

# Annex 4 – Online Media

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This document collects online media publications cited in the Ethics Officer Opinion about the Complaint submitted before the World Sailing Ethics Commission by Mr Gary Jobson and Mr Scott Perry against Mr Kim Andersen on 22/04/2020.

It includes references, content, and transcription and translation of relevant parts if applicable.

Although some research has gone into identifying and including all online mentions of the matter of the Complaint, the collection may not be exhaustive. Furthermore, it stops on 22/06/2020.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kH4r3W3cZ8E>

<https://www.facebook.com/SailingIllustratedBlog/>

## Sailing Illustrated #265 – 18/02/2020



[Transcription]

[~5:25 – Tom Ehman:] “Thanks to all of you. And Jodie Shields, who is down in Australia, and Scott MacLeod—Scott—we are trying to get Scott on the show at some point to talk about commercial matters. He is the commercial director for New York Yacht Club’s American Magic [...].”

[~41:50] “Ok, let’s move ahead to my least favourite topic, which is the status of World—some call it World Failing; I don’t call it that, but some do. [...].”


[~47:20] “We can tell you that not only are they [World Sailing] underwater, but they were as of last—we now know reliably, from members of the executive committee, more than one, are telling us that they were underwater last August, this is before the Bermuda meeting, by 3 million dollars. They had to borrow money from the World Sailing Trust. They actually borrowed money from a bank, using the World Sailing Trust, which is a separate charitable fund, as collateral. [...].”

[~49:16] “Do not count your chickens, as Scott and many others will tell us, or tell us over and over and over, in this sport, especially in this sport like sailing [...] you don’t have it until the checks are not even in the mail, until the money is in the bank. [...].”

[~51:28] “I know behind the scenes Gary Jobson—who is an American, he is a vice-president—he was very helpful in getting rid of the non-sailing CEO. There I said it, and I know he was. And I think he also agrees with a lot of what I am saying here but he will never say it publicly because World Sailing, like US Sailing, which I criticize—the policy of US Sailing—for having secrecy. [...].”

Sailing Illustrated — 03/03/2020

**SAILING ILLUSTRATED** Sailing Illustrated  
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**Tom Ehman** ha actualitzat la seva foto de portada.  
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TUESDAY'S TFE LIVE... you won't believe the latest from the World Sailing clown show led by the beleaguered and befuddled President, **Kim Andersen** (DEN, center). At least Vice President **Gary Jobson** (USA, fourth from the right) is not one of the Bozos. I'll fill you in on tomorrow's show — as always we go live at 1300 Pacific / 1600 Eastern / 2100 UTC / 1000+1 NZT (Auckland) / 0800+1 AEDT (Sydney) over on Sailing Illustrated Facebook page.

Edit: Mr **Scott Perry** (URU, seconded from the left) is also not a Bozo. Good man, like Gary Jobson. You'll learn why on Tuesday's TFE LIVE.

By the way, our special guest will be yachtsman, journalist (New York Times among other pubs), author, fledgling live-streamer **Chris Museler** (USA, RI) with his views on what's hot in sailing and yacht racing, and what's not. Who's presenting the sport well to the sailing community and beyond, and who's not. Some cool sailors and events that he thinks we should be focusing on, and more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLEPwuR6gXo>  
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**Sailing Illustrated #269 – 03/03/2020**



[Transcription]

[~7:53 – Tom Ehman:] “What is this WS madness that has been going on in the past couple of days? Or in the past three years. Here’s the deal. This is the WS Board of Directors. The WS Board of Directors met in London on Friday and Saturday, I think it was, late last week. [...] The most incredible thing happened in the last 24 or 30 hours. [...]”



[~10:05] “At this executive board meeting the other day, the Board was told by Mr Andersen—and we can now tell you, this is, we’ve discovered what is the real problem in WS—the Board was told by Mr Andersen something that was completely false and the Board just sort of went along with it.”

[~10:35 – Mr Ehman displays an email from the WS Office]



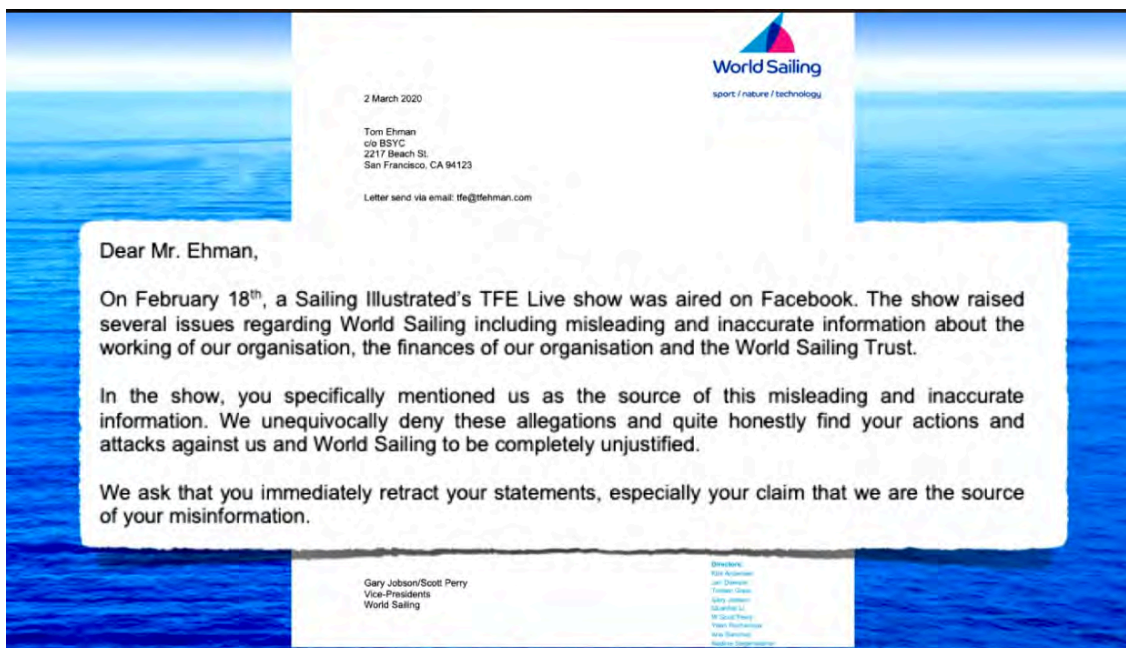
“And on Monday I got an email saying ‘Please find attached letter from World—‘form’, look at, look at this, who writes this stuff? This is our World governing body and their office in the WS Executive Office—‘Please find attached a letter form—meaning ‘from’—WS vice-president.’ Well, from two WS vice-presidents. Because Mr Andersen told the Board that he was tired of this two particular vice-presidents telling me stuff—which wasn’t true—and that I had said on the show of February 18<sup>th</sup> that the two of them were telling me stuff—which of course was also not true—.”

[~11:18 – Mr Ehman displays a letter from the WS Office]



“So here’s the letter that came attached to that email [...] from Gary Jobson and Scott Perry. Now look at those signatures. They produced the letter at the Board meeting and asked people to sign it but it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out that those are probably cut and paste or—you know—signatures. Right? Well they weren’t. As it turns out, they were cut and paste, rather.”

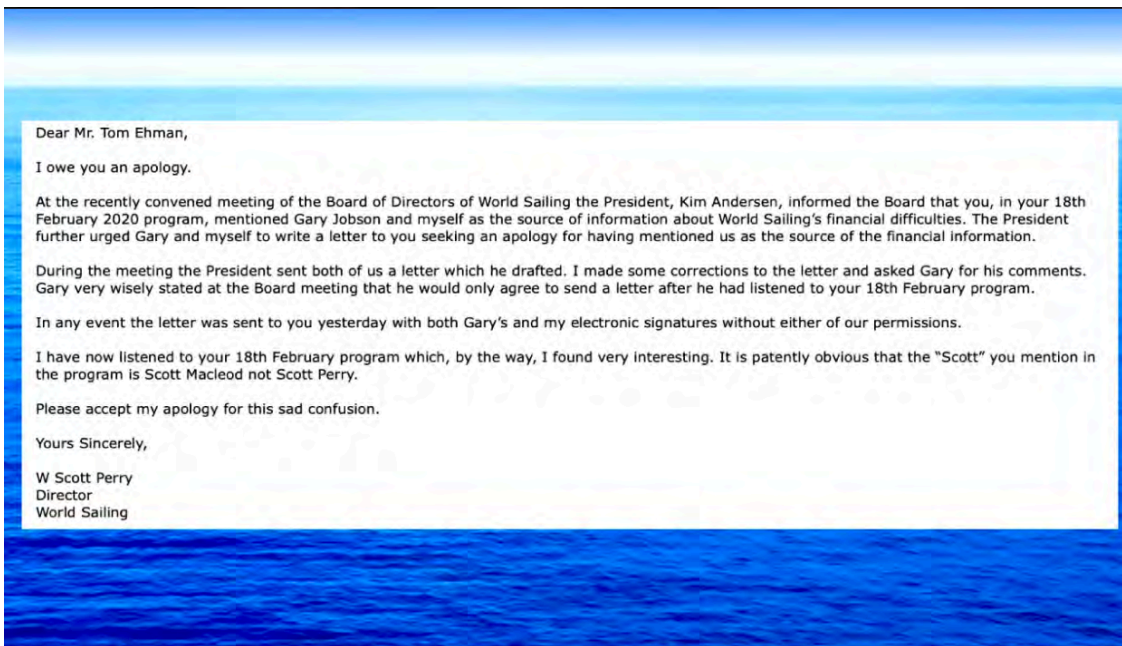
[~11:45 – Mr Ehman displays an excerpt from the letter]



“And here’s what the letter said. [Mr Ehman reads the letter. He stresses ‘misleading and inaccurate information’ and laughs. He continues reading.] ‘In the show you specifically mentioned us’—meaning Jobson and Perry, Scott Perry—‘as the source [...] and quite honestly find’—‘quite honestly’ [Mr Ehman snorts], who writes this stuff? —‘find your actions [...] your claim [Mr Ehman stresses ‘claim’] that we are the source of your misinformation.’ Well, guess what? I never claimed that. I never mentioned—I have never talked to Scott Perry, I don’t know the gentleman, I’ve not even had a communication with him, until today. He sent me a very nice email. Gary I’ve known all my adult life, in fact, since we raced against each other as college sailors. And I texted Gary yesterday. I said ‘Hey, have you seen this letter? Did you sign this letter?’ He called me up. I won’t discuss the details, but in effect he confirmed that no, he had not seen the letter, he had not authorised the letter to be sent, he had not signed the letter. Julia? Somebody cut and paste the signature under the letter. Now—and Gary is a real gentleman—I had said in that show nice things about Gary, saying—you know—he’s worked behind the scenes to get rid of Mr Hunt—which everybody knows, he’s told that any number of people—and I commended Gary any number of times for having worked to help get rid of Mr Hunt.”

[~13:37] “Scott Perry, as I said, I’ve never mentioned his name. I did in that show, after talking about Scott MacLeod, who is the esteemed commercial director for the New York Yacht Club American Magic and star of the World Match Racing Tour and on and on and on, I’ve known forever. I did mention Scott in the context of WS’s ridiculous sponsorship policies of trying to have sponsors, trying to go out and sell sponsorships, and I said—well, Scott says—after we talked about MacLeod, Scott MacLeod: ‘don’t count your chickens before they hatch. It’s one thing to have a memorandum of agreement, don’t count that as a sponsorship deal. Until you have a contract, until signed, until you have the check in the mail don’t count on a sponsorship deal.’ Well, of course, what happened is that WS is gone off as everybody knows and they’re 2.2 million dollars in the hole right now—I’m reliably informed—headed for 3 million dollars in the hole by the end of this year relying on future television revenues from the Olympics which may or may not happen. In any event, I was not talking about Scott Perry. I have never talked to Scott Perry. As far as I know he is a very bright, successful guy, living in Uruguay. American. Because I just wouldn’t quote him and I haven’t quoted him.”

[~15:01 – Mr Ehman displays an email from Scott Perry]



“So today, and I did not even send him an email yesterday. I’ve had no contact until today when this email arrived. [Mr Ehman reads the email – ~15:26] ‘WS financial difficulties’ He is confirming; everybody knows about great financial difficulties. [He continues reading the email – ~16:21] From Mr Scott Perry who is on the Board, as a director. So kudos to both of them, to Scott and Gary, for telling the truth and doing the right thing. And I can tell you that Mr Kim Andersen, ‘Chaotic Kim Andersen’, obviously is telling his Board one thing—and I don’t even, I wonder [...] if Kim Andersen even looked at the thing, the show, or one of his staffers said ‘oh, you should have heard Ehman and he named Jobson and Scott Perry as his sources.’ Excuse me, this guy is an idiot. And I’ve said all along he’s got a heart of gold and he must be a nice guy, he’s busting his [noise covers the word] for the sport. But I’ve changed my mind now. When you go and put people signatures on a letter and send it to somebody you don’t know what the hell you’re talking about and worse than that the assertions in the letter are completely and utterly false. This guy, am sorry to say, is just an idiot.”



[~17:25] “He is ‘Chaotic Kim Andersen’ if ever there was one,”




“he has five-ring fever, he wants to be on the Olympic Commission and he’s never gona get there. Because one hears he’s held in very low esteem in the IOC because, again, he’s telling people one thing and it turns out not to be true. [...]”

[~19:39] “So this is absolutely idiotic. This guy, as we’ve been saying, has to go. The election is in November [...]. We are trying to do the right thing for the sport and have sane leadership that tells the Council, does not tell stories, fibs, lies, to their Board and to the Council. I mean, I don’t know how else to put it. It’s just astonishing that this guy would do that and then attach, have the staff, presumably he didn’t do it himself, and have the staff then put signatures on a letter and send it to me. [...]”



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
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
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
World Sailing President Kim "Kaos" Anderson forged the signature of World Sailing Directors Gary Jobson and Scott Perry in a letter to Tom Ehman.


How Anderson has not resigned yet is beyond my comprehension and shows how utterly dysfunctional, if not corrupt, World Sailing is. – Peter Huston.


