

The Regional Games Sub-Committee met between 14:30 and 17:00 hours on Monday 24 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:

Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX) – Chair
 Qu Chun (CHN) – Vice Chair
 Fabian Bach (GER)
 Ricardo Navarro (BRA)

Chris Caldecoat (AUS)
 Fred Hagerdorn (USA)
 Simon James (THA)
 Pınar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) – Chair – Development and Regions Committee

Also in Attendance:

Pedro Rodrigues (Events Manager)
 Rob Holden (Training Delivery Manager)
 Ozlem Akdurak (TUR) – Vice President

Catherine Duncan (Training and Development Executive)
 Koray Ezer (Head of International Development)

Apologies for Absence:

Jorge Barreda (PER)
 Sharon Hardwick (BIZ)

Marianne Davis (CAN)
 Pablo Jose Leiro Murdoch (PAR)

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the Chair

Beatriz Gonzalez Luna welcomed all committee members to the first in person meeting of the committee. Beatriz noted the difficult times that all of the regional games have experienced with COVID-19, but also noted the positive outlook going forward.

(b) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were noted as being received from Jorge Barreda (PER), Marianne Davis (CAN), Sharon Hardwick (BIZ) and Pablo Jose Leiro Murdoch (PAR).

(c) Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No new conflicts of interest were noted.

2. Minutes

(a) The minutes of the meeting of 22 October 2021 were confirmed as being approved directly after the meeting

(b) Matters arising from the Minutes

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

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3. Annual Report

- (a) Beatriz gave her annual report on the activities of the Regional Games. She reinforced the desire to expand the inclusion of Sailing in as many of the regional games as possible, and to try and reach out to more games to insure this. Beatriz also stated the sharing of knowledge and experience from events is vital to keep games improving.

The role of the Technical Delegate was also noted as vitally important in providing a voice between the organizing committee and World Sailing.

4. Update from the Development and Regions Committee

Pınar Coşkuner Genç gave an update from the Development and Regions Committee, with work focusing on Coaches, Sailors, Women in Sailing, Leadership and Para Sailing. Pınar updated the committee on the creation of the working parties as well as the webinars that have been held as part of Steering the Course and on the activities of the Participation and Development Department. Pınar finished by thanking everyone for their participation and work to support development and invited all of the RGSC members to feel welcome at every meeting of the Regions and Development Committee in the future

5. Reports/Updates from Regional Games

- (a) 2021

- (b) XIX Mediterranean Games: 27 June – 3 July, Oran ALG

Bernard Bonneau was invited to speak as Technical Delegate. These games are organised by the Mediterranean Sailing Union as part of the Mediterranean Games. The events were iQFoil Male & Female, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7.

Bernard also updated the 2026 Games will be held in Taranto, Italy.

- (c) I Junior Pan American Games: 25 Nov – 5 Dec 2021, Cali, COL

Ricardo Navarro spoke to his written report on the games, Ricardo emphasised the importance of groups like Panam Sailing doing whatever is necessary to ensure sailing is included. Especially in first editions of a games, as these were.

Fred noted the success of the games for the 18 - 22 age group, especially with the added incentive of a qualifying spot to the Pan Am games for the winning athletes of each event.

Beatriz noted the hard work of the Technical Delegate, Ricardo and his partnership with Panam Sailing, along with the officials at the event, to insure its success

- (d) Youth Bolivarian Games: Sucre, COL (No sailing/postponed)

Ricardo noted the games is being skipped for all sports in this quadrennial.

- (e) 2022

- (f) III Asian Youth Games: Shantou, CHN, postponed from 2021

Qu Chun noted these games for all sports has been cancelled.

- (g) X World Master Games: Kansai, JPN, Kansai, 19-29 May 2022 postponed from 2021

These games are postponed until May 2027. The 2025 edition will take place in Chinese Taipei.

- (h) III South American Youth Games: 25 April – 8 May, Rosario, ARG

Ricardo gave a brief report that the organisers cancelled the sailing due to the lake conditions not being deep enough. It is planned for Sailing to be in the 2025 edition, with the host location TBC

- (i) XIX Bolivarian Games: 24 June – 5 July, Valledupar, COL

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Ricardo spoke around the Bolivarian Games, it was agreed that sailing would be included with moving to a new location in Bogota. 7 Classes were raced with 9 countries taking part. It has been confirmed that Sailing will be included in the next Bolivarian Games.

- (j) XII South American Games: 11 – 15 October 2022, Assunción, PAR

Ricardo spoke to his written report about the games. There is a fantastic legacy to the games in that all the equipment bought for the games was donated to the Paraguayan Federation.

- (k) I Virtus Oceania Asia Games: 5-12 November, Gold Coast, AUS

The event is for Sailors with Intellectual Disabilities using the Hansa 303 boat. Sailing will also be part of the Virtus Games in Vichy, FRA next year (2023)

- (l) I South American Master Games: 19 – 30 January 2022, Santiago, CHI

No update regarding the games.

- (m) Sea and Beach Central American and Caribbean Games: 12 – 19 November 2022, Santa Marta, Colombia

Francisco Jauregui gave a short update. The games will be held from a small beach alongside beach volleyball, beach football, and beach wrestling. There is a small infrastructure now in place to support sailing. This event will also be a qualification event for Pan Am Games for Men's and Women's iQFoil and Kite. (Unfortunately, subsequent to our meeting, Centro Carib Sports cancelled the two Women's events as they did not have 5 countries register.)

