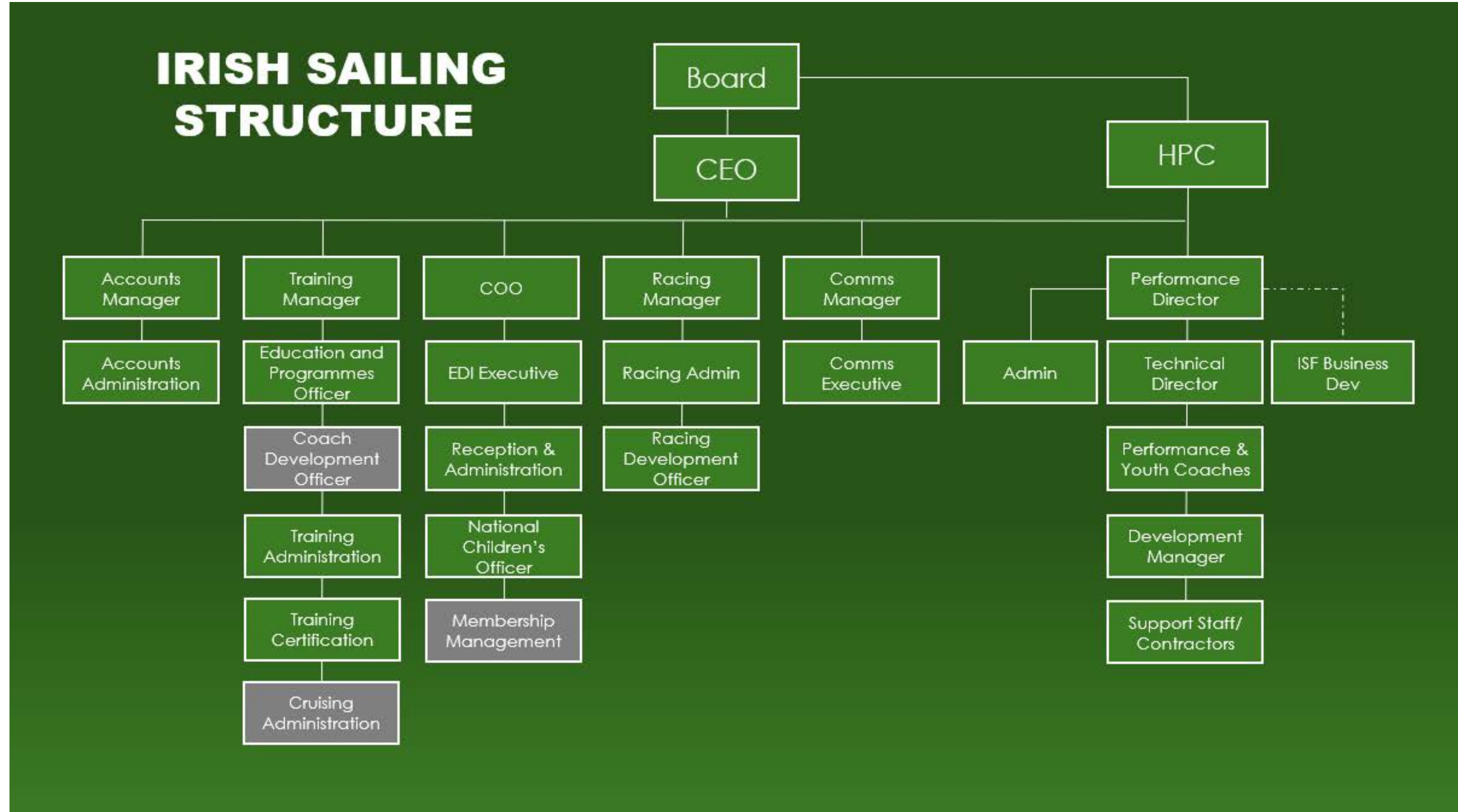
EXCELLENCE
MEMBER FOCUS
SERVICE
DELIVERY



CLARITY
COMMUNICATION
ADVICE
SUPPORT



INTEGRITY
GOVERNANCE
TRUST
STANDARDS



WHAT WE DO FOR YOU

COLLECTIVE:

An organisation of all members for all member's benefit.