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 May 13, 2020

**Corona Cinema – On Course – Episode 3**  
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**Corona University – Racing Rules Seminar of the Royal Yacht Association GBR – Part 2: Starts**  
 May 8, 2020

**Corona Cinema – Video-Interview with Xavi Fernandez ESP**  
 May 7, 2020

https://farevela.net/2020/03/04/governance-world-sailing-che-bordate-allo-show-di-tom-ehman-la-vela-a-un-bivio/

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## Governance World Sailing: che bordate allo Show di Tom Ehman, la vela a un bivio?

By Michele Tognozzi - Mar 4, 2020 881 1



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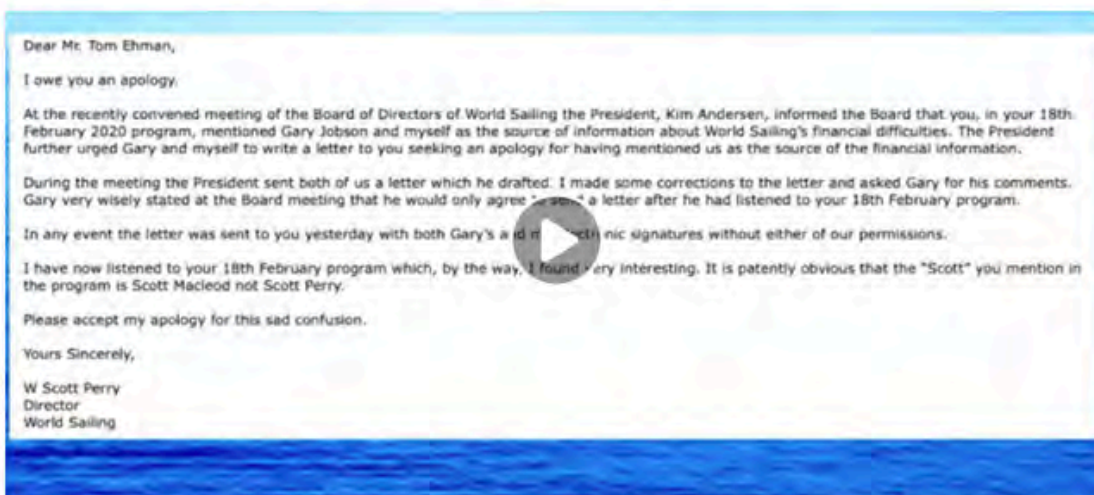
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**San Francisco, USA**– Puntata di fuoco ieri sera al TFE Live di Sailing Illustrated, lo show bisettimanale prodotto da Tom Ehman che analizza e commenta la vela internazionale. Argomento della prima parte della puntata, visibile qui sotto, è stata la crisi della Governance della World Sailing guidata dal danese Kim Andersen.



In particolare, è stato evidenziato un passo falso del presidente, che avrebbe indotto due componenti del Board, l'americano Gary Jobson e l'uruguayano Scott Perry, a prendere le distanze dalle affermazioni sulla crisi finanziaria di WS, trasmesse nella puntata del 18 febbraio scorso dello stesso Show di Tom Ehman, di cui gli stessi erano da Andersen ritenuti essere la fonte. Salvo poi scoprire, con lettera firmata (visibile qui sotto) dallo stesso Scott Perry a Ehman, che la fonte di tali affermazioni non erano i due membri del Board citati e che Andersen avrebbe loro volutamente forzato la mano.



Al di là del passaggio, la questione riguarda la Governance di World Sailing, in cui il presidente Kim Andersen sarebbe, da quanto risulta a Fare Vela, sempre più isolato e con un appoggio in rapido calo tra le federazioni nazionali. Ricordiamo che per le elezioni del prossimo novembre 2020 esiste già un altro candidato alla presidenza, lo spagnolo Gerardo Seeliger. Walter Cavallucci sarebbe il candidato italiano al Board dei vicepresidenti.

Lo stesso CIO, alle prese adesso con il problema della gestione delle Olimpiadi di Tokyo nella crisi Coronavirus, non sarebbe favorevole ad approvare lo *slate* di eventi proposto per Parigi 2024, di cui fa parte come noto la discussa Offshore Mixed Keelboat.

La gestione della crisi finanziaria di World Sailing si baserebbe, nei piani del Board di World Sailing, proprio sull'impiego dei fondi di provenienza olimpica, ma l'ipotesi di un rinvio dell'Olimpiade, paventata dal Governo nipponico e subito negata dal CIO in un **comunicato emesso ieri sera**, che conferma lo svolgimento dei Giochi nelle date previste, aumenta l'incertezza.

Vi è poi la **questione fondamentale della politica sportiva** intrapresa da World Sailing, che sembra sempre più inseguire una vela virtuale e velocissima. Un settore che ha indubbiamente un suo fascino, incrementato dagli eventi più professionali (America's Cup, Imoca foiling, SailGP), ma che, allo stesso tempo, si distanzia sempre più dalla realtà pratica quotidiana dei velisti. A livello di accesso, numeri alla mano, le classi frequentate sono sempre le stesse, Optimist e barche simili, Laser, doppi di facile gestione, monotipi dai 20 ai 30 piedi, Altura.



Laser a Napoli all'Italia Cup 2018. Foto Rovatti

La divisione tra vela professionale e base è sempre più netta e i numeri complessivi dovrebbero far riflettere chi gestisce la World Sailing. Per la vela professionale l'innovazione tecnologica e il foiling sono un passo non solo inevitabile ma anche auspicabile. Propagandarli, però, troppo nella base, che non ha facilità d'accesso (costi, sicurezza, fattibilità a livello amatoriale) a quel mondo, rischia di fatto di diminuire i praticanti.

Sull'argomento torneremo presto con un'analisi più approfondita.

[Google translation]

Governance World Sailing: what are you sailing at the Tom Ehman Show, sailing at a crossroads?

San Francisco, USA - An episode of fire last night at the TFE Live of Sailing Illustrated, the biweekly show produced by Tom Ehman that analyzes and comments on international sailing. The subject of the first part of the episode, visible below, was the crisis of the Governance of World Sailing led by the Danish Kim Andersen.

In particular, a false step by the president was highlighted, which would have induced two members of the Board, the American Gary Jobson and the Uruguayan Scott Perry, to distance themselves from the statements on the WS financial crisis, transmitted in the episode of February 18 last of the same show by Tom Ehman, of which they were believed by Andersen to be the source. Unless then revealed, in a letter signed (visible below) by Scott Perry himself to Ehman, that the two board members mentioned were not the source of these statements and that Andersen would have intentionally forced their hand.

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SAILING NEWS

## World Sailing – Another foot in mouth incident

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**A row has broken out between World Sailing and Sailing Illustrated, the American on-line sailing news show.**

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World Sailing (WS) President Kim Andersen accused Sailing Illustrated presenter Tom Ehman of publishing false statements about the WS financial position, on the 18 February show.

Andersen apparently informed the World Sailing board that Ehman had mentioned WS Vice-Presidents, Gary Jobson and Scott Perry, as the source of the information indicating that WS had financial problems.

Andersen then drafted a letter which he urged Gary Jobson and Scott Perry to sign.

This they refused to do, as they wanted to review the programme content first.

**But . . . the letter was sent to Ehman with Jobson and Scott Perry's electronic signatures attached, without their permission.**

Scott Perry then followed that letter with his own letter to Tom Ehman, '*apologising for the sad confusion*' in the unapproved letter, and accepting that the Scott mentioned on the programme was Scott Macleod and not himself, Scott Perry.

Tom Ehman denies discussing the WS financial situation with either Gary Jobson or Scott Perry.

This seems to be another 'foot in mouth' incident for the beleaguered President of World Sailing, who is facing an election at the end of his four-year term at the General Assembly, in October 2020.

Kim Andersen's position is surely untenable if this latest unnecessary action is confirmed and he should stand down immediately.

It really is time for World Sailing to get its act together, and the sooner the better.

Sailing, the sailors and the many hard working WS members deserve better than this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c89y-YYD1Wg>

**536 – La manina di World Sailing – Vittorio d’Albertas – 06/03/2020**

*Come ha giustamente riportato Michele Tognozzi, World Sailing ha nuovamente prodotto un documento imbarazzante, stavolta una lettera dal sapore vagamente censorio ai danni di Tom Ehman e del suo TFE Live su Sailing Illustrated. Peccato che, nell'ansia di forzare la mano, non si sia chiesto il via libera ai supposti autori... E' solo un indizio del fatto che c'è qualcosa che non va. Di grosso. Con Pietro Pinucci*

[Google translation]

As Michele Tognozzi has rightly reported, World Sailing has again produced an embarrassing document, this time a letter with a vaguely censorious flavor to the detriment of Tom Ehman and his TFE Live on Sailing Illustrated. It is a pity that, in the anxiety to force the hand, the supposed authors have not been asked for the go-ahead ... It is only a clue to the fact that something is wrong. Very big. With Pietro Pinucci









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SIGNATUR: Kim Andersen beskyldes for å ha misbrukt signaturen til sine visepresidenter.

## Påstand om falske underskrifter

President Kim Andersen i World Sailing skal ha påført signaturene til to av visepresidentene i et klagebrev til videoblogger. Saken bringes nå inn for etikktutvalget i World Sailing. Hør vårt podcast-intervju med visepresident Gary Jobson.



Scott Perry, Vicepresident World Sailing

Failing». Omtalen starter 43 minutter inn i videoen.

Den amerikanske videobloggeren Tom Ehman har gjennom sitt Sailing Illustrated com. kritisert regimet som styrer World Sailing i dag, og satt pekefingeren på forbundets finanser. I en videoblogg fra 18. februar har Ehman en sak som særlig opprører World Sailings ledelse fordi han refererer til World Sailings visepresidenter Scott Perry og Gary Jobson i kritikken av måten World Sailing ledes på. Se videoinnslaget fra 18. februar under hvor Ehman kaller «World Sailing» for «World

## Brev med falske underskrifter

Kritikken fra videobloggeren førte til et brev fra President Kim Andersen der han ba Sailing Illustrated trekke tilbake sine påstander i videobloggen, og spesifikt ba ham fjerne referansene til Perry og Jobson som kilder. Brevet var undertegnet av de to visepresidentene. Problemet med dette brevet er bare at verken Perry eller Jobson har godkjent innholdet eller undertegnet brevet. Underskriftene er «klipp og lim» foretatt av World Sailing.

Dagen etter avsendelsen av dette brevet sender Scott Perry en e-post til Ehman der han beklager brevet som er sendt uten Perry og Jobsons godkjenning, for ikke å si underskrift. Overfor Seilmagasinet bekrefter Gary Jobson dette og forteller at han og Scott nå har varslet om at saken vil bli bragt til World Sailings etikkutvalg.

Seilmagasinet sitter på både brevet fra World Sailing og e-posten fra Perry. Vi har i flere dager forsøkt å få tak i president Kim Andersen i World Sailing via telefon og mail, for å gi ham anledning til å uttale seg, men vi har til nå ikke mottatt svar fra ham.



FORFALSKET: Brevet til Tom Ehman som Gary Jobson nekter han har underskrevet.



## Større problemer for World Sailing



Gary Jobson, Visepresident World Sailing

Selv om denne saken kan være ubehagelig nok, er det andre og mer akutte saker som opptar ledelsen i World Sailing. Torsdag 26. mars var executive committee samlet i telefonmøte der man diskuterte konsekvensen av utsettelsen av OL fra 2020 til 2021. Utsettelsen vil ha store økonomiske konsekvenser for World Sailing, som hadde kalkulert med å få inntektene fra IOC basert på lisensinntektene fra OL i august i år. Nå kommer ikke disse overføringene før ett år frem i tid, noen som vil by på store

likviditetsmessige utfordringer for forbundet. IOC står for 60 prosent av World Sailing's inntekter som blir overført hvert fjerde år i takt med den olympiske syklus.

I dette intervjuet med Gary Jobson gir han et innblikk i World Sailing's problemer. Løsningen ligger trolig i en kombinasjon med en forhåndsutbetaling fra IOC og en drastisk barbering av forbundets kostnader. Dette inkluderer reforhandlinger med gårdeier i London, der forbundet har tegnet en 15 års leiekontrakt til store merutgifter sammenlignet med tidligere kontorer i Southampton.

Hør intervjuet med Gary Jobson i sin helhet her:



[Google translation]



SIGNATURE: Kim Andersen is accused of abusing the signature of his Vice Presidents.

## Allegations of false signatures

World Sailing President Kim Andersen is said to have signed the signatures of two of the vice presidents in a complaint letter to video blogs. The case is now being brought before the Ethics Committee in World Sailing. Hear our podcast interview with Vice President Gary Jobson.

 **Mikkel Thommessen**  
JOURNALIST

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Scott Perry, Vice President of World Sailing

American video blogger Tom Ehman has through his Sailing Illustrated.com. criticized the regime that governs World Sailing today, and put its finger on the union's finances. In a video blog from February 18, Ehman has a case that particularly upsets World Sailing's leadership because he refers to World Sailing Vice Presidents Scott Perry and Gary Jobson in criticizing the way World Sailing is being led. Watch the video feature from February 18 below where Ehman calls

"World Sailing" for "World Failing". The review starts 43 minutes into the video.

## Letter with false signatures

The criticism from the video blogger led to a letter from President Kim Andersen asking Sailing Illustrated to withdraw his claims in the video blog, specifically asking him to remove the references to Perry and Jobson as sources. The letter was signed by the two vice presidents. The problem with this letter is only that neither Perry nor Jobson has approved the content or signed the letter. The signatures are "cut and paste" made by World Sailing.

The day after sending this letter, Scott Perry sends an email to Ehman apologizing for the letter sent without Perry and Jobson's approval, not to say the signature. In front of the Sail Magazine, Gary Jobson confirms this and says that he and Scott have now announced that the case will be brought to the World Sailing Ethics Committee.

Sail magazine sits on both the letter from World Sailing and the email from Perry. We have been trying for days to get hold of President Kim Andersen in World Sailing by phone and mail, to give him the opportunity to comment, but so far we have not received a response from him.



FALSE: The letter to Tom Ehman as Gary Jobson denies he has signed.



