



World Sailing

2025 Annual Conference

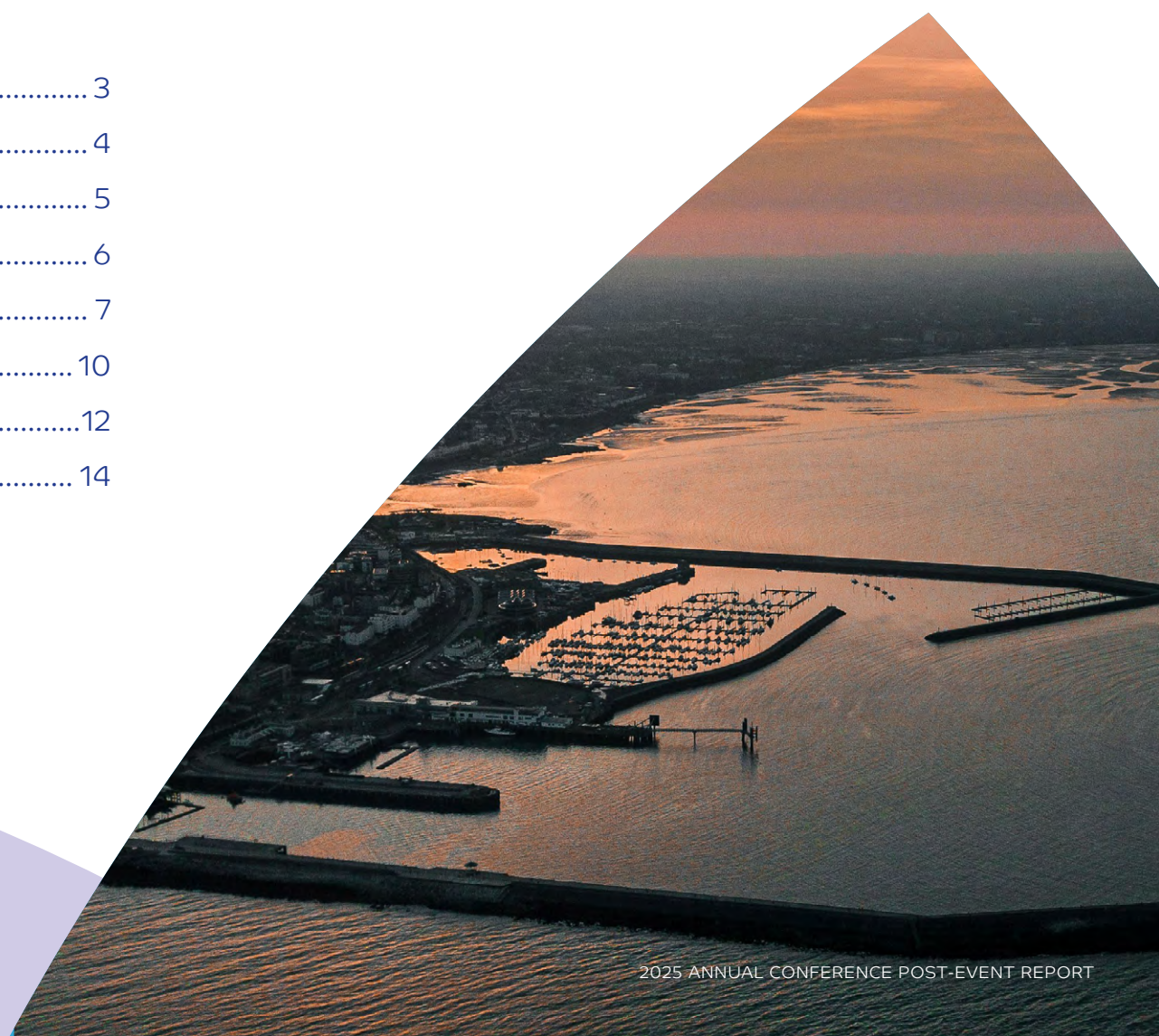
Post-Event Report

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The 2025 World Sailing Annual Conference

The 2025 World Sailing Annual Conference was held from 2-8 November in the historic maritime town of Dún Laoghaire, Ireland. The main venue was the Royal Marine Hotel, with supporting events held at the waterfront yacht clubs, the Royal St. George Yacht Club, Royal Irish Yacht Club and National Yacht Club.

The event brought together over 400 international delegates from around the world, including World Sailing Board and Council members, representatives from Member National Authorities (MNAs), sailors, manufacturers, World Sailing Partners, and the various classes that make up the sport of sailing.