REPRESENTATION:

The interface with World Sailing, Sport Ireland & Olympic Federation of Ireland.

EXPERTISE:

Knowledge of areas from Training to Rules to Safeguarding.

TRAINING:

Execution of the nationwide Training & Coaching system.

RACING:

Training and supporting of Race Officials, Class Racing & Team Racing environment.

OPERATIONS:

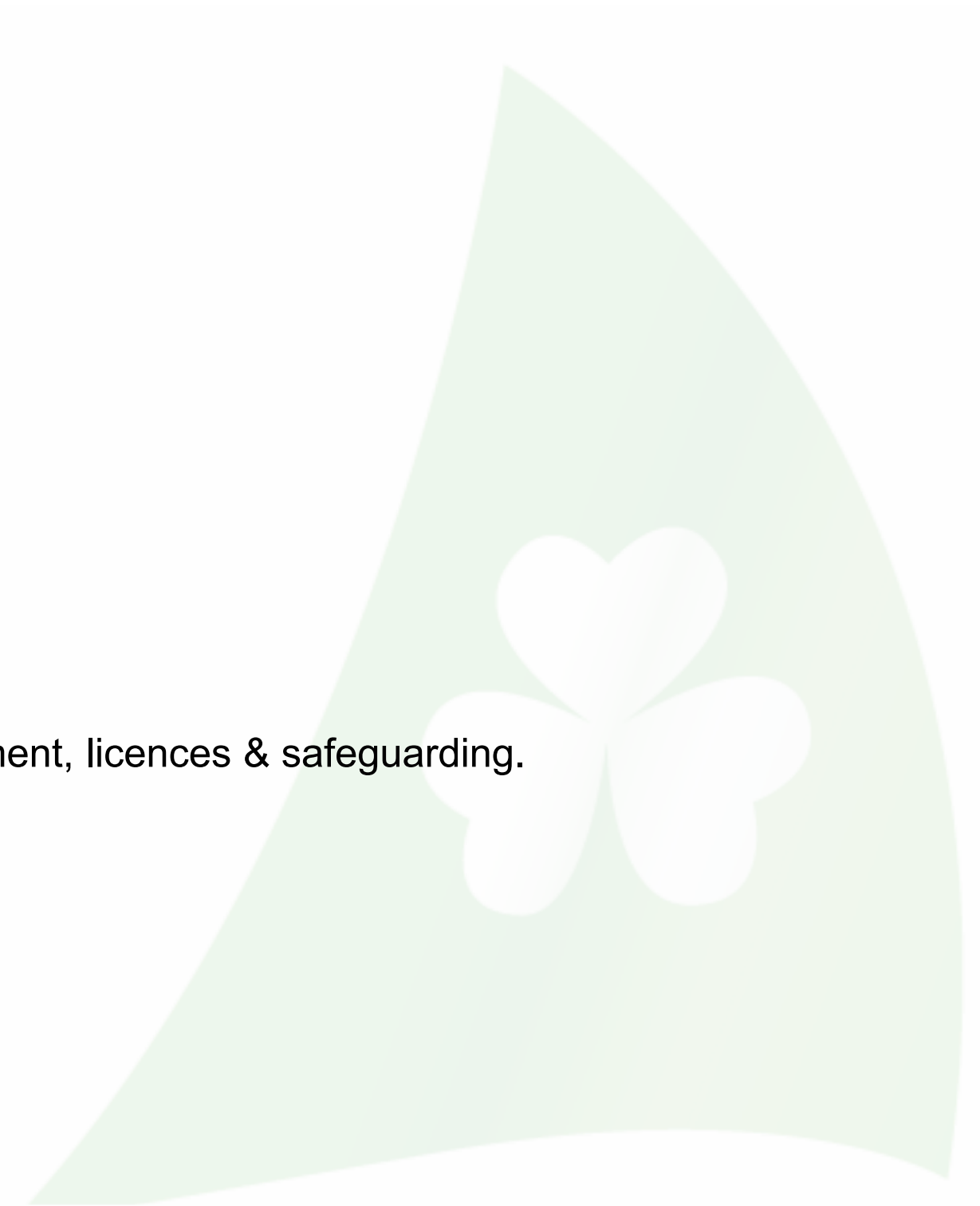
Providing services to members, sport to most in need and legislative provision of certs, endorsement, licences & safeguarding.