## Major problems for World Sailing



Gary Jobson, Vice President World Sailing

While this case may be uncomfortable enough, there are other and more urgent issues that are taking the lead in World Sailing. On Thursday, March 26, the executive committee met in a conference call discussing the impact of the postponement of the Olympics from 2020 to 2021. The postponement will have major financial consequences for World Sailing, which had calculated to get the income from the IOC based on the August Olympics license revenue in August. year.

Now, these transfers are not coming until one year in advance, some that will present major liquidity challenges for the bond. The IOC accounts for 60 percent of World Sailing's revenue, which is transferred every four years in line with the Olympic cycle.

In this interview with Gary Jobson, he gives an insight into the problems of World Sailing. The solution is probably in combination with a prepayment from the IOC and a drastic shaving of the association's costs. This includes renegotiations with farm owners in London, who have signed a 15-year lease for large additional expenses compared to previous offices in Southampton.

Hear the interview with Gary Jobson in full here:



[Transcription of Gary Jobson's phone interview by Mikkel Thomessen in this video]

[Phone rings]

*Gary Jobson:* Hey, how are you doing?

*Mikkel Thomessen:* Hello Gary. Let me first say one thing, that I have not any agenda on this. I'm not for or against Kim Andersen or anybody. But I want to cover. You know, I'm a journalist, and I want to cover the events that's happening in the WS. And I think there is an interest in the Scandinavian countries to know what's going on. And I want to be as accurate as possible.

*GJ:* Sure. That's good premise. Thank you.

*MT:* So, with regard to these signatures, I [inaudible] sent an email to Kim to ask him to comment. I said to him what I think I know. And, you know, I'd like him to have a chance to comment on this before I publish anything.

*GJ:* Have you heard from him?

*MK:* I haven't heard from him.

*GJ:* Ok.

*MT:* I sent it yesterday.

*GJ:* We'll see if he answers.

*MT:* Yeah. I'm sure he has other things on his mind [inaudible]. But I think this is important. He should respond to it.

[...]



# Klossete håndtert, sier Andersen

 Mikkel Thommessen  
JOURNALIST

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Vi har de siste døgn forsøkt å få tak i World Sailing president Kim Anderson for å få hans kommentarer til vårt tidligere oppslag om misbruk av de elektroniske underskriftene til visepresidentene Gary Jobson og Scott Perry i et brev fra World Sailing til videoblogger Tom Ehman. Først i morgentimene idag, lørdag, lyktes det oss å få kontakt med Kim Andersen som har dette å si til Seilmagasinet: - Jeg har ingen kommentarer til saken du refererer til. Word Sailing har større utfordringer å ta stilling til i disse dager i forbindelse med utsettelsen av OL, sier han.

- Både for meg og for forbundet er saken du viser til av mindre betydning. Som en halvgod journalist ber jeg deg imidlertid tenke over hvilken motivasjon jeg skulle ha for å forfalske deres signaturer, spør han på det eneste tidspunkt i samtalen der temperaturen stiger noen grader.

Men han innrømmer at kommunikasjonen mellom ham selv, visepresidentene og World Sailings administrasjon burde ha vært bedre og at denne situasjonen skulle ha vært unngått. Kim Andersen later også til å slå seg til ro med at Seilmagasinet i denne saken ikke har noen annen dagsorden enn å forholde seg til de foreliggende dokumenter og telefonsamtalen med Gary Jobson, som er fullt innforstått med å bli sitert.



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# Clumsy handled, says Andersen

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We have been trying to get hold of World Sailing President Kim Anderson for the past few days to get his comments on our previous post about abusing the electronic signatures of Vice Presidents Gary Jobson and Scott Perry in a letter from World Sailing to video blogger Tom Ehman. Only in the morning hours today, Saturday, did we manage to get in touch with Kim Andersen who has this to say to Seilmagasinet: - I have no comment on the case you are referring to. Word Sailing has greater challenges to address these days in connection with the postponement of the Olympics, he says.

- Both for me and for the association, the case you refer to is of less importance. As a good journalist, however, I ask you to think about what motivation I should have for forging their signatures, he asks at the only time in the conversation where the temperature rises a few degrees.

But he admits that communication between himself, the Vice Presidents and the World Sailing administration should have been better and that this situation should have been avoided. Kim Andersen also seems to agree that the Sail Magazine in this case has no other agenda than to relate to the available documents and telephone conversation with Gary Jobson, who is fully committed to being quoted.

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# Brænder platformen under Kim Andersen?

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Den er kommet på et meget ubelejligt tidspunkt for Kim Andersen. Her tænker jeg ikke kun på coronavirus, der er skyld i aflysningen af OL og en stribe kapsejlas-events, hvor World Sailing har forpligtigelser over for deres sponsorer.

Nej, jeg tænker på den seneste sag bragt til torvs af det amerikanske online medie Sailing Illustrated.

Sagen handler om den klodsede håndtering af en lækagesag. To medlemmer af World Sailings bestyrelse blev nævnt som kilder i forbindelse med en historie om dårlig økonomi bragt af mediet Sailing Illustrated. Kim Andersens plan var, at bede de to bestyrelsesmedlemmer, om at sende en skriftlig klage til Sailing Illustrateds vært Tom Ehman, hvor de opfordrede ham til at undskylde og dementere påstandene fremsat i udsendelsen.

Men sagen tog en uventet, og for Kim Andersen, meget uheldig drejning.

### **Hvad er Sailing Illustrated**

For dem der ikke har set Sailing Illustrated er det, udover at være et [website](#), også en live udsendelse [TFE Live](#), hver tirsdag og fredag på Facebook, hvor værten Tom Ehman, taler sig igennem en række sejlsportsrelevante emner.

### **Objektivt set**

Nedenstående er en grundig gennemgang, hvor Bådmagasinet har talt med de to bestyrelsesmedlemmer Scott Perry og Gary Jobson, med World Sailing præsident Kim Andersen, og World Sailing council member, DIF næstformand Hans Natorp, som er dukket op i vores research om forløbet.

Det kan blive en alvorlig sag for Kim Andersen, da en ny sag i etisk komite truer, men der er også flere ting der ikke hænger sammen i de forskellige udlægninger af hændelsesforløbet. Det er ikke vores ønske at tage parti for den ene eller den anden part. Vores ambition er at få alle kort på bordet, herfra kan du som læser selv gøre regnebrættet op og vurdere, hvem der har den bedste sag.

### **Resume: Det så og hørte vi på Bådmagasinet**

Den 18. februar bragte Sailing Illustrated et indslag, hvor de økonomiske forhold i World Sailing beskrives. Anonyme kilder (one hears, red.) har fortalt Tom Ehmann, at World Sailing kører med et underskud på mellem 2 og 3 millioner dollars, blandt andet fordi Kim Andersen har valgt at lade World Sailing bo på en dyr adresse i London. Navnet Scott bliver nævnt i forlængelse af en længere udredning om, at World Sailing vil mangle 3 mio. dollars i den kommende fireårige periode, da tv-penge fra OL er skåret fra 15 til 12 mio. dollars. Ehman nævner i udsendelse også bestyrelsesmedlemmet Gary Jobson, som han fortæller har været kritisk over for den tidligere World Sailing direktør Andrew Hunt, og at han har bidraget aktivt til at få ham afskediget. ([Se indslaget her, spol frem til ca. 42. min. red](#))

Det er denne udsendelse, der er sagens kerne. Sailing Illustrateds to kilder er ifølge Kim Andersen bestyrelsesmedlemmerne Gary Jobson og Scott Perry. Den sidstnævnte er tidligere ansvarlig for finanserne i World Sailing, mens Gary Jobson er forfatter og bestyrelsens ekspert i kommunikation. Der bliver på intet tidspunkt i hele udsendelsen nævnt en Scott MacLeod.

### **Sagen eskalerer**

Den 4. marts har Tom Ehman nyt i sagen. [Tom Ehman kan fortælle](#), (spool ca. 10 min. frem fra start, red.) at der på World Sailings bestyrelsesmøde lørdag den 29. februar er blevet diskuteret indholdet af udsendelsen den 18. februar. Kim Andersen fortæller, ifølge Sailing Illustrated, at bestyrelsesmedlemmerne Gary Jobson og Scot Perry fremstår som kilder til Sailing Illustrateds historie den 18. februar. Under mødet udarbejdes et udkast til et brev fra de to World Sailing bestyrelsesmedlemmer til Tom Ehman. Brevet fremhæver, at Gary Jobson og Scott Perry er nævnt i indslaget den 18. februar som kilder til "misvisende og upræcise" informationer. Videre i brevet benægter Jobson og Perry beskyldningerne ligesom de finder angrebene helt ubegrundede. Brevet ([se det her, red.](#)) slutter af med, at Jobson og Perry beder Ehman og Sailing Illustrated om at trække udtalelserne tilbage især påstanden om, at de to skulle være kilden til misinformationen. Brevet har både Scott Perrys og Gary Jobsons indsatte elektroniske underskrifter.

Tom Ehman fortæller videre, at han den 2. marts modtager klagebrevet underskrevet af Jobson og Perry. Han ringer til Jobson og hører om det er ham der har skrevet klagen, hvilket han benægter, hvorefter han undskylder over for Ehman. Tom Ehman fortæller at han nævner en Scott umiddelbart efter at han har omtalt forholdene på America's Cup holdet American Magic, hvor han har nævnt deres kommercielle direktør Scott Macleod.

Næste dag modtager Ehman endnu en undskyldning, denne gang i en email fra Scott Perry. ([se undskyldningen her, red.](#)) Det fremgår af denne email, at hverken han eller Gary Jobson har givet tilladelse til, at deres elektroniske underskrifter måtte bruges uden deres accept. Og som en ikke uvæsentlig krølle på historien fremgår det også af brevet, skrevet af Scott Perry, at det er "åbenlyst indlysende" at den Scott som Tom Ehman nævner i udsendelsen den 18. februar, er Scott Macleod fra New York City Yachtclub. Så vidt Sailing Illustrateds udlægning den 4. marts.

### **Scott Perry: "Han nævner mig – Nej, ikke mig"**

Scott Perry fortæller over telefonen om optakten til bestyrelsesmødet i World Sailing den 28 og 29 februar.

*Tom Ehman har et program den 18. Februar, hvor han nævner Gary Jobson i forbindelse med America's Cup. Han nævner også mig. Nej ikke mig, men en Scott i forbindelse med noget ... hvad kalder man det? ... sponsorshiparbejde. Og tilsyneladende, hmm nej ikke tilsyneladende, jeg har lyttet til programmet nu, så han talte naturligvis om Scott Macleod, der er kommerciel direktør for New York Yacht Clubs America's Cup udfordring. Kim havde tilsyneladende lyttet til dette og rent faktisk troet, at Gary og jeg talte om World Sailing og alle problemerne. Så Kim sendte bestyrelsen en email, hvori han slog fast, at Tom Ehman havde citeret Perry og Jobson i forbindelse med alle de problemer World Sailing står overfor økonomisk.*

Så er vi ved selve bestyrelsesmødet, hvor det for lukkede døre bliver diskuteret hvordan man skal agere i forhold til udsendelsen. Der var otte bestyrelsesmedlemmer til stede og to advokater. Der blev talt frem og tilbage om det overhovedet var værd at reagere på en udsendelse som de færreste kender til.

Under mødet lavede Kim et udkast til et brev, Scott Perry fortsætter - *Jeg lavede en del ændringer til brevet og sendte det til ham. Men før jeg sendte det sagde Gary Jobson; "dette brev må ikke sendes før jeg har haft en chance for at høre Tom Ehmans program fra den 18. februar." Det var helt klart og det blev udtalt på bestyrelsesmødet. Jeg har siden fået det bekræftet af adskillige bestyrelsesmedlemmer.*

På spørgsmålet om hvorfor han rettede i brevet og sendte til tilbage til Kim Andersen, når han ikke var enig i indholdet fortæller han, *at han rettede i teksten fra "jeg" til "vi", ud fra en grammatisk vurdering, da man ikke kan have et brev underskrevet af to personer og samtidig skrive jeg i brevets tekst, siger Perry.*

Men kunne Kim Andersen tolke et rettet brev og en ændring fra "jeg" til "vi" som en accept af indholdet fra både dig og Jobson?

*Det har du helt i ret, hvis det kun handlede om en person, men det her handler om to personer, hvor den ene klart har sagt, at han bliver nødt til at lytte til programmet først. Jeg har meget tiltro til Gary Jobson. Jeg tænkte, jeg lader Gary lytte til programmet, der næsten er to timer langt, og lade ham beslutte om det er passende at sende brevet, siger Scott Perry.*

Reaktionen på at brevet var blevet sendt uden godkendelse var i følge Scott Perry stærk.

*Vi blev meget vrede, da vi fandt ud af, at brevet var blevet sendt, da der var en fællesforståelse i bestyrelsen af, at intet måtte sendes før Gary har hørt programmet. Siden har jeg lyttet til programmet, og for mig er det helt klart, at den Scott Tom Ehman taler om, er Scott Macleod. Jeg har siden undskyldt over for Tom Ehman pr. brev. Gary Jobson undskyldte over telefonen. Og nu venter vi bare på, at Kim undskylder, siger Scott Perry.*

### **Gary Jobson: Hav modet – gør det rigtige Kim!**

Gary Jobsons udlægning af sagsforløbet er stort set identisk med Tom Ehmans. Vi springer ind i forløbet fredag den 28 februar, hvor sanktionsmulighederne over for Tom Ehmans udsendelse a 18. februar blev diskuteret i World Sailing bestyrelse.

*Send ikke brevet før jeg har hørt, hvad det er, han har at sige. Og hvis der er noget upræcist, så vil jeg tage den passage til Ehman. Senere samme aften sendte Scott sit brev tilbage til Kim med nogle rettelser. Jeg ved ikke hvorfor han gjorde det, men det gjorde han, fortæller Gary Jobson.*

Derfra er kronologi og forklaring præcis den samme som Ehmans.

Over telefonen læser Gary Jobson et brev op som han har sendt til bestyrelsen efter Ehman har modtaget brevene. Blandt andet læser han en transskribering af den relevante del af Ehmans 1 time og 42 minutter lange program fra 18. februar.

