

The Para World Sailing Committee met between 09:30 and 15:45 hours on Wednesday 26 October 2022, at the W Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

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Present:

David Staley (AUS) – Vice Chair
 Alfred Pelinka (AUT)
 Hannah Stodel (GBR)

Bernard Destrube (FRA)
 Emma Hallen (SWE)
 Yukiko Hagiwara (JPN)

Also in Attendance:

Catherine Duncan (Training and Development Executive)
 Alastair Fox (Director of Events)
 Scott Dougal (Director of Communications and Digital)

Cory Sertl (Vice President)
 Koray Ezer (Head of International Development)
 Rob Holden (Training Delivery Manager)

Apologies for Absence:

Betsy Alison (USA)
 Heiko Kroger (GER)

Jenny Davie (CAN)

1. Opening of the Meeting

- (a) Welcome and opening remarks from the Chair and Vice-chair
 David Staley welcomed all committee members to the first in person meeting of the committee. The whole committee unanimously wished all the best to Betsy.
- (b) Apologies for Absence
 Apologies for absence were noted.
- (c) Declarations of Conflict of Interest
 Committee members were reminded to declare any conflicts of interest and update the register if there were any applicable changes.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- (a) The minutes of the meeting of 27 October 2021 were confirmed as being approved directly after the meeting
- (b) Matters arising from the Minutes

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There were no matters arising from the minutes to be noted.

3. Para World Sailing Committee and Working Parties

(a) To note the members of the Working Parties

Classification Working Party:

Leader: Bernard Destrube

Walter Mielke

Sarah Ross

Adrian Stoggall

Lynne Beal

It was noted as Madeleine is no longer working at World Sailing, she would be removed from the Working Party

Equipment Working Party:

Leader: Alfred Pelinka

Heiko Kroger

It was noted Heiko Kroger has now replaced Jens Kroger on the working party

Ranking Working Party

Leader: Alfred Pelinka

Communications Working Party:

Leader: Hannah Stodel

Yukiko Hagiwara

Regional Development Working Party

Leader: Emma Hallen

Jenny Davey

Abdelkarim Derouiche

Cristian Frers

Inclusion Working Party

Leader: David Staley

Betsy Alison

Jenny Davey

Jens Kroger

Documents Working Party

Leader: David Staley

Bernard Destrube

(b) To receive a brief update on the Working Parties

I. Classification Working Party

Bernard Destrube spoke to his written report

II. Equipment Working Party

Alfred Pelinka spoke to his written report

III. Athlete Rankings Working Party

Alfred Pelinka spoke to his written report. Catherine also updated the committee on the recent quarterly rankings update. It was stressed the importance of athletes having a sailor ID and being classified to appear on the rankings, but it was also noted that challenges also come in receiving event results to place on the rankings.

IV. Communications Working Party

Hannah Stodel and Yukiko Hagiwara spoke to their presentation.

V. Regional Development Working Party

Emma Hellen spoke to her written report.

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VI. Inclusion Working Party

David Staley spoke to his written report and noted the support of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Forum

VII. Documents Working Party

David Staley spoke to his written report. He also spoke around event contracts including classifiers on the list of officials to ensure they were included at events.

(c) To Discuss the working relationships with World Sailing Committees

Regional Games Sub-Committee – David noted the need to check that Betsy was included on the sub-committee and in communications

Race Officials Committee – it was discussed that Classifiers are the only officials not represented on the Race Officials Committee. It was proposed that the committee could make a Recommendation Not Based on Submission to take this further

Offshore Special Regulations – there has been some discussion around offshore safety for Para Sailors. If a joint Working Party is formed, Hannah would be happy to join this.

Events Committee – it was suggested that in future an events committee representative could join the Para World Sailing Committee to ensure a joint approach from the committees. Discussion after conference will explore if this is possible.

4. Submissions

Submission 045-22 - Amendment of Regulation 24.6 [Para Sailing World Championships] - A submission from the Para World Sailing Committee.

David noted the friendly amendment received from the Constitution committee. All agreed the submission would be approved with amendment.

Submission 046-22 - A correction of numbering in the Regulations is required where 24.6 is used twice – A submission from the Para World Sailing Committee.

David noted again there had been a friendly amendment received from the constitution committee. All agreed to approve the submission with the amendment.

5. International Paralympic Committee and 2028 Paralympic Games

(a) Receive a short update on the IPC relationship and the bid submission

Alastair Fox updated that the bid has been submitted and as of yet there had not been any requests for additional information. He also updated that there was the IPC Gathering in November, and it was planned for himself and Koray to attend this meeting, as well as the ASOIF meeting for non-Paralympic Sports.