Throughout the week, Dún Laoghaire hosted committee meetings, commission meetings, Board and Council meetings, as well as the annual General Assembly. Key discussions were held and decisions were made that will impact the future of the sport, with a packed agenda focused on innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity. A significant outcome was the election of two new Vice Presidents to the World Sailing Board, achieving a major milestone for the federation by resulting in an equal 50/50 gender split on the Board.

While in Dún Laoghaire, World Sailing staff and delegates were able to explore the town, enjoying its unique blend of seaside charm and urban convenience, with opportunities to visit iconic waterfront yacht clubs, Victorian piers, and scenic coastal walks. The week also featured the prestigious World Sailing Awards and concluded with the 2025 Development Symposium. Open sessions of the conference were streamed live on the World Sailing YouTube channel, allowing the

global sailing community to follow the discussions.

Feedback from the conference has been overwhelmingly positive, celebrating the event's organisation and the opportunity for the global sailing family to collectively steer the future of the sport.

In partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Irish Sailing, and Fáilte Ireland, the event successfully showcased Dún Laoghaire's rich sailing heritage and commitment to the sport's strategic development. We are very thankful for their support in organising and delivering such a memorable event

"The Annual Conference is the most important week in our calendar, where the global sailing family comes together to collectively steer the future of our sport. We are thrilled to be back in Dún Laoghaire, a town with a rich sailing heritage, to make the critical decisions that will impact sailing at every level."

David Graham,
World Sailing Chief Executive Officer.




Venues

The Royal Marine Hotel



Official hotel for the 2025 Annual Conference will be The Royal Marine Hotel.

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Satelite Venues



Royal St. George Yacht Club



Royal Irish Yacht Club



National Yacht Club

Event Snapshot

Duration



Total Attendees
(in person)



MNAs at
AGM
(in person and remote)



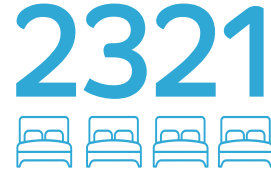
Number of
meetings



Staff
onsite

30

Hotel
Nights



Social Media
Posts



Social Media
Engagement



Social Media Reach 1,294,275

2025 World Sailing Awards

The 2025 World Sailing Awards were held on Wednesday 5 November at the prestigious Royal St. George Yacht Club in Dún Laoghaire, Ireland, as a highlight of the World Sailing Annual Conference.

The evening celebrated a year of exceptional achievement across the sport, featuring major honours including the male and female Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards, male and female Kuehne+Nagel Young World Sailor of the Year, 11th Hour Racing Impact Award, Team of the Year, and World Sailing Technology Award. It was also an honour to present the Beppe Croce Trophy and President's Development Award to two very deserving individuals who have served the sport for many years.

The awards ceremony was a spectacular affair, bringing the global sailing family together to recognise not only outstanding athletic performance but also innovation in technology, long-term service to the sport, and crucial sustainability initiatives.

With many of the nominees and sailing's highest achievers in attendance, the 2025 World Sailing Awards brought glitz, glamour and a distinct local flavour to the historic venue. The event showcased the incredible diversity and depth of talent across every sailing discipline, from the high-speed thrills of The America's Cup to the epic solo challenges of the Vendée Globe.

The evening's emotional climax came with the presentation of the Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards, which saw Charlie Dalin (FRA) and Justine Mettraux (SUI) claim the honours after their incredible performances in the Vendée Globe round the world yacht race. This was followed by the Team of the Year Award which went to Emirates Team New Zealand following their record-breaking America's Cup triumph.

"To have our international community gathered here in Dún Laoghaire's Royal St. George Yacht Club, a venue steeped in maritime history, made the 2025 World Sailing Awards truly special. The strength of the sailing family is clear in the calibre of our nominees and winners, who have pushed the boundaries of performance, technology, and sustainability this year. This celebration marks a wonderful culmination of our Annual Conference and provides a powerful moment to reflect on a remarkable year and look ahead to a bright future for sailing in all its forms."

Quanhai Li, World Sailing President.