Jobson omtales udelukkende i forbindelse sin indsats for at få afskediget den tidligere CEO Andrew Hunt. Efter oplæsningen af transskriberingen fortsætter Gary Jobson højtlesningen af brevet til bestyrelsen, hvor han blandt andet fortæller, at navnet Scott Perry ikke nævnes i udsendelsen, men at der er en reference til Scott Macleod fra New York Yacht Club. Derfor ser han ingen grund til at kræve en undskyldning af Tom Ehman. Senere i samtalen læser Gary Jobson op fra et personligt brev som han kun har sendt til Kim Andersen. Det ligger fortsat i tråd med Tom Ehman udlægning af historien.

*"Efter at have set programmet står det klart, at der ikke er meget i det om mig, og slet intet om Scott Perry. Din eneste ærefulde mulighed er at give en undskyldning til Tom Ehman, Scott Perry og til mig selv. Kim; hav modet til at gøre det rigtige." Jeg fik dog aldrig noget svar, slutter han.*

### **Kim Andersens forklaring**

Tilbage er Kim Andersens egen forklaring. Den er på mange punkter identisk med Ehman og Jobson, men på to punkter adskiller den sig afgørende. Han fortæller, at han først hører om udsendelsen gennem fire oprørte NMAer som er nationale medlemmer af World Sailing. De fortæller, at Ehman i sin udsendelse meddeler, at hans kilder er to medlemmer af bestyrelsen.

*– Jeg lytter den så igennem, og siger det lyder underligt det her. Jeg gør det for at beskytte dem (Gary Jobson og Scott Perry). Jeg fremsender i et oplæg før mødet med et link til udsendelsen som de kan høre inden mødet. Fredag er der bestyrelsesmøde. Vi har punktet på når mødet er lukket. Vi taler om sagen. Alle har fået det tilsendt. Scott siger han vil lytte til det, for han har ikke set/hørt det endnu. Jeg sender et draft (til et klagebrev) ud i løbet af aftenen, for det har vi aftalt at jeg skal. Jeg sender det til dem og siger at de skal sende det til Tom Ehman og færdig med det. Scott har rette i det og det får jeg dagen efter. Jeg sender brevet med rettelserne til sekretæren i World Sailing og siger til hende "ret det til og send det".*

Men hvorfor gør du det? De skulle sende det selv og de skulle godkende det før det blev sendt.

*Jeg har ikke hørt, at de ikke har godkendt det. De siger, de har sagt det. Jeg har så bare aldrig hørt det.*

### **Ender som ny klage mod Kim Andersen?**

"I krig er sandheden det første offer," skrev den græske digter Aischylos. Og i dag ca. 2500 år senere rammer ordene fint de forhold, der hersker i World Sailing. Opsummerede bør det bemærkes, at der i udsendelsen den 18. februar på intet tidspunkt nævnes en Scott Macleod. Det er derfor på ingen måde "åbenlyst indlysende", som Scott Perry udtrykker det, at den Scott, der omtales, er Scott Macleod.

Det er imidlertid indlysende, at Kim Andersen begik en fejl, da han valgte at sende breve på vegne af Scott Perry og Gary Jobson med deres digitale underskrifter nederst uden deres accept. Begge fortæller, at de har vidner i bestyrelsen, der kan bekræfte, at de modsatte sig fremsendelse af brevet før Gary Jobson havde set udsendelsen og godkendt en eventuel klage. Begge siger, at de agter at tage sagen videre til World Sailings etiske komite om nogle uger, når der er kommet mere ro på hverdagen.

*Gary Jobson og jeg har talt om at tage passende tiltag, men på grund af de udfordringer vi står over for med coronavirus, økonomien, de Olympiske Lege og kvalifikationen til OL, så følte vi, at det ville være ekstremt egoistisk at starte sådanne tiltag op. Vi vil meget hellere vente til det her er overstået, siger Scott Perry og Gary Jobson tilslutter sig.*

Scott Perry overtalte mig til at vi venter nogle uger. Når der er kommet ro på vil vi sende en klage til etisk komite, siger han.

Kim Andersen fastholder, at han ikke hørte, at brevet ikke måtte sendes. Set i bakspejlet undrer han sig over forløbet.

*Kim Andersen mener, at i en normal situation, hvad ville der være sket der? Ja, så ville Sailing Illustrated sende et brev til World Sailing hvor det står; "det her, det er helt forkert". Så ville World Sailing sikkert sige; "Er det her virkelig helt forkert? Det må I meget undskylde". Og så ville den ikke længere. Hvorfor er det så, at de her to mennesker (Perry og Jobson) har behov for at undskylde før World Sailing har haft en chance for at tage stilling til det. Hele denne adfærd er dybt uprofessionel. Og jeg vil også sige, at det at sende brevet er uprofessionelt, hvis man har fået at vide, at man ikke skal gøre det.*

På Bådmagasinet har vi som nævnt valgt at holde os neutrale ved at lægge kortene på bordet så læserne selv kan danne sig et billede i denne spegede sag – vi håber det er lykkedes.

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Does the platform burn under Kim Andersen?

It has come at a very inconvenient time for Kim Andersen. Here, I'm not just thinking about coronavirus, which is responsible for canceling the Olympics and a series of canoeing events where World Sailing has obligations to its sponsors.

No, I'm thinking about the recent case brought to the peat by the US online media Sailing Illustrated.

The case is about the clumsy handling of a leak case. Two members of the World Sailing Board were cited as sources in connection with a history of poor economics brought by the medium of Sailing Illustrated. Kim Andersen's plan was to ask the two board members to send a written complaint to Sailing Illustrated host Tom Ehman, urging him to apologize and deny the allegations made in the broadcast.

But the case took an unexpected, and for Kim Andersen, very unfortunate turn.



## What is Sailing Illustrated

For those who haven't seen Sailing Illustrated, besides being a website, it also features a live broadcast of TFE Live, every Tuesday and Friday on Facebook, with host Tom Ehman talking through a number of boating-relevant topics.

### Objectively speaking

The following is a thorough review where Boat Magazine has spoken to the two board members Scott Perry and Gary Jobson, with World Sailing President Kim Andersen, and World Sailing Council member, DIF Vice President Hans Natorp, who has appeared in our research on the process.

This can be a serious matter for Kim Andersen, as a new case in the ethics committee threatens, but there are also several things that are not related in the various interpretations of the course of events. It is not our wish to party for one or the other party. Our ambition is to get all the cards on the table, from here you as a reader can make up your spreadsheet and assess who has the best case.

### Summary: We saw and heard at Boatmagasient

On February 18, Sailing Illustrated released a feature describing the economic conditions of World Sailing. Anonymous sources (one hears, ed.) have told Tom Ehmann that World Sailing is running at a deficit of between \$ 2 and \$ 3 million, partly because Kim Andersen has chosen to let World Sailing live at a costly address in London. The name Scott is mentioned in the aftermath of a longer report that World Sailing will be missing 3 million dollars in the coming four-year period, as TV money from the Olympics has been cut from \$ 15 to \$ 12 million dollars. Ehman also mentions board member Gary Jobson, who he says has been critical of former World Sailing director Andrew Hunt and that he has actively contributed to getting him fired. (See feature here, fast forward to about 42 mins red)

It is this broadcast that is at the heart of the matter. Sailing Illustrated's two sources are according to Kim Andersen board members Gary Jobson and Scott Perry. The latter is formerly responsible for the finances of World Sailing, while Gary Jobson is the author and board expert in communications. At no point in the entire broadcast is a Scott MacLeod mentioned.

### The case escalates

On March 4, Tom Ehman has news in the case. Tom Ehman can tell, (spool about 10 minutes from start, ed.) that the contents of the broadcast on February 18 were discussed at the World Sailing Board meeting on Saturday, February 29. According to Sailing Illustrated, Kim Andersen reports that board members Gary Jobson and Scot Perry are sources for Sailing Illustrated's history on February 18. During the meeting, a draft of a letter from the two World Sailing Board members to Tom Ehman is being prepared. The letter highlights that Gary Jobson and Scott Perry are mentioned in the feature on February 18 as sources of "misleading and inaccurate" information. Further in the letter, Jobson and Perry deny the accusations just as they find the attacks completely unfounded. The letter (see this, ed.) ends with Jobson and Perry asking Ehman and Sailing Illustrated to retract the statements, especially the claim that the two should be the source of the misinformation. The letter has both Scott Perry's and Gary Jobson's deposited electronic signatures.

Tom Ehman goes on to say that on March 2, he will receive the letter of complaint signed by Jobson and Perry. He calls Jobson and hears that he has written the complaint, which he denies,

and then he apologizes to Ehman. Tom Ehman mentions that he mentions a Scott immediately after discussing the conditions of the America's Cup team American Magic, where he mentions their commercial director Scott Macleod.

The next day, Ehman receives another apology, this time in an email from Scott Perry. (see the apology here, ed.) It appears from this email that neither he nor Gary Jobson has permitted their electronic signatures to be used without their consent. And as a not insignificant curl on the story, the letter written by Scott Perry also states that it is "obviously obvious" that the Scott that Tom Ehman mentions in the broadcast on February 18 is Scott Macleod of the New York City Yachtclub. As far as Sailing Illustrated's presentation on March 4.

Scott Perry: "He mentions me - No, not me"

Scott Perry talks over the phone about the prelude to the World Sailing Board meeting on February 28 and 29.

*Tom Ehman has a program on February 18, mentioning Gary Jobson in connection with the America's Cup. He also mentions me. No not me, but a Scott in connection with something ... what do you call it? ... sponsorship work. And apparently, hmm no not apparently, I've been listening to the program now, so of course he was talking about Scott Macleod, the commercial director of the New York Yacht Club's America's Cup challenge. Kim had apparently listened to this and actually thought Gary and I were talking about World Sailing and all the problems. So Kim sent the board an email stating that Tom Ehman had quoted Perry and Jobson in connection with all the problems World Sailing is facing financially.*

Then we are at the board meeting itself, where the closed doors discuss how to act in relation to the broadcast. There were eight board members present and two attorneys. It was talked back and forth about whether it was worth responding to a broadcast that few people know about.

During the meeting, Kim made a draft of a letter, Scott Perry continues - *I made some changes to the letter and sent it to him. But before I sent it, Gary Jobson said; "This letter must not be sent until I have had a chance to hear Tom Ehman's program from February 18th." It was quite clear and it was stated at the board meeting. I have since had it confirmed by several board members.*

When asked why he corrected the letter and sent it back to Kim Andersen, when he did not agree with the content, he says that *he corrected the text from "I" to "we", based on a grammatical assessment, since you can not have a letter signed by two people and at the same time I write in the letter's text, says Perry.*

But could Kim Andersen interpret a directed letter and a change from "I" to "we" as an acceptance of the content from both you and Jobson?

*You are absolutely right if it was only about one person, but this is about two people, with one clearly saying that he will have to listen to the program first. I have a lot of confidence in Gary Jobson. I thought I'd let Gary listen to the program, which is almost two hours long, and let him decide if it's appropriate to send the letter, says Scott Perry.*

According to Scott Perry, the response to the letter being sent without approval was strong.

*We were very angry when we found out that the letter had been sent as there was a common understanding in the board that nothing had to be sent before Gary heard the program. Since then, I have listened to the program, and to me it is clear that the one Scott Tom Ehman is talking about*

*is Scott Macleod. I have since apologized to Tom Ehman pr. letter. Gary Jobson apologized over the phone. And now we're just waiting for Kim to apologize, says Scott Perry.*

Gary Jobson: Have the courage - do the right Kim!

Gary Jobson's interpretation of the case is virtually identical to Tom Ehman's. We jump into the process on Friday, February 28, when the sanctions against Tom Ehman's broadcast on February 18 were discussed by the World Sailing Board.

*Don't send the letter until I've heard what he has to say. And if there is anything imprecise, then I will take that passage to Ehman. Later that night, Scott sent his letter back to Kim with some corrections. I don't know why he did it, but he did, says Gary Jobson.*

From there, chronology and explanation are exactly the same as Ehman's.

Over the phone, Gary Jobson reads a letter he sent to the board after Ehman received the letters. Among other things, he reads a transcript of the relevant part of Ehman's 1 hour and 42 mi long program from February 18.

Jobson is mentioned solely in connection with his efforts to dismiss former CEO Andrew Hunt. After reading the transcript, Gary Jobson continues reading the letter to the board, stating, among other things, that the name Scott Perry is not mentioned in the broadcast, but that there is a reference to Scott Macleod from the New York Yacht Club. Therefore, he sees no reason to demand an apology from Tom Ehman. Later in the conversation, Gary Jobson reads from a personal letter that he only sent to Kim Andersen. It remains in line with Tom Ehman's interpretation of the story.

*"After watching the program, it is clear that there is not much in it about me, and nothing at all about Scott Perry. Your only honorable opportunity is to apologize to Tom Ehman, Scott Perry and to myself. Kim; have the courage to do the right thing." However, I never got an answer, he concludes.*

Kim Andersen explanation

Back is Kim Andersen's own explanation. It is in many respects identical to Ehman and Jobson, but in two respects it differs significantly. He says he first heard about the broadcast through four upset NMAs who are national members of World Sailing. They say that in his broadcast, Ehman announces that his sources are two members of the board.

*– I then listen to it and say it sounds weird this. I do it to protect them (Gary Jobson and Scott Perry). I submit in a presentation before the meeting with a link to the broadcast which they can hear before the meeting. Friday there is a board meeting. We have the point on when the meeting is closed. We're talking about the case. Everyone has received it. Scott says he wants to listen to it, because he hasn't seen / heard it yet. I send out a draft (for a letter of complaint) during the evening, because we have agreed that I should. I send it to them and tell them to send it to Tom Ehman and finish it. Scott is right and I get it the day after. I send the letter with the corrections to the secretary of World Sailing and tell her "correct it and send it".*

But why do you do it? They had to send it themselves and they had to approve it before it was sent.

*I have not heard that they have not approved it. They say they have said it. I just never heard it.*

End up as a new complaint against Kim Andersen?