COMMUNICATION:

Keeping our community in the know.

FINANCE & RISK:

Collecting funds fairly and spending them wisely.



WHAT WE DO FOR YOU

WHO WE DO IT WITH FEDERATIONS

World Sailing
EUROSAF
Sport Ireland
Federation of Irish Sport

MEMBERS

Individuals
Clubs
Training Centres
Classes National
Bodies Regional
Bodies

STAKEHOLDERS

Olympic Federation of Ireland
Federation of Irish Sport
Local Government LSP's
Gardai, TUSLA, MCIB
Department of Transport, Marine, Sport, Tourism
Universities & Schools – Student Sport Ireland
Irish Sailing Foundation

WHO WE DO IT FOR

64 Clubs, 25,000 Members
46 Classes, 140 Events
105 Training Centres, 8,000 Juniors, 3,000
Cruising Courses
22 Marinas, 3,500 boats, 50,000 sailors
51 National & Regional Bodies
248 Affiliate Bodies = 60-90,000 sailors

GOALS – Transforming for the future

Structure: Refine Organisation
Strategy: Clear, Effective, Annually Reviewed Team:
Working together to the strategy and values Effective:
Functions delivering service excellence Income:
Capable of delivering strategy
Control: Efficient, cost-effective financial processes
Investment: Investing resources well on behalf of
members
Technology: Solid & Effective Platforms & Hardware
Home: Modern Accessible Office & PHQ

Doing everything better for members...