2025 World Sailing Awards

418
Award Nominations



8
Award Categories

More than 17k public votes for award nominees





Media & Communications

Social Media Posts    

225

Social Media Engagement

44,241



Social Media Reach



1,294,275

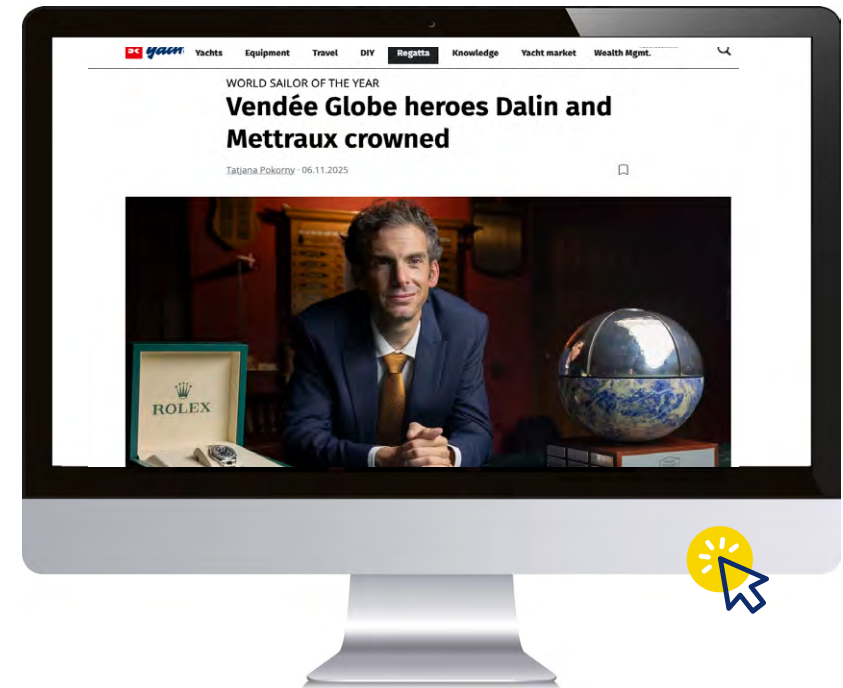
World Sailing Show coverage [click here](#)



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Media Exposure Links

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Brand Touchpoints

Conference logo, banner, booklet and lamppost signage



Brand Touchpoints

Awards logo, menu & mirror decor



Survey Results

The information contained in this section shows the key results from the 2025 post event survey which was completed by a total of 115 delegates.

4.2★
average rating

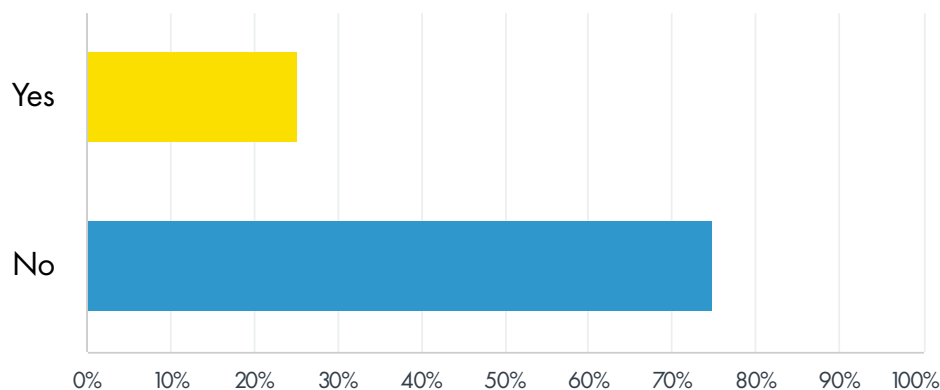
Q1

On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate the 2023 World Sailing Annual Conference overall?



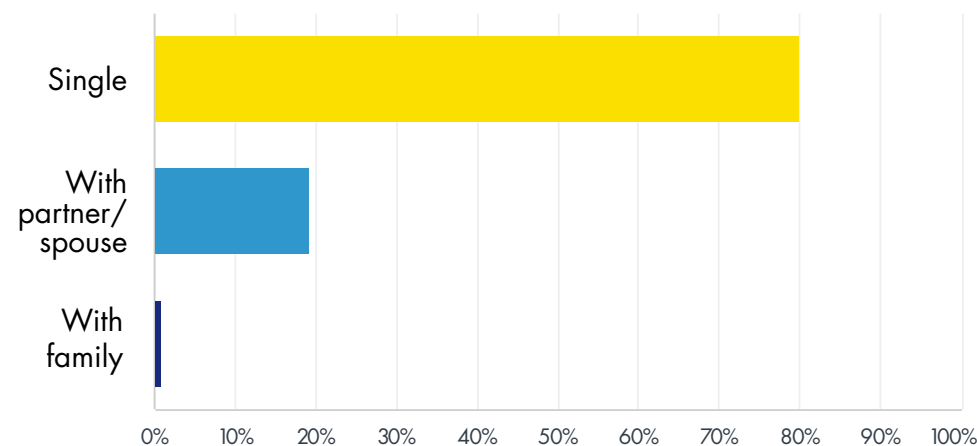
Q2

Is this your first time visiting Ireland?