"In war, the truth is the first sacrifice," wrote the Greek poet Aischylos. And today approx. 2500 years later, the words nicely hit the conditions prevailing in World Sailing. In summary, it should be noted that the broadcast on February 18 does not mention a Scott Macleod at any time. Therefore, it is by no means "obviously obvious", as Scott Perry expresses, that the Scott referred to is Scott Macleod.

However, it is obvious that Kim Andersen made a mistake when he chose to send letters on behalf of Scott Perry and Gary Jobson with their digital signatures at the bottom without their acceptance. Both say they have witnesses on the board who can confirm they opposed sending the letter before Gary Jobson had seen the broadcast and approved a possible complaint. Both say they intend to take the matter to the World Sailing Ethics Committee in a few weeks, when there is more peace of life.

*Gary Jobson and I have talked about taking appropriate action, but because of the challenges we face with the coronavirus, the economy, the Olympic Games and the qualification for the Olympics, we felt it would be extremely selfish to start such action. We would much rather wait until this is over, says Scott Perry and Gary Jobson joining.*

Scott Perry convinced me to wait a few weeks. When we have settled down, we will send a complaint to the ethics committee, he says.

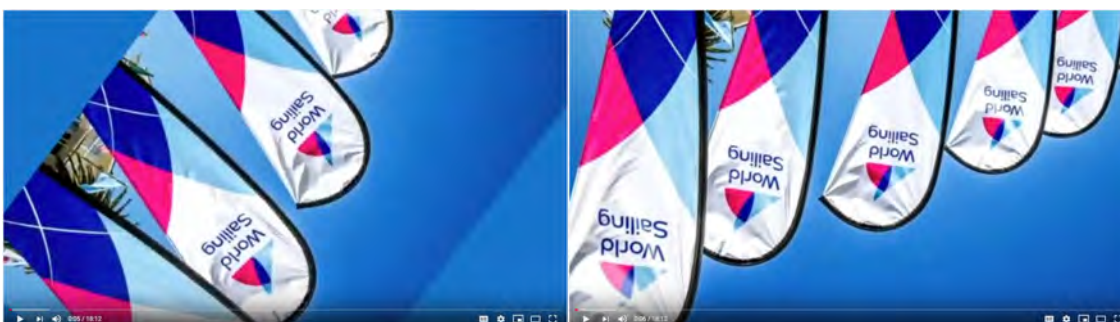
Kim Andersen maintains that he did not hear that the letter should not be sent. In retrospect, he wonders what happened.

*Kim Andersen thinks that in a normal situation, what would have happened? Yes, then Sailing Illustrated would send a letter to World Sailing where it says; "This, it's totally wrong". Then World Sailing would probably say; "Is this really really wrong? You must apologize very much." And then it would no longer. Why is it that these two people (Perry and Jobson) need to apologize before World Sailing has had a chance to make a decision on it. This whole behavior is deeply unprofessional. And I would also say that sending the letter is unprofessional if you have been told not to.*

At Boat Magazine, as mentioned, we have chosen to stay neutral by putting the cards on the table so that the readers can form their own picture in this pointed case – we hope it has succeeded.

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[Transcription]

[~16:34 – Tom Ehman:] “We all know the organisation is upside-down financially and otherwise and two weeks, almost two weeks ago, for the first time that I’ve heard an interview by anybody, this was Gary Jobson, the US vice-president, gave an interview to a new friend of ours [...], to a Norwegian sailing magazine called Seil Magasin and I think it’s really important. [...]”

[Mr Ehman replays Mr Gary Jobson’s phone interview by Mikkel Thomessen from Seil Magasinet, Norway]



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## World Sailing's financial challenges become 'more acute' - Board member



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World Sailing President, Kim Andersen © Tom Roberts / World Sailing

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**The authoritative Olympic and Commonwealth Games daily newsletter, InsideTheGames.biz is reporting that World Sailing is hoping to be thrown a financial lifeline from the International Olympic Committee, now that the payout from the Tokyo2020 has been delayed until the Olympic Games have actually been held.**

Report from InsideTheGames.biz:

*A senior World Sailing official has called on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to advance the organisation its share of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games revenue after admitting the postponement of the event had worsened the governing body's precarious financial situation.*

*World Sailing vice-president Scott Perry told insidethegames pushing back the Games until 2021 "has made our financial challenges more acute" and said the IOC had not yet indicated that an advance would be forthcoming.*

*The Games being postponed by a year has placed additional pressure on International Federations, particularly those who rely heaviest on the payout from the IOC to survive.*

*Federations have also been left with an uncertain financial future because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has sparked a near-total shutdown of sport across the world.*



*President Kim Andersen addresses the World Sailing's Council at the Mid-Year Meeting in London, Great Britain, as Vice President Gary Jobson looks on Sunday 19 May. - photo © Daniel Smith*

*The IOC, which refused to answer questions on Tokyo 2020 payments last week, paid out a total of \$520 million (£420 million/€476 million) to International Federations after the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.*

*The money is distributed using a system where federations are ranked according to their audience and size.*

*World Sailing, which sits in the fourth group of federations alongside the likes of canoeing, fencing, handball and wrestling, received \$12 million (£9.7 million/€11 million) from the IOC for Rio 2016.*

*The London-based worldwide governing body had forecast an Olympic dividend of £12.24 million (\$15.1 million/€13.9 million) from Tokyo 2020, which accounts for some 47 percent of expected quadrennial revenue.*

*It is not clear how much Federations stood to receive from the IOC for Tokyo 2020 and it has been suggested the amount could be less or around the same as Rio 2016 owing to issues caused by the coronavirus pandemic.*

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While the International Olympic Committee does have a contingency fund this is not sufficient to cover the full quadrennial payment to all 28 Sports in the Summer Olympic Sports.

Earlier Perry had given an interview to Mikkel Thommessen of Norwegian sailing magazine *Seil* indicating (allowing for the accuracy of auto-translation) that the world body had some serious financial challenges. [Click here to read the full interview](#) - click on the appropriate icon for a auto-translation.

World Sailing has held two Board Meetings are believed to have been held in the last two weeks, the last being earlier this week, where the financial situation of the World body was the main topic. In the Minutes of Board Meetings held in October, December, January and a two day meeting London at the end of February, the financial section is covered by a standard text or similar to that of February 2020: *"The Board received and discussed the January 2020 management accounts and cashflow. The Board will continue to closely monitor the accounts and cashflow."*

Then six weeks later there is an unforeseeable financial crisis?

From information given at the World Sailing Council Meeting and Annual Meeting held last October/November in Bermuda. World Sailing was forecast to have just UKP35,000 in the bank at the end of December 2019. The organisation had been battling a worsening financial outlook for most of last year, and the forecasts presented in Bermuda showed that in a "worst case" scenario, the world body had a deficit of UKP1.30million in August 2020.

That was immediately before the first of two instalments of a payment from the IOC (made to all participating sports, which provide 60% of the organisation's income) for the period 2020-2024. The other income sources include subscriptions from Member National Authorities and sponsorship income from various sources. With the cancellation of some events and maybe more to come, it is likely that the expected sponsorship will not be realised, acerbating World Sailing's parlous financial position.

It was claimed the UKP1.30million deficit was the result of non-recurring expenses of UKP1.7million, spent in the period 2017-2020.

Responding to a question made towards the end of the November 2019 Council Meeting, Perry (a long-standing WS Director) disclosed that going into the current quadrennium World Sailing had UKP600,000 in the bank plus the 2016 Olympic payout of UKP9.7million for a total of UKP10,300,000 cash assets. The Olympic payment is received in two payments - 90% in October in the Olympic year and 10% in the year following. World Sailing then divides this dividend into four and applies it to each of the four years in the upcoming quadrennial. The IOC requires that it is spent on the development of the sport and future Olympians, and not to cover the cost overheads of the International Federations of which World Sailing is one.



The top table - Vice Presidents, Gary Jobson centre and Scott Perry (right) - World Sailing's Annual Conference is in Bermuda from 29 October to 3 November, 2019 - photo © Tom Roberts

With the 20 year lease was up on the World Sailing HQ in Southampton, in 2017, the world body undertook an evaluation of six options and settled on Paddington, London one of the most expensive commercial cities in the world. At that point World Sailing had a major four-year sponsorship with Gazprom which pumped UKP4million onto the top line of World Sailing. Unfortunately, the multinational energy corporation headquartered in St Petersburg, Russia, pulled the sponsorship after one year, having a major impact on the bottom line for World Sailing. While some additional sources of sponsorship were signed, they were not sufficient to cover the gap left by Gazprom, and the financial free-fall began.



The Board's financial parachute was to draw against the 2020 IOC payout from Tokyo2020, prior to it being received. Of course, that would mean the world body would start the next quadrennium with some of the 2020-2024 period's income already spent. The amount of that payment could only be estimated - which may have been more or less than the Rio 2016 payment.

To cover the expected UKP1.30m deficit World Sailing's Board decided to obtain a bank overdraft facility secured against the World Sailing Investment Trusts of UKP2.7million. World Sailing cannot draw on this so-called "doomsday account" established around the turn of the 21st century, under then President Paul Henderson, but it can borrow/secure a financial facility against the Trust funds.

### **Move triggers spend-up**

Due to a consolidation of items in the management accounts, the actual cost of the move to London and ongoing costs are not clear, there is obviously an annual rental, but information was also given in Bermuda that the relocation to London cost UKP1.1m including Capex. There was a rent-free period to the value of UKP760,000 which was to be spread over the term of the lease in the presented accounts. A total of UKP1.7million was spent on "non-recurring investments in our future".

One component of those costs are believed to be the UKP300,000 spent on a Governance Review and implementation.

The proposed new Constitution from that exercise was rejected in Bermuda as it failed to achieve the required 75% vote to pass - falling well short with only 66% of the membership being in favour. A re-jigged version of the Constitution was slated to be put before an Extraordinary General Meeting in May, however that meeting was called off after the world airlines began their shutdown following the COVID-19 crisis, but not before over 40 member national authorities had called for the meeting to not be held and delayed, if necessary until later in the year, at the Annual Conference in Abu Dhabi. An event fee for that conference, was treated as revenue in advance in the management accounts presented in Bermuda.

A further UKP300,000 was spent on the first phase of a "digital re-platformisation".



470's racing on Rio 2016 Day 4 in the Atlantic Ocean, the extent of the IOC's pay out from the 2020 Olympics is yet to be determined - photo © Richard Gladwell

## Ethics Committee referral

Yesterday, on [SailingIllustrated.com](http://SailingIllustrated.com) starting at 16m30sec an interview was shown between highly respected Board Member Gary Jobson and Mikkel Thommessen of Norwegian sailing magazine Seil.

In that interview, Jobson revealed that he had put World Sailing's Ethics Committee on notice that he would be lodging a complaint once the COVID-19 situation had moderated. The complaint is believed to relate to a letter sent on March 2, 2020 complaining of comments broadcast two weeks earlier on February 18 - claiming that Scott Perry and Gary Jobson had disclosed confidential information to the show host, the very well connected Tom Ehman. The letter, above Jobson and Perry's "signatures" required a retraction of the comments "and especially your claim that we are the source of your misinformation".



World Sailing's former headquarters in Southampton, located on the waters-edge alongside the Cowes ferry terminal - photo © Richard Gladwell / Sail-World.com

The letter was sent on World Sailing letterhead and with the signatures of the two Vice Presidents copied and pasted on the document. It transpired that neither Jobson or Perry had given their permission for their signatures to be attached.

A day after the World Sailing letter, on March 3, Scott Perry sent an email of apology and explanation to Ehman, saying that the President of World Sailing had drafted the letter of March 2, and that neither Perry or Jobson had given their permission for the letter, with the allegedly forged signatures, to be sent.

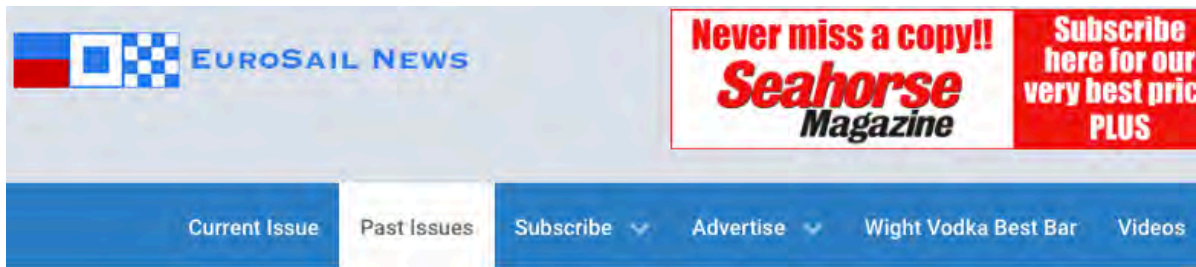
Perry noted in his email that World Sailing had got the wrong "Scott" and that Ehman's information and comments had in fact come from statements by Scott Macleod, a global sports marketing expert with a strong sailing experience across many high profile sailing events.



Last October, the controversial CEO of World Sailing, Andy Hunt, resigned abruptly after America's Cup champions Emirates Team New Zealand issued a statement accusing Hunt of "attempting to circumvent the (Event Sanctioning Fee) process by contacting the NZ Government." Hunt's intervention was believed to be an attempt to force Defenders into making a settlement at a much higher figure than had been the practice at previous America's Cup and other Special Events which have to pay a Sanctioning Fee to World Sailing.

A few days later World Sailing announced Hunt's resignation. A search for his successor is still under way.





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### World Sailing - Another foot in mouth incident

A row has broken out between World Sailing and Sailing Illustrated, the American on-line sailing news show.

World Sailing (WS) President Kim Andersen accused Sailing Illustrated presenter Tom Ehman of publishing false statements about the WS financial position, on the 18 February show.

Andersen apparently informed the World Sailing board that Ehman had mentioned WS Vice-Presidents, Gary Jobson and Scott Perry, as the source of the information indicating that WS had financial problems.

Andersen then drafted a letter which he urged Gary Jobson and Scott Perry to sign.

This they refused to do, as they wanted to review the programme content first.

But ... the letter was sent to Ehman with Jobson and Scott Perry's electronic signatures attached, without their permission.