(b) To receive a report on the Mallory Group Initiatives

Scott Dougal updated that the Mallory Group would be supporting the bid until the end of 2022. The plan is to have one more big comms moment before they finish, with the details of this just being finalised. There has been a regular slot in the World Sailing Show for Para Events and the newsletter had been hugely successful. Scott confirmed the newsletter will continue past the decision in January.

It was asked if it would be possible to add a newsletter subscription sign up when sailors create Sailor IDs. This will be investigated after the meeting.

6. Para World Sailing Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023

David Staley spoke to his written report, he was also encouraged to hear the Para World Sailing Manager will be recruited and they will join the Participation and Development Team.

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7. Events

- (a) 2022 Inclusion World Championships 24 – 28 August – Rostock, GER
Bernard reported on the Inclusion World Championships which includes both classified and non-classified sailors.
- (b) 2022 Para World Sailing Championships in conjunction with Hansa Class Asia-Pacific Championships 18 – 23 October – Hiroshima, JPN
David and Yukiko updated on the recent championships. 32 Para Sailors took part with 8 different nations winning the 9 available medals. 3 Classifiers were also trained at the seminar before the event.
- (c) 2022 International Championships for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment 5 – 11 November – Hansa 303 – Southport, AUS
This event will begin shortly with 3 Nations taking part. A study is also being carried out at the event by 2 International Classifiers
- (d) 2022 Single Person Technical International Championships 5 – 11 November – 2.4mR – Davis Island, Florida, USA
Currently 30 Para Sailors are set to take part at the event.
- (e) 2022 RS Venture World Championships 23 – 27 November – Musannah, OMA
There are now 38 entries from 19 Nations. The international officials are just being appointed and an International Classifier Seminar will take place beforehand, run by Bernard.
- (f) 2023 Sailing World Championships August 10 – 20 - Den Haag, NED
Alastair Fox reported on the Sailing World Championships. The Para classes will take place at Brassemermeer, with equal media coverage for all sailing classes. The opening and closing ceremonies will be one event for all sailors. There will be an independent Race Official team in Brassemermeer.
It was raised that there are concerns from the 2.4mR regarding the lake venue and a close calendar clash with the 2023 Worlds.
- (g) Other Future Events
Virtus Games – Vichy, France – June 2023 – these games may include Sailing
RSYC Inclusive Cup – Singapore – July 2023 – Jevan Tan updated on the event that will be open to all to attend.
Further discussion spoke around 'What is an Inclusive Event?' and the possibility of an inclusive series.

8. Introduction to WS Head of International Development, Koray Ezer, WS Head of Sustainability, Alexandra Rickham and WS Director of Communications, Scott Dougal

Head of Sustainability Alexandra Rickham, met the committee and spoke about the progress to Agenda 2030 and also the work in E,D&I. The committee expressed its support for the forum and the work being carried out.

Koray Ezer, Head of International Development, met the committee after beginning his role in July. Koray confirmed the support for Para Sailing and explained the new appointment of the Para Sailing Manager fitting into the Participation and Development Team.

9. Para Sailing Development Program

Rob Holden and Catherine presented on the 2022 Program and the clinics that have been run. Para Kiteboarding was a particular highlight with discussion about how to take this forward.

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Talks then turned to the newsletter and the possibility of having an education section in this, to promote a program, a learning resource or share something that worked from an event.

The idea of an event-based workshop for coaches on understanding classification could be useful and the options for trialling this at the Sailing World Championships could be explored.

David also noted the Inclusive Officiating materials he had, and that these would be shared after the meeting.

10. Annual Report

David spoke to the Para World Sailing Committee annual report that will be presented at Council.

11. Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

The committee unanimously agreed to enter a recommendation not based on Submission to support the position of a classifier on the Race Officials Committee. The recommendation read as follows:

The Para World Sailing Committee recommends to Council that the International Classifier discipline be represented on the Race Officials Committee.

12. Any Other Business

Alfred noted the development of the rankings and the role of the Working Party will now include finding events to include in the rankings.

Bernard noted his thanks to the Vice Presidents Cory Sertl and Marcus Spillane.

Yukiko noted her thanks to David for the support and work with the committee.

David Staley closed the meeting noting his thanks to the committee members for their activity and promotion of the sport as well as thanking the Vice Presidents.

The meeting was closed at 15:45.