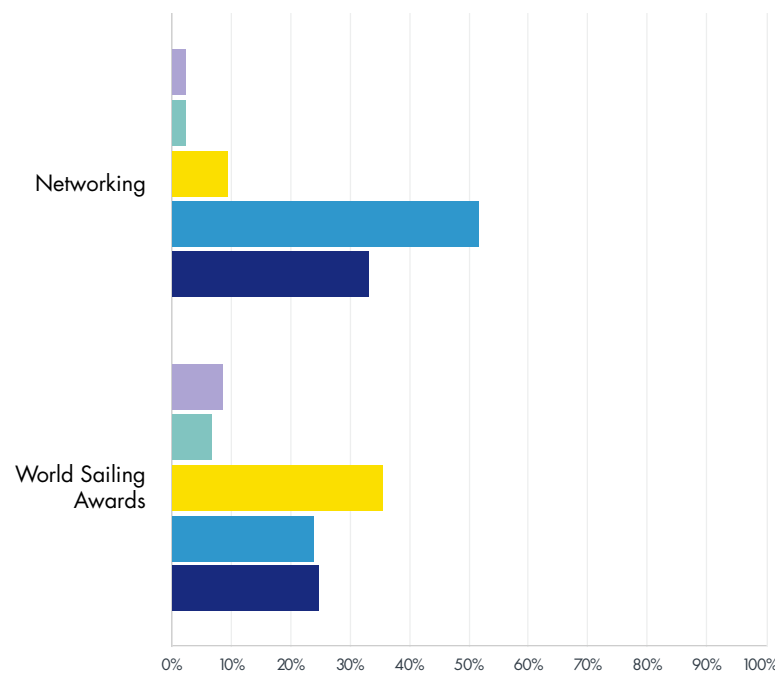
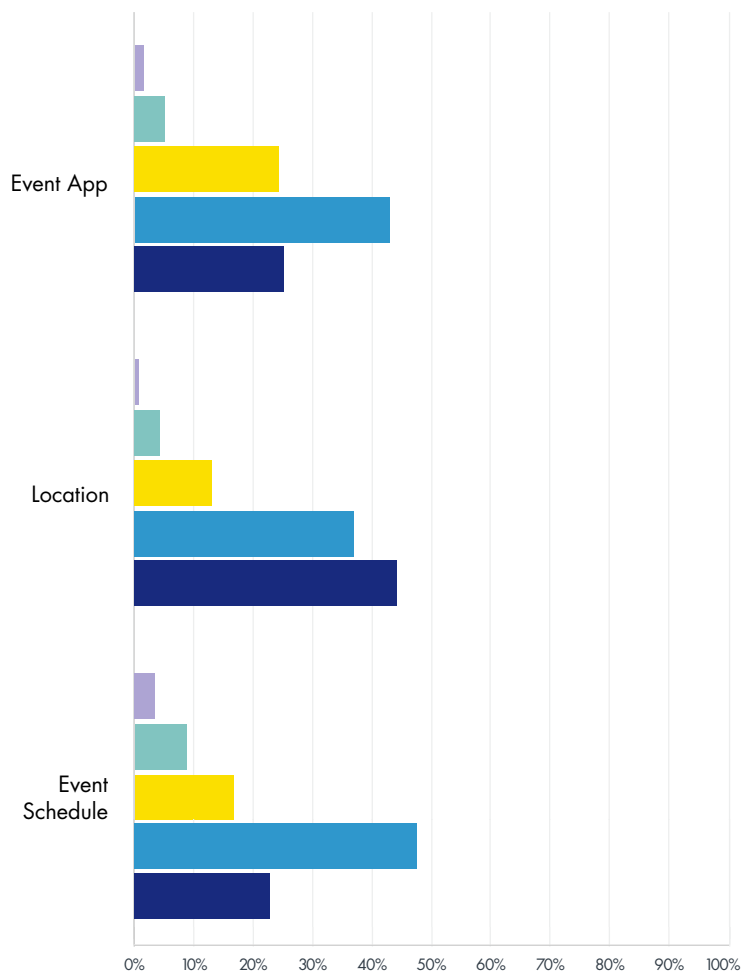
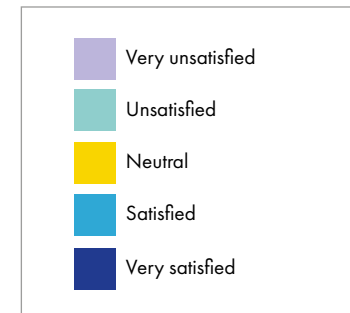
Q3

How many people did you travel with?