Scott Perry then followed that letter with his own letter to Tom Ehman, 'apologising for the sad confusion' in the unapproved letter, and accepting that the Scott mentioned on the programme was Scott Macleod and not himself, Scott Perry.

Tom Ehman denies discussing the WS financial situation with either Gary Jobson or Scott Perry.

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## World Sailing: Kampvalget er en realitet

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Valgkamp til november er en realitet. Kim Andersen vs. Gerardo Seeliger - indtil videre. Der kan nå at dukke flere kandidater op. Her får du Bådmagasinet's analytiske gennemgang og kommentar på kommende valgkamp.

**Analytisk kommentar:** Præsident for World Sailing Kim Andersen er klar til endnu en tørn, når der til november skal være valg i forbundet. Det skriver webmediet [insidethegames.biz](https://insidethegames.biz).

Som det ser ud lige nu, så er årets generalforsamling henlagt til at finde sted ultimo oktober/primus november i Abu Dhabi, men det forlyder at en ny location kunne være i bestyrelsens overvejelser – her vil London nok ikke være noget dårligt bud.

**Læs også:** [DIF-støttet dansk præsident i strid modvind](#)

Da Kim Andersen startede sin første valgkampagne omkring perioden ved OL i Rio (august 2016, red.) var det med budskabet om tid til forandring, større åbenhed og i det hele taget 'good governance'. Italienske Carlo Croce havde ikke haft succes i hans kun 4-årige regeringsperiode, og det var næsten oplagt at der skulle nye kræfter til. Alligevel måtte Kim Andersen ud i kampvalg, og det var først i tredje runde at sejren over først den tidligere præsident Paul Henderson, og i anden runde Carl Croce, var hjemme.

Når World Sailing holder årsmøde og generalforsamling til november i Abu Dhabi (måske London, red.), så er yderligere fire ud af ni i bestyrelsen på valg.

### **Fire hårde år**

Den nuværende bestyrelse har været fire meget hårde år igennem. De arvede deres CEO Andy Hunt (fra Croce, red.) – en vis herre som havde nogle skibrudne idrætskampagner på cv'et, og det må betegnes som Andy Huns' spidskompetence at bruge penge.

Udover en meget stor mislykket sponsoraftale med russiske Gazprom, så blev der samtidig brugt for mange penge i World Sailing. Udover en ekstrem dyr husleje i centrum af London, så har jeg ingen forudsætninger for at sige præcis hvor der er brugt for mange penge, men én ting er fakta baseret viden, World Sailing er i store likviditetsproblemer, idet man nu må lånefinansiere driften i op til to år inden man modtager de 'olympiske penge'.

Enhver bestyrelse med økonomiske udfordringer er en stækket bestyrelse. Andy Hunt valgte at forlade sin stilling (!) umiddelbart inden generalforsamlingen i 2019, billedet af det 'stunt' - Hunt, kunne ligne en kaptajn der hopper i redningsflåden lige inden skuden synker, og efterladende passagerer om bord – ikke kønt.

Den nuværende bestyrelses valgperioden har dog, ifølge World Sailing Council medlem Hans Natorp, også været fyldt med gode beslutninger og sejre.

Det som har fyldt mest i de internationale medier, og her på Bådmagasinet, har været de 'slåskampe' som kritikerne har haft succes med at udstille. Set herfra har det været sagerne:

- Afstemningen om Finnjollen status som OL båd tilbage i 2018, hvilket medførte en sag i etisk råd mod Kim Andersen og Andy Hunt – de blev ikke dømt.
- Sagen om Iker Martinez som slap for straf efter hans snyd ved VM i Aarhus
- Flytningen af WS kontor fra Southampton til London
- En ikke godkendt ny struktur for WS på Bermuda 2019 – brugt meget tid og mange penge på den satsning.
- Seneste – 'Underskriftsagaen' hvor en ny sag i etisk komite truer, hvis ikke en enig bestyrelse rejser et mistillidsvotum til Kim Andersen?
- Økonomien i World Sailing generelt

### **Knæfald for IOC?**

Deres signatur vil ganske kort forsøge at bringe et par betragtninger på banen, som kan virke som en stor udfordring for bestyrelsen, frem mod valget i november 2020.

Forandringerne vedr. OL-disciplinerne som vedtages af World Sailing påstås nødvendige, og nærmest krævet af IOC. Sejlsporten er i sagens natur ikke en tv-venlig sportsgren, og på IOC' rangliste kæmper sejlsporten som besat for at forblive som en OL sportsgren. Sejlsporten skal gøres tv-venlig. Samtidig ønsker IOC flere kvinder med ved OL, og går efter en 50/50 fordeling ved OL i Paris 2024.

Det er svært at gøre sejlsporten tv-venlig, så hvad er mere naturligt end at skynde sig at gøre sejlsporten m/k-neutral - så kan IOC da ikke hælde sejlsporten ned af brættet af den årsag!

Det knæfald for IOC skaber problemer blandt landene verden rundt. Sagen er at m/k-fordeling i sejlsporten på verdensplan ligger på 75/25 i m's favør, og derfor skaber det stor frustration blandt sejlere og nationer, at man implementerer en 50/50 løsning i OL 2024. Sådant en diskussion skaber naturligvis dønninger, og WS har ikke formået at skabe forståelse ude i sejlermiljøet for de krav man er op imod som en olympisk sport.

Når WS ønsker at føje IOC mere end hvad der egentlig kræves, så handler det om penge - mange penge.

Tidligere har World Sailing modtaget 15 millioner US\$ hver 4-årig periode. Et svimlende beløb, som i den grad holder forbundet flydende, og er WS største indtægtskilde i den fireårige periode mellem OL. Dette, sammenholdt med store sponsorkontrakter skaber det økonomiske grundlag for World Sailing.

Som tidligere nævnt, så forhandlede man for år tilbage (under Carlo Croce, red.) med den store russiske Gazprom koncern, men sponsorkontrakten faldt til jorden. Hvis det er rigtigt, at man har brugt penge som man mente var på vej, så findes der både 'fugle på taget' – og et 'skind man ikke skal sælge' ... i mine øjne ufatteligt, at det kan gå så galt!

Bestyrelsen i World Sailing har malet sig op i et hjørne. De ønsker en ny struktur som skal tilføre bestyrelsen mere magt, de er repræsentanter for en økonomi som hænger i laser, endnu mere efter en udskydelse af OL til 2021, og har i manges øjne flere 'skandale' sager hængende. Man har truffet de upopulære beslutninger for at føje IOC, for at sikre fremtidens økonomi, men samtidig fejlet al kritik til side. Vi taler om sejlsport – en dybt konservativ sportsgren, og mit spørgsmål slutter med - Har bestyrelsen i World Sailing begået kollektivt harakiri, ved i økonomisk panik at føje IOC i et for højt tempo, som ikke var nødvendigt?

Tiden vil vise om Kim Andersen overlever. En ting er sikkert – der bliver kampvalg, den første modkandidat meldte sig allerede på banen i april 2019, og Kim Andersen skal kæmpe mod spanske Gerardo Seeliger, en yderst respekteret herre med stort internationalt netværk, og dybe forbindelser til IOC.



[Google translation]

World Sailing: The battle choice is a reality

Analytical Commentary: President of World Sailing Kim Andersen is ready for another drought when there is a November election. It writes the web medium insidethegames.biz.

As it seems right now, this year's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place at the end of October / early November in Abu Dhabi, but it is reported that a new location could be in the board's deliberations - here London will probably not be a bad bid.

Also read: DIF-supported Danish president in headwinds

When Kim Andersen started her first election campaign around the Rio Olympics (August 2016, ed.), It was with the message of time for change, greater openness and overall 'good governance'. Italian Carlo Croce had not been successful in his only four-year reign, and it was almost obvious that new forces were needed. Still, Kim Andersen had to make a run for election, and it was only in the third round that victory over former President Paul Henderson, and in the second round Carl Croce, was at home.

When World Sailing holds its annual general meeting and November general meeting in Abu Dhabi (maybe London, ed.), Another four out of nine on the board are up for election.

Four tough years

The current board of directors has been through four very tough years. They inherited their CEO Andy Hunt (from Croce, ed.) - a wise gentleman who had some ski-breaking sports campaigns on the resume, and it must be called Andy Huns' top-notch spending money.

In addition to a very large failed sponsorship deal with Russian Gazprom, at the same time too much money was spent in World Sailing. Besides an extremely expensive rent in central London, I have no qualifications to say exactly where much money has been spent, but one thing is fact-based knowledge, World Sailing is in big liquidity problems, since it is now necessary to borrow operations up for two years before receiving the 'Olympic money'.

Any board with financial challenges is a board of directors. Andy Hunt chose to leave his position (!) Immediately before the 2019 General Assembly, the image of the 'stunt' - Hunt, could look like a captain jumping in the liferaft just before the ship sinks, leaving passengers on board - not pretty.

However, according to World Sailing Council member Hans Natorp, the current board term has also been filled with good decisions and victories.

What has filled most in the international media, and here at Boat magazine, have been the 'battles' that critics have been successful in exhibiting. From this point of view it has been the cases:

- The vote on Finnjollen's status as an Olympic boat back in 2018, which led to a case in the ethics council against Kim Andersen and Andy Hunt - they were not convicted.
- The case of Iker Martinez who escaped punishment after his cheating at the World Cup in Aarhus
- The relocation of the WS office from Southampton to London

- An unapproved new structure for WS at Bermuda 2019 - spent a lot of time and money on that venture.
- Latest - The 'signature saga' where a new case in the ethics committee threatens, if not a consensus board raises a distrust vote for Kim Andersen?
- The economy of World Sailing in general

Kneeling for the IOC?

Their signature will very briefly try to bring a couple of considerations to the board, which may seem like a major challenge to the board, towards the November 2020 elections.

The changes regarding The Olympic disciplines adopted by World Sailing are allegedly necessary, and practically required by the IOC. Sailing is by nature not a TV-friendly sport, and on the IOC's ranking, sailing is struggling as obsessed to remain as an Olympic sport. The boating must be made TV friendly. At the same time, the IOC wants more women to attend the Olympics, and goes for a 50/50 distribution at the Paris Olympics in 2024.

It's hard to make boating TV-friendly, so what's more natural than rushing to do boating with neutral / neutral - then IOC can't pour boating down the board for that reason!

The knee drop for the IOC is causing problems among countries around the world. The thing is that m / k distribution in sailing worldwide is 75/25 in m's favor, which is why it creates great frustration among sailors and nations that a 50/50 solution is implemented in the Olympics 2024. Such a discussion naturally creates swells , and WS has failed to create an understanding in the sailing environment of the demands you are facing as an Olympic sport.

When WS wants to add IOC more than what is really required, it's all about money - a lot of money.

Previously, World Sailing received US \$ 15 million every 4-year period. A staggering amount, which keeps the connection flowing, and is WS's largest source of revenue in the four-year period between the Olympics. This, in conjunction with major sponsorship contracts, provides the financial basis for World Sailing.

As mentioned earlier, years ago (under Carlo Crooce, ed.), Negotiations were held with the large Russian Gazprom group, but the sponsorship contract fell to the ground. If it is true that you have spent money that you thought was coming, then there are both 'birds on the roof' - and a 'skin you should not sell' ... in my opinion inconceivable that it can go so wrong!

The board of World Sailing has painted itself into a corner. They want a new structure that will give the board more power, they represent a laser-dependent economy, even more after a postponement of the 2021 Olympics, and in many eyes have more 'scandal' cases pending. The unpopular decisions have been made to add IOC, to secure the economy of the future, but at the same time swept all criticism aside. We're talking about boating - a deeply conservative sport, and my question ends - Has the World Sailing Board committed collective harakiri, by adding in economic panic to the IOC at an excessive rate that was not necessary?

Time will tell if Kim Andersen survives. One thing is for sure - there will be a choice of matches, the first counterpart already announced on the field in April 2019, and Kim Andersen has to fight against Spanish Gerardo Seeliger, a highly respected gentleman with a large international network, and deep connections to the IOC.



## World Sailing: Presset øges mod præsident Kim Andersen

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En ny sag i etisk råd mod Kim Andersen. Denne gang anlagt af World Sailings egne bestyrelsesmedlemmer Gary Jobson og Scott Perry, som overfor Bådmagasinet har bekræftet at der kører en sag, men ikke ønsker at udtale sig så længe denne kører.

Præsident i World Sailing, danske Kim Andersen, befinder sig under et tiltagende pres, efter en lang række belastende sager og anklager. World Sailings økonomi er i krise, og en del af forklaringen er dispositioner foretaget af Andersen og den tidligere CEO Andy Hunt. Norske seilmagasinet.no har bragt en serie artikler som stiller spørgsmålstegn, ikke alene ved Andersens beslutninger, men også om hans troværdighed, åbenhed og kommunikation med bestyrelse og omverdenen i øvrigt.

### **Forkert registrerede stemmer?**

Uroen omkring Andersens lederskab kom første gang til overfladen i forbindelse med afstemningen om kommende olympiske klasser i efteråret 2018.

Afstemningen blev haste-gennemført ved hjælp af et online-produkt som ikke var beregnet til egentlige afstemninger, og fire stemmeberettigede Council-medlemmer hævdede bagefter, at deres stemme var blevet forkert registreret. Kritikken blev affejet, og resultatet fastholdt – ledelsens forslag blev vedtaget på trods af problemerne. I kølvandet på kritikken hyrede Andersen og Hunt et konsulentfirma, som frikendte dem for alle fejl. En efterfølgende sag i World Sailings etiske komité endte også med at frikende Andersen.

### **Etisk sag nummer to**

I sidste uge blev sag nummer to mod Kim Andersen anlagt i etisk komité, denne gang indbragt af hans egne to vicepræsidenter, Gary Jobson og Scott Perry. De klager over at Andersen har anbragt deres signaturer på et brev til Tom Ehman og sejlsportsmediet Sailing Illustrated – ifølge dem selv, uden deres viden eller godkendelse. I brevet bliver Ehman anklaget for at misinformere i sin kritik af Andersen, og pålagt at undskylde og korrigere. Hverken Jobson eller Perry er enig i den vurdering, og oplever at deres navne er blevet misbrugt af Andersen. Perry har ligefrem sendt Ehman en uforbeholden skriftlig undskyldning. Nu indbringer de altså deres egen præsident for etisk komité.