WHAT WE DO FOR YOU



ACTIVITY	CLUB	TRAINING CENTRE	CLASS	NAT or REG ORG	DIRECT MEMBER
COLLECTIVE					
Stronger Together - Irish Sailing is the National Governing Body for Sailing, Windsurfing and Powerboating. Collective membership and affiliation with Irish Sailing maintains an industry standard and benefits everyone.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maintenance of the sports governance structures, succession, long-term stability, health, development of the sports represented by Irish Sailing and the promotion of excellence throughout.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
As the World Sailing Member National Authority, Irish Sailing is the conduit for the application, maintenance and arbitration of the rules of the sport.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
REPRESENTATION					
Lobbying & representation for freedom of the water and infrastructure projects with Dept of Transport, Sport Ireland, Local Government, EBA etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Advocacy with the Federation of Irish Sport, Sport Ireland, Department of Marine, Local Sports Partnerships, Waterways Ireland, Inland Waterways, EUROSAF, European Boating Association, Marine Casualty Investigation Board, Irish Water Safety, RNLI, DTTAS, Failte Ireland, World Sailing and more.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Representation of your members through the Board of Directors, two committees, eight Policy groups, several working groups and staff.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Provision and maintenance of governance, policies, guidance, document templates, safety manuals and best practice and standards for the industry.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to Junior Organiser, Training Centre, Classes, Members forums and meetings.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invitation to Irish Sailing AGM, Regional Conferences and Annual Irish Sailing Awards.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Irish Sailing's good values at the centre of your sport advocating qualities such as Leadership, Collaboration, Inclusivity, Fun, Integrity & Sustainability.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EXPERTISE					
Irish Sailing's expertise (legal, technical, training, racing, rules, EDI, communications, industry, development, sharing best practice etc).	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Participation initiatives across the Island of Ireland – with Sport Ireland, LSPs and other bodies.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sourcing, executing and distribution of state funding on behalf of or for all members.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Training for Inclusion & Safeguarding for Instructors, Race Officials, Tutors & Coaches.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Garda Vetting & Child Safeguarding support and authority via Irish Sailing.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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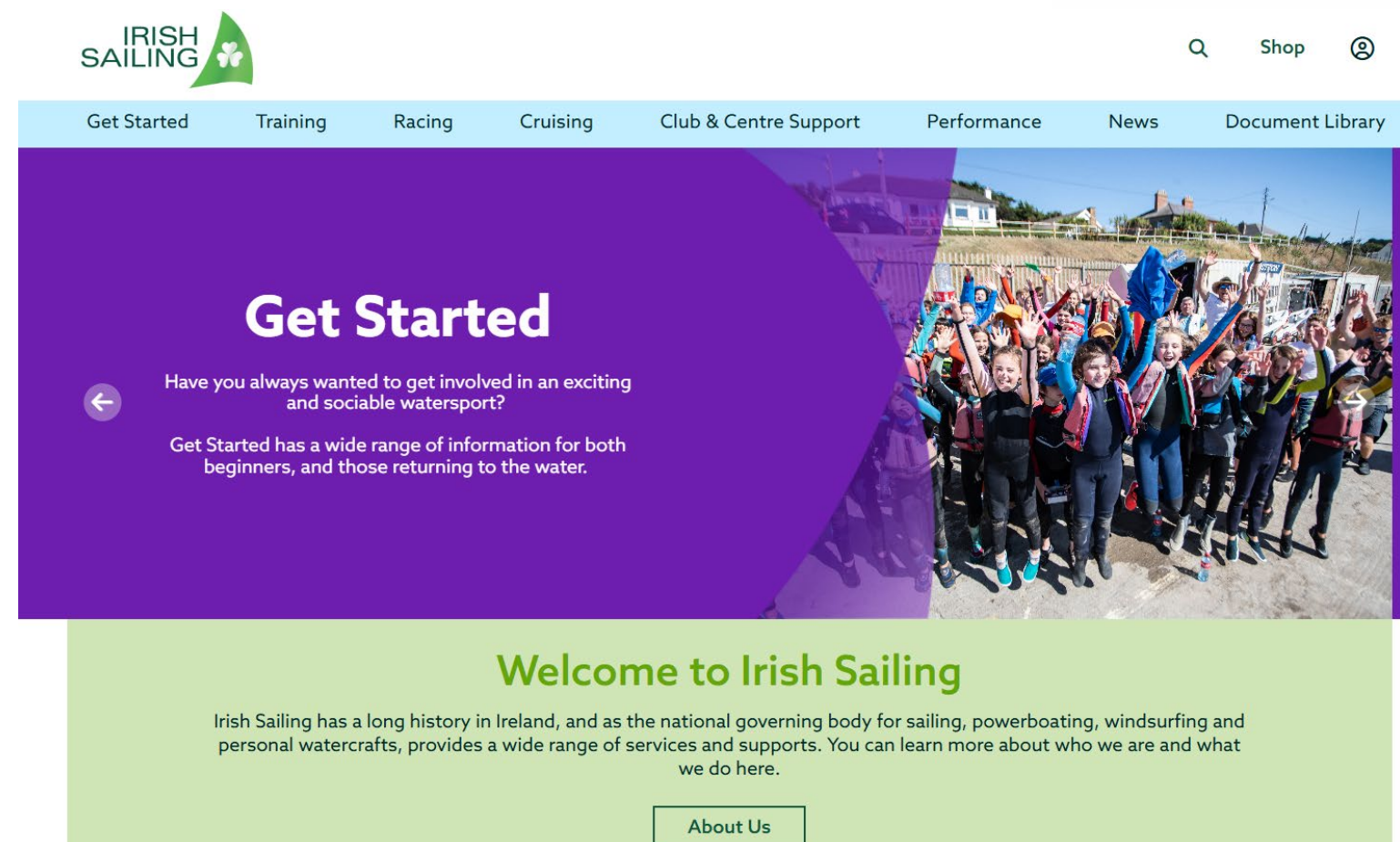
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TRAINING & COACHING					
Irish Sailing training & coaching pathway programmes – for Juniors, Adults, Dinghies, Keelboats, Multihulls for racing and cruising.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Irish Sailing Training Responsible & Club Coaching Programmes.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to course syllabi, instructor manuals and Irish Sailing passport (Checklick).	✓	✓		✓	✓
RACING					
Irish Sailing members can enter competitive events under Racing Rules of Sailing as well as Powerboat and Windsurfing events.	✓		✓	✓	✓
Provision of Irish Sailing training & trained Race officials (Race Officers, Judges, Umpires, Mark Layers, Safety Leaders, Measurers, Equipment Inspectors and Results Managers).	✓		✓	✓	✓
Qualification for the Irish Sailing All Ireland Senior and Junior Championships.	✓		✓	✓	✓
IRL Sail Numbers and Class Measurement Certificates.	✓		✓	✓	✓
Participation access with the High Performance Team & Pathway Squads.	✓		✓	✓	✓
Access to National and Internationally recognised training programmes.	✓	✓		✓	✓
OPERATIONS					
Safeguarding system and processes to maintain safety for children and vulnerable adults.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion fundraising, projects, training and advocacy.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Administration of all certificates, licences, registrations, Garda vettings, ratings & handicaps, sail numbers, small boat registrations, commercial endorsements, safeguarding certs, qualifications and levels.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotion of Environmental practices.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Standards oversight and supports through Club & Training Centre support visits.	✓		✓		
Promotion of all forms of sailing, in every class and type of boat.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Reporting and Compliance with regulatory authorities.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Provide a top class, professional service to all members and affiliates.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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COMMUNICATION					
Inclusion and access to Sailing.ie as the shop window for the industry from 'what's on' to listing in club/training centre finder.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to Irish Sailing Live - a centralised app for all events, results, news and training courses nationwide.	✓	✓		✓	✓
Provision of marketing tools and collateral for class & club events and team merchandising.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Press and Media Relations throughout the country.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Access to Irish Sailing digital channels - web (16k), App, Community Newsletter (10k), Industry Newsletter (1k), Five Social Networks (40k) – for the circulation of industry events and news.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FINANCIAL & RISK					
Leverage and distribution of Sport Ireland and other grants to supplement member income in an optimum and sustainable funding mix.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NGB membership and accreditation can be beneficial for insurance cover.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to best practice Policy & Procedure and Risk Assessment guidance and support.					
Conscientious, wise and transparent collection and re-distribution of members funds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