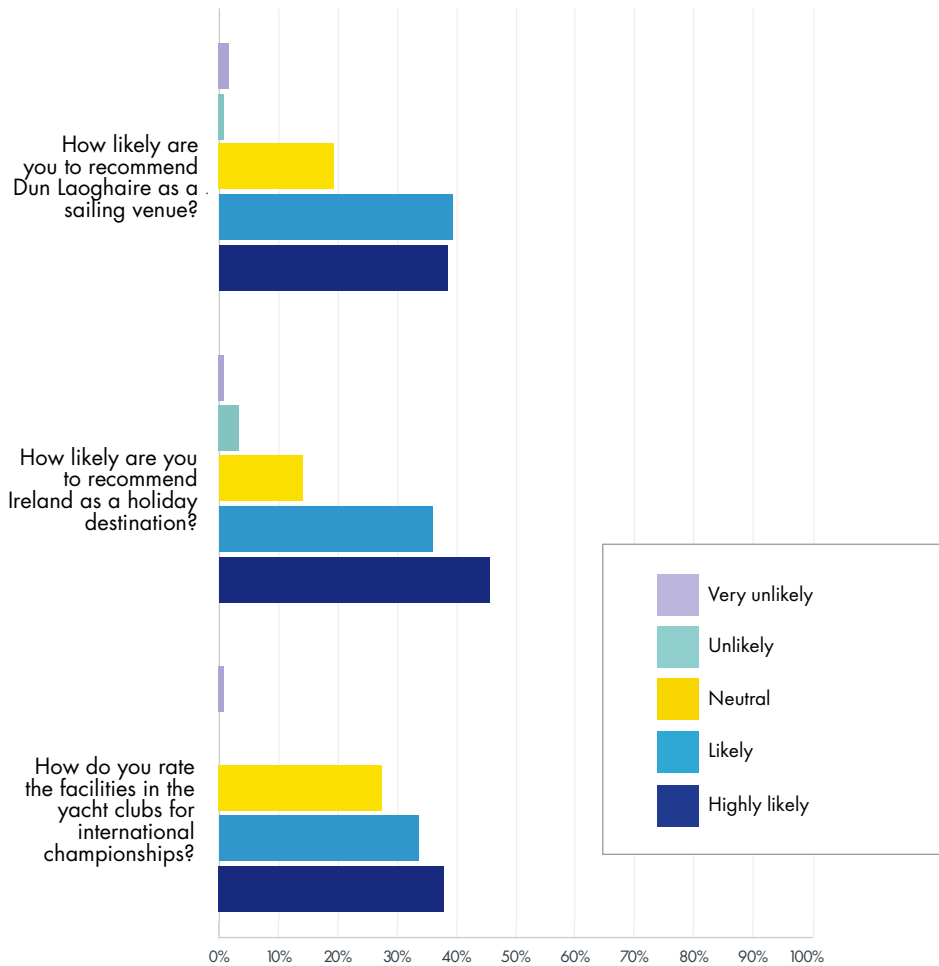
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How would you rate the following aspects of the 2025 World Sailing Annual Conference?



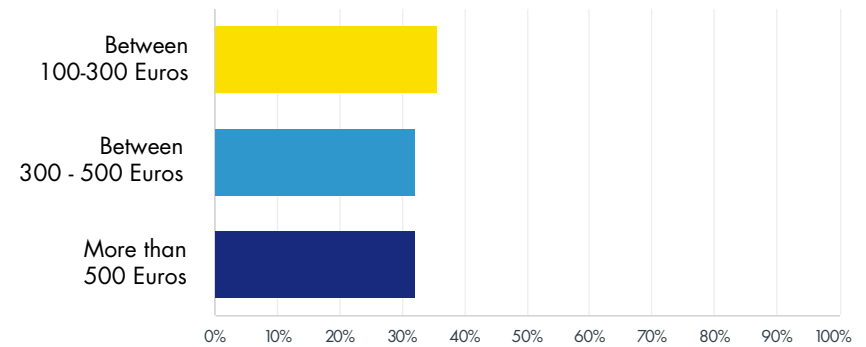
Q5

Host Venue and Facilities.

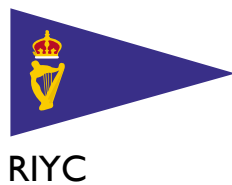


Q6

What was your approximate expenditure (Euros) during your stay? (Excluding travel and accommodation).



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