### **Mere end 25 millioner dyrere**

Den næste belastende historie handler også om etik og moral. Som mange vil vide, er dagsordenen i World Sailing lige nu koncentreret omkring økonomien, som ligger i ruiner. En af årsagerne er aflysningen af sommerens OL – en beslutning som har store omkostninger for alle idrætsforbund verden over.

Men allerede inden Corona-krisen, var den gal med økonomien i World Sailing. For godt to år siden flyttede organisationen fra forholdsvis billige lokaler i Southampton, til ekstremt dyre lokaler centralt i London. Norske seilmagasinet.no har gravet i sagen om World Sailings økonomiske fallit, og kan fortælle at organisationens tiårige lejekontrakt i London medførte en meromkostning på minimum tre millioner pund, svarende til 25 millioner danske kroner. Yderligere har der været flytteomkostninger på 1,1 millioner pund, svarende til et sted mellem ni og ti millioner kroner.

### **Gamle kontorer stadig tomme**

Konfronteret med kritik af beslutningen om den voldsomt dyre flytning, forsvarer Kim Andersen sig med at sige, at World Sailing var tvunget til at flytte lokaler, eftersom deres kontrakt på lejemålet i Southampton ophørte. De var derfor – med kort varsel – nødt til at finde nye kontorer. *"Jeg vidste ikke at lejekontrakten ophørte allerede i april/maj 2017, så vi havde fire-fem måneder til at flytte"*, siger Andersen i et interview med senior chief reporter Liam Morgan fra insidethegames.org. Artiklen blev også bragt hos det anerkendte sejlsportsmedie [Scuttlebutt her](#).

### **Ville selv flytte**

Seilmagasinetns journalist [Mikkel Thommessen har i et interview](#), spurgt Andersen om de virkelig var tvunget til at flytte fra Southampton. Det bekræfter han. Andersen siger ligeledes, at beslutningen om at flytte var truffet af den foregående ledelse.

Men er det nu også sandt? Det har Thommessen undersøgt. Det viser sig, at World Sailings gamle kontorer i Southampton stadig står tomme, næsten tre år efter at organisationen flyttede ud.

Mikkel Thommessen har kontaktet norske Arve Sundheim, som var generalsekretær i WS (den gang under navnet ISAF, red.) i årene 1995 til 2007.

Det var Sundheim, som i sin tid oprettede kontrakten på lejemålet i Southampton. Der var tale om en kontrakt, som ganske rigtig ophørte i 2017, men som sagtens kunne forlænges, fortæller Sundheim. For at få det bekræftet, kontaktede han for nyligt administratoren af lejemålet, som kunne fortælle at årsagen til flytningen var, at ledelsen mente at en international organisation som WS burde have kontorer i London – og altså ikke, at de var blevet opsagt fra lejemålet. Kontrakten udløb ja, men den kunne genforhandles og World Sailing var ikke tvunget til at flytte.

### **Millionkontrakt udenom bestyrelsens godkendelse**

De seneste dage er presset på Andersen øget yderligere, efter at Mikkel Thommessen har afsløret at en millionkontrakt med PR-bureauet TSE blev signeret, i følge Mikkel Tommessen, uden bestyrelsens godkendelse, kort efter at Andersen tiltrådte som præsident. TSE havde forinden hjulpet Andersen med den valgkampagne, som endte med at han fik posten som præsident. Efterfølgende fik TSE højt betalte opgaver for World Sailing. Det skete uden at opgaven havde været sendt i udbud – noget reglerne, ifl. Mikkel Tommessen, i WS ellers kræver.

*"Kontrakten blev underskrevet 24. november", skriver Thommessen, "og allerede i december 2016 blev de første udbetalinger til TSE foretaget, uden bestyrelsens vidende. Først efter at World Sailing Audit Committee, et organ som blandt andet er sat til at følge med på forbundets ind- og udbetalinger, opdagede overførslerne til TSE et stykke ud i 2017, blev bestyrelsen informeret om sagen." [Artiklen kan læses i sin helhed her.](#)*

### **Hævder at bestyrelsen kendte til aftalen**

**I en opfølgende artikel** hævder Kim Andersen imidlertid at bestyrelsen kendte til aftalen, og at der foreligger dokumentation for alle udbetalinger til TSE. Dokumentationen er dog endnu ikke fremlagt, og der er hellere ikke fremlagt referater eller andet fra bestyrelsesmøder, som viser at bestyrelsen var officielt orienteret, eller havde indflydelse på beslutningen.

### **Danmarks Olympiske Komité betalte regningen**

Vicepresident i Dansk Idrætsforbund, Hans Natorp, var generalsekretær i Dansk Sejlunion da Kim Andersen blev valgt til præsident i World Sailing, og var involveret i arbejdet med valgkampagnen. Han siger til Seilmagasinet, at det er Danmarks Olympiske Komité og Dansk Sejlunion, som betalte TSE for hjælp med valgkampen.

Spørgsmålet er dog stadig hvordan det gik til, at TSE efterfølgende fik højt betalte opgaver af World Sailing. Hvem var med til at træffe den beslutning, og hvordan blev der orienteret om den?

### **Må Andersen træde af?**

Kim Andersen stiller officielt op til genvalg til efteråret, mod den spanske modkandidat Gerardo Seeliger. Lige nu er det svært at se hvordan et genvalg skal være muligt. Kilder Bådmagasinet er i kontakt med, fortæller at der lige nu er et stærkt pres på Andersen, for at få ham til at træde tilbage allerede nu, og at han ikke længere har støtte og tillid fra majoriteten i hans egen bestyrelse.

Vi følger op på sagen med reaktioner på situationen, og håber på at få svar på de mange spørgsmål som rejser sig – dels fra Dansk Sejlunion, og dels fra Kim Andersen selv.

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World Sailing: Pressure is increasing against President Kim Andersen

A new case in ethics council against Kim Andersen. This time brought by World Sailing's own board members Gary Jobson and Scott Perry, who have confirmed to the Boat Magazine that a case is running but do not want to comment as long as it is running.

The president of World Sailing, Danish Kim Andersen, is under increasing pressure, after a number of burdensome cases and charges. World Sailing's economy is in crisis, and part of the explanation is divestments made by Andersen and former CEO Andy Hunt. Norwegian seilmagasinet.no has published a series of articles that question not only Andersen's decisions, but also his credibility, openness and communication with the board and the rest of the world.

Wrong recorded votes?

The unrest over Andersen's leadership came to the surface for the first time in the upcoming 2018 Olympic Classes poll. that their vote had been incorrectly recorded. The criticism was dismissed and the result maintained - the management's proposal was adopted despite the problems. In the wake of the criticism, Andersen and Hunt hired a consulting firm that acquitted them of all errors. A subsequent case in the World Sailing Ethics Committee also ended up acquitting Andersen.

Ethical case number two

Last week, case two against Kim Andersen was brought to ethics committee, this time brought by his own two vice presidents, Gary Jobson and Scott Perry. They complain that Andersen has placed their signatures on a letter to Tom Ehman and the sailing media Sailing Illustrated - according to themselves, without their knowledge or approval. In the letter, Ehman is accused of misinforming in his criticism of Andersen, and charged with apologizing and correcting. Neither Jobson nor Perry agree with that assessment and feel that their names have been abused by Andersen. Perry has even sent Ehman an unreserved written apology. So now they bring in their own president of the ethics committee.

More than 25 million more expensive

The next stressful story is also about ethics and morals. As many will know, the agenda of the World Sailing is right now centered on the ruined economy. One of the reasons is the cancellation of this summer's Olympics - a decision that has high costs for all sports associations worldwide.

But even before the Corona crisis, it was crazy about the economy of World Sailing. Just over two years ago, the organization moved from relatively cheap premises in Southampton, to extremely expensive premises in central London. Norwegian seilmagasinet.no has dug into the case of World Sailing's financial bankruptcy, and can tell that the organization's ten-year lease in London resulted in an additional cost of at least three million pounds, corresponding to 25 million Danish kroner. In addition, there have been moving costs of £ 1.1 million, equivalent to somewhere between £ 9 and £ 10 million.

Old offices still empty

Faced with criticism of the decision on the woefully expensive move, Kim Andersen defends himself by saying that World Sailing was forced to relocate as their lease on the Southampton



lease expired. They therefore had to find new offices at short notice. "I did not know that the rental contract expired as early as April / May 2017, so we had four to five months to move," Andersen said in an interview with senior chief reporter Liam Morgan of [insidethegames.org](http://insidethegames.org). The article was also brought to the acclaimed boating company Scuttlebutt here.

Would even move

In an interview, Sail Magazine's journalist Mikkel Thommessen asked Andersen if they were really forced to move from Southampton. He confirms that. Andersen also says that the decision to move was made by the previous management.

But is that now also true? Thommessen has investigated this. It turns out that World Sailing's old offices in Southampton are still empty, almost three years after the organization moved out.

Mikkel Thommessen has contacted Norwegian Arve Sundheim, who was Secretary General of WS (then under the name ISAF, ed.) In the years 1995 to 2007.

It was Sundheim, who in his time created the contract for the lease in Southampton. It was a contract that really ended in 2017 but could easily be renewed, says Sundheim. To get it confirmed, he recently contacted the manager of the lease, who could tell that the reason for the move was that management thought an international organization such as WS should have offices in London - and thus not that they had been terminated from the lease. The contract expired yes, but it could be renegotiated and World Sailing was not forced to relocate.

Million contract outside the board's approval

In recent days, pressure on Andersen has increased further after Mikkel Thommessen revealed that a million contract with the PR agency TSE was signed, according to Mikkel Tommessen, without the approval of the board, shortly after Andersen took office as president. TSE had previously helped Andersen with the election campaign, which ended up taking the post of president. Subsequently, TSE was given high-paying jobs for World Sailing. This was done without the task being tendered - something the rules, cf. Mikkel Tommessen, in WS otherwise requires.

*"The contract was signed on November 24," writes Thommessen, "and as early as December 2016, the first payments to TSE were made, without the knowledge of the board. Only after the World Sailing Audit Committee, a body set to monitor, among other things, the association's payments and payments, discovered the transfers to TSE some time in 2017, the board was informed of the case."* The article can be read in its entirety here.

Claims that the board knew of the deal

However, in a follow-up article, Kim Andersen claims that the board knew of the agreement and that there was documentation of all payments to TSE. However, the documentation has not yet been presented, and no minutes or other material from board meetings has been presented, which shows that the board was officially informed or had an influence on the decision.

The Olympic Committee of Denmark paid the bill

Vice President of the Danish Sports Federation, Hans Natorp, was Secretary General of the Danish Sailing Union when Kim Andersen was elected President of World Sailing, and was involved in the work on the election campaign. He tells the Sailing Magazine that it is the Olympic Committee of Denmark and the Danish Sailing Union that paid TSE for help with the election campaign.

However, the question remains how TSE subsequently got high paid jobs from World Sailing. Who helped make that decision, and how was it informed?

May Andersen resign?

Kim Andersen is officially running for re-election this fall, against Spanish counterpart Gerardo Seeliger. Right now, it is hard to see how a re-election should be possible. Sources The boat magazine is in contact with, says that right now there is a strong pressure on Andersen, to make him resign already, and that he no longer has the support and trust of the majority of his own board.

We are following up on the case with reactions to the situation, and hope to get answers to the many questions that arise - partly from the Danish Sailing Union and partly from Kim Andersen himself.



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World Sailing visepresident, Gary Jobson

## Åpenhjertig Jobson

Gary Jobson vil ha 90 fots deplasementsbåter tilbake i America's Cup og har store forventninger til mixed offshore i OL 2024



Gary Jobson er en av Wolds Sailings visepresidenter som utgjør det internasjonale seilforbundets styre. Seilmagasinet har intervjuet han tidligere og nå om organisasjonens posisjon etter siste styremøte 8. juni.

Det er visse ting han er avskåret fra å uttale seg om, som saken han og Scott Perry har anlagt mot presidenten Kom Andersen om misbruk av deres underskrifter i et uautorisert brev, og som nå er under behandling av forbundets etikk kommisjon. Videre vil han vente til en måned før valget med å støtte en av kandidatene, i fall det skulle komme en tredje kandidat til presidentvervet i tillegg til Kim Andersen og Gerardo Seeliger, og han vil ikke uttale seg om situasjonen vedrørende kontorene i London.

Han forteller at styret går inn for elektronisk stemmegivning ved valgene 1. november, men at den planlagte governance reformen først vil kunne behandles av det neste styret.



Star burde fortsatt som OL klasse, mener Gary Jobson.