All details are on our website <https://www.sailing.ie/About-Us/What-we-do>

The website is a huge repository of information. You find your local training centres, read the Strategic Plan, Annual Report and Accounts, find out all the upcoming racing and training events in the calendar, or log into My Irish Sailing where you can find your own Irish Sailing qualifications, Safeguarding certificates etc.



www.sailing.ie

You can find out the latest updates and news from Irish Sailing via our weekly Newsletter – RoundUp and our Monthly Industry Newsletter - SailSmart, or on our social media channels:

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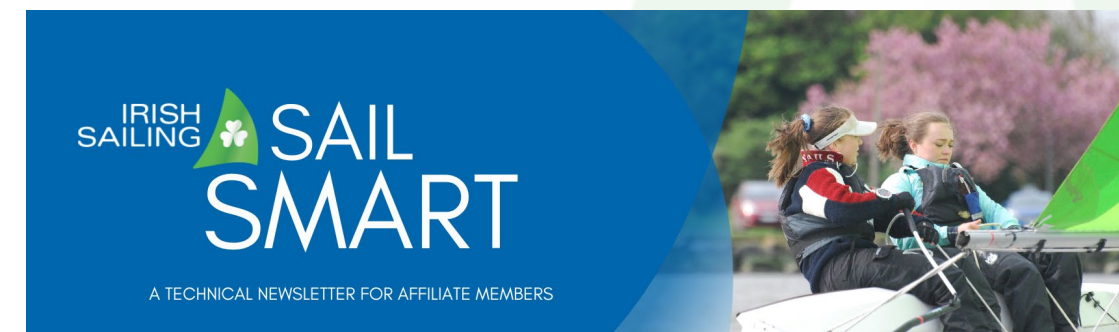


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