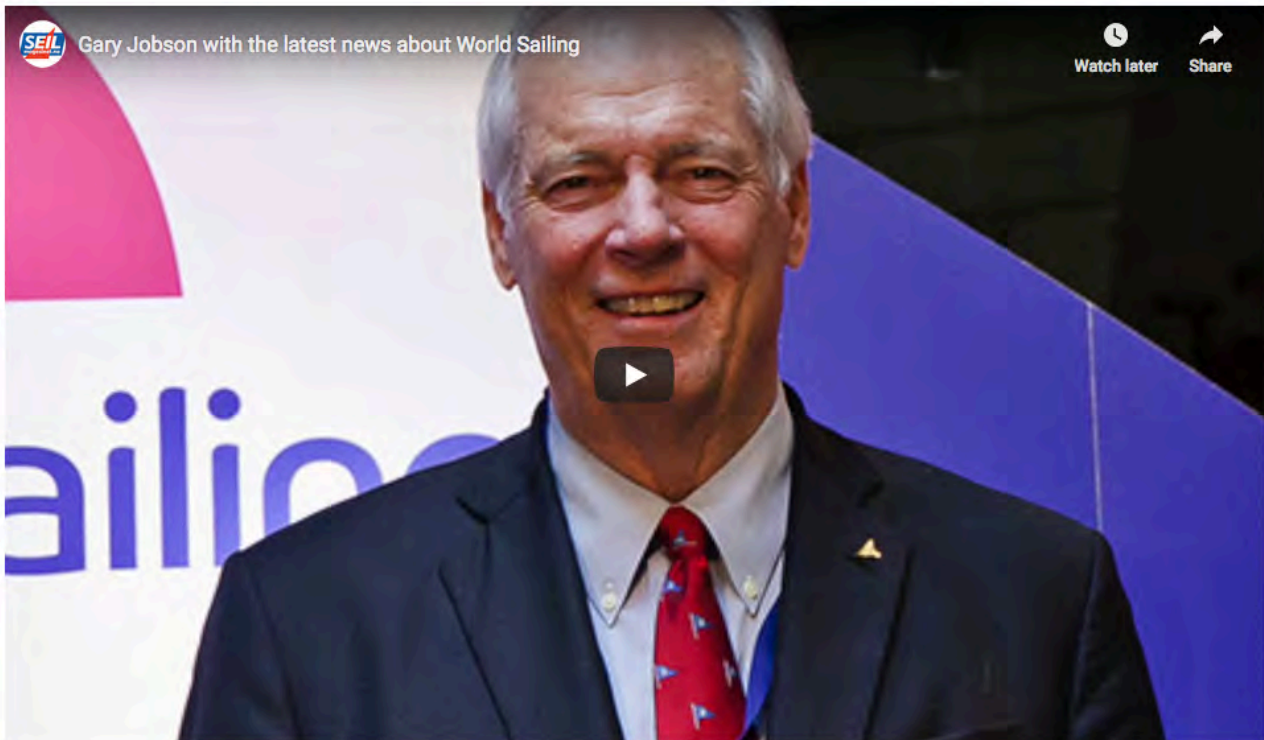
Gary Jobson mener videre at det er feil å trekke kjølbåtene ut av det olympiske programmet og ser frem til doublehanded mixed offshore event i OL 2024. World Sailing skal ikke ha noen mening om valget av båt for America's Cup, men mener privat at man skal tilbake til enskrogsbåt på 90-100 fot som kan gi er spennende seiling der båtene skifter om å lede. Seilerne bør være borgere av landet hvis flagg båten seiler under. Jobson snakker med betydelig tyngde om America's Cup etter at han både har vært med å vinne pokalen, har skrevet flere bøker og er aktiv kommentator av regattaen.

Dette og mer i Seilmagsinets samtale med Gary Jobson.

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World Sailing Vice President, Gary Jobson

# Honest Jobson

## Gary Jobson wants 90-foot displacement boats back in the America's Cup and has high expectations for mixed offshore in the 2024 Olympics



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Gary Jobson is one of the vice presidents of Wolds Sailing, which forms the board of the International Sailing Federation. Seilmagasinet has interviewed him earlier and now about the organization's position after the last board meeting on 8 June.

There are certain things he is barred from commenting on, such as the case he and Scott Perry have filed against President Kom Andersen over the misuse of their signatures in an unauthorized letter, and which are now being processed by the union's ethics commission. Furthermore, he will wait until one month before the election to support one of the candidates, in case there is a third candidate for the presidency in addition to Kim Andersen and Gerardo Seeliger, and he will not comment on the situation regarding the offices in London.

He says that the board is in favor of electronic voting in the elections on 1 November, but that the planned governance reform will only be considered by the next board.



Star should still be an Olympic class, says Gary Jobson.

Gary Jobson further believes that it is wrong to pull the keelboats out of the Olympic program and looks forward to a doublehanded mixed offshore event in the 2024 Olympics, to single hull boat of 90-100 feet that can give is exciting sailing where the boats change to lead. The sailors should be citizens of the country whose flag the boat is sailing under. Jobson speaks with considerable weight about the America's Cup after he has both won the trophy, written several books and is an active commentator of the regatta.

This and more in Seilmagsinet's conversation with Gary Jobson.



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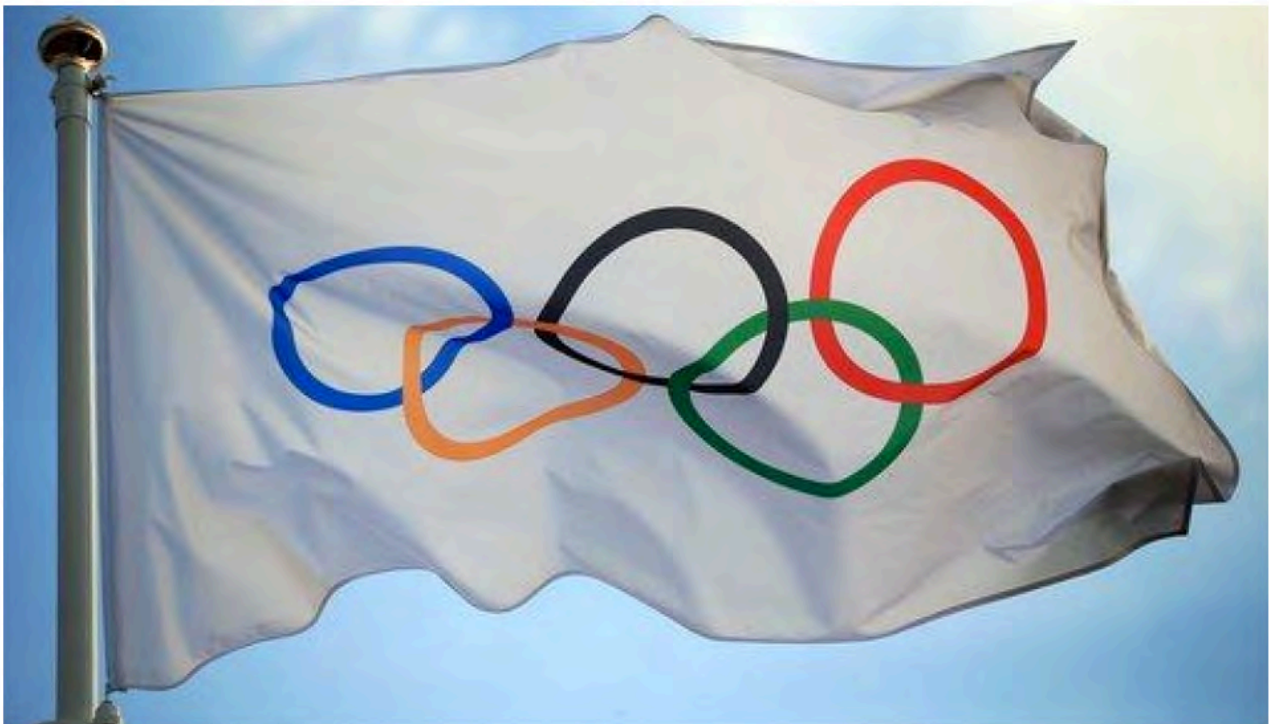
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# IOC bekrefter støtte til seilspporten

World Sailing bekrefter at IOC har lovet midlertidig pengestøtte etter at de budsjetterte overføringer fra OL 2020 er utsatt ett år



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World Sailing, internasjonal seilsports høyeste myndighet, har nå fått en endelig bekreftelse på at IOC som en følge Covid 19 situasjonen og den nødvendige utsettelse av OL til 2021, er villig til å forskuttere en del av de forventede lisensinntektene fra 2020. IOC spiller en helt sentral rolle i finansieringen av enkelte særforbund, og dekker mellom 60 og 70 prosent av World Sailing driftsinntekter gjennom forbundets andel av lisensinntektene fra sommer OL. Uten disse inntektene nå hadde World Sailing idag trolig hatt store finansielle vanskeligheter.

## God timing

Annonseringen av disse midlene kommer godt med, to dager før World Sailing skal avholde sitt halvårsmøte med elektronisk deltakelse fra verdens seilforbund og forbundet eget council. Støtten fra IOC vil være et sentralt punkt på dette møtet, sammen med reforhandling av leieforholdet rundt kontorene i London der forbundet idag betaler flere hundre tusen pund mer i husleie enn de betalte for kontorene de fraflyttet i Southampton i 2017. Også et revisorbekreftet årsregnskap bør foreligge til dette halvårsmøtet.

## Spenning før møtet

Det hersker stor spenning i seilkretser om hvordan dette møtet vil forløpe. Det nåværende styret med presidenten Kim Andersen trenger å kunne legge frem noen gode nyheter, og bekreftelsen av støtte fra IOC til å bringe WS over kneika til å overleve i hvert fall ett år, vil bli mottatt med glede. Verre er et for presidenten å forklare den saken to av visepresidentene, Gary Jobson og Scott Perry har anlagt mot ham i World Sailings etikuttvalg for å ha påført deres underskrifter i et brev til videoblogger Tom Ehman uten godkjenning. Etter sigende vil det komme minst en ytterligere sak mot Andersen opp for etikuttvalget med det første.

## Norge følger med

Norge som er med i World Sailing vil ha en deltaker i onsdagens møte, samt to observatører. Seilpresident Jørgen Stang Heffermehl representerer Norge, mens generalsekretær Per Christian Bordahl og varamann til World Sailings council, Tor Møinichen stiller som observatører.

Seilmagasinet, som følger World Sailing tett frem mot valgene i november, vil rapportere etter møtet og vil bringe et intervju med et sentralt styremedlem senere i uken.



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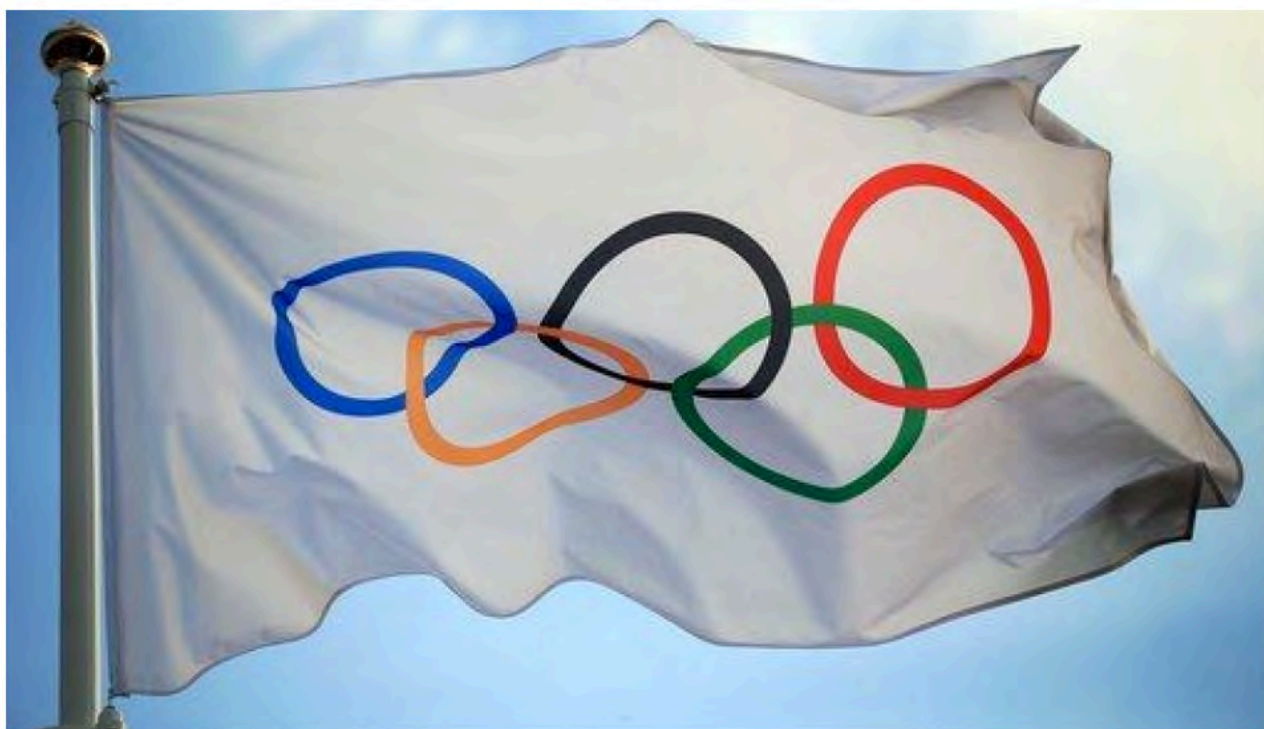


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# The IOC confirms support for sailing

World Sailing confirms that IOC has promised temporary funding after postponed one-year budget transfers from the 2020 Olympics



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World Sailing, the highest authority of international sailing sports, has now received final confirmation that the IOC, as a result of the Covid 19 situation and the necessary postponement of the 2021 Olympics, is willing to stagger part of the projected licensing revenue from 2020. The IOC plays a hero central role in the financing of some special federations, and covers between 60 and 70 presented by World Sailing operating revenues through the association's share of the license revenue from the summer Olympics. Without these revenues now, World Sailing would probably have had great financial difficulties today.

## Good timing

The announcement of these funds comes in handy, two days before World Sailing will hold its half-yearly meeting with electronic participation from the World Sailing Federation and its own council. Support from the IOC will be a key issue at this meeting, along with the renegotiation of the tenancy around the London offices where the union today pays hundreds of thousands more in rent than those paid for the offices they vacated in Southampton in 2017. An auditor-confirmed annual report should also be available to this half-year meeting.

## Excitement before the meeting

There is great tension in sailing circles about how this meeting will proceed. The current board of directors with President Kim Andersen needs to be able to present some good news, and the confirmation of support from the IOC to bring WS over the knee to survive at least one year will be welcomed. Worse, it is for the president to explain the case two of the vice presidents, Gary Jobson and Scott Perry, have brought against him in the World Sailing Ethics Committee for affecting their signatures in a letter to video blogger Tom Ehman without approval. Reportedly, at least one additional case against Andersen will come up before the Ethics Committee in the first place.

## Norway is included

Norway participating in World Sailing will have a participant in Wednesday's meeting, as well as two observers. Sailing President Jørgen Stang Heffermehl represents Norway, while Secretary General Per Christian Bordahl and Deputy to the World Sailing Council, Tor Møinichen are observers.

The Sail Magazine, which follows World Sailing closely ahead of the November elections, will report after the meeting and will bring an interview with a key board member later this week.