- (n) 2023

- (o) VI Asian Beach Games: Sanya, CHN, postponed from 2021

Qu Chun updated that the games will most likely be cancelled.

- (p) XIX Nat West International Island Games: Guernsey, postponed from 2021, possibility to include Windsurf

No update was available. Tom Clarke from Bermuda updated that the games were progressing but there were some concerns about the logistics, no NoR was available yet.

- (q) XXXIII Southeast Asian Games (SEA): Cambodia, Phnom Penh, 5-16 May 2023

Simon James updated that Singapore Sailing are pushing sailing's inclusion, classes have not yet been confirmed but may include Optimists, 29er and ILCA 4. No confirmation yet on Windsurfing or Kites. Action required to check if a Technical Delegate should be appointed yet.

- (r) XIX Asian Games: 19-27 September 2023, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, CHN, postponed from 2022

Qu Chun updated the games will go ahead in 2023. The wind condition is expected to be medium to strong, with a strong current. The technical delegates, David Brookes and Captain Arshad, were appointed 2 years ago and are still working ahead. The games include 14 events, including all 10 Olympic events, however the challenge is that there are only 4 race areas.

- (s) XIX Pan American Games: Oct 20 - Nov 5, 2023, Santiago, CHI

Ricardo updated on the games, site visits have been conducted and meetings held with all functional areas of the organisation. Planning is going well. There are 13 events, 4 Regional events and 9 of the Olympic equipment events that will also serve as Olympic Games qualification events. Race management clinics have been taking place to train local officials to support the event.

- (t) XIV Central American and Caribbean Games: 23 June – 8 July 2023, El Salvador, San Salvador

Francisco Jauregui gave a short update, the venue will be challenging with 9 classes taking part. The event will act as a qualifier for the 2023 Pan Am Games for some of the events.

- (u) II ANOC Beach Games: Bali, Indonesia 2023

Marcus Schwendtner updated on the event. It will take place from 8 – 12 August 2023, as it clashed with the Sailing World Championships, Kite foiling wasn't an option, so with the

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Technical Delegate and Organising Committee they chose to try a new discipline with Wingfoiling. Qualification system has been agreed and published at beginning of October.

(v) XVII Pacific Games: Honiara, Solomon Islands

David Brookes updated on the event. Sailing is now a compulsory sport as part of the Pacific Games. The event will be staggered between ILCA 6 and Men's Windsurfer one week and then ILCA 7 and Women's Windsurfer the second week, this will help reduce costs and encourage more entries. Focus is now on leaving a legacy for sailing.

(w) XX Island Games: Orkney

No update available.

(x) XII Asean Para Games: Phnom Penh, CAM

No update available.

(y) Mediterranean Beach Games: 2 - 9 September 2023, Heraklion, Greece

Marcus Schwendtner updated on the games; it is the first time for sailing to be in the event. Kiteboarding will now be part of the games and they are awaiting the appointment of the Technical Delegate; Pedro will follow up on this.

(z) Sea and Beach South American Games: 20 – 29 May 2023, Santa Marta, Colombia

Ricardo noted there was no update as of yet due to the games about to take place there in November 2022..

(aa) 2025

(bb) IV Asian Youth Games: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

There was no update available.

(cc) XIII Asean Para Games: Ubon Ratchathani, THA

There was no update available.

(dd) XXXIII Southeast Asian Games (SEA): THA

It was noted it was too soon for an update on these games.

(ee) 2026

(ff) XX Asian Games: 18 September – 3 October, Aichi and Nagoya, JPN

Aiko Saito noted that the organising committee is already established but no sports managers have been appointed yet. World Sailing should wait to appoint the Technical Delegate until there is a sport manager.

(gg) XX Asian Para Games: October, Aichi and Nagoya, JPN

No further update on these games.

(hh) Reports/Updates from any other Regional Games not listed above

(ii) To include in 2025 the Junior Pan American Games, no host location yet.

(jj) To include the 2026 Mediterranean Games in Taranto, Italy

(kk) To include the 2027 Pan American Games in Barranquilla, Colombia

6. Submissions

There were no submissions formally for the sub-committee to discuss.

7. Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification

Michael Downing updated on the 2024 Qualification System including the Tripartite Places and the Emerging Nations system.

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Michael confirmed the Pan American Games will form the Americas qualifier for 9 of the 10 events. The Asian Games has applied for the Asian Qualifiers, but no decision has been taken here yet. The Oceania qualifier will not be at the Pacific Games due to the size of the event currently.

Michael noted the difference that may be seen in the next quadrennial and the importance of looking ahead at calendars to engage bigger events as qualification events.

8. New Games for Sailing

Fred noted that he was meeting the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC) in Trinidad to try and add Sailing to their second edition of the Caribbean games (u23 for all sports).

Rob Holden spoke about the All-Africa Games and All-Africa Youth Games, which has not held sailing since 2011. It was noted that ASCON is the body that needs to approach the organisers to add sailing.

Pınar Coşkuner Genç noted the European Games don't currently include sailing, but EUROSAF was working to see if this was possible in 2027. Also, that the Balkan Games where each International Sport organize their Games individually and in different venues and dates, rotating through the Balkan countries, need special attention. The Games are now using only Youth Classes and programmed to happen in early September. Pınar also noted the games of the Small States of Europe, that will include Sailing and be held in Malta in 2023!

Beatriz raised the Commonwealth Games; Sailing is an optional sport that the host country can choose to add. Fred suggested as there is no specific sailing body covering the Commonwealth Nations, that if a working party could be created to assess this work and begin approaching the right people at the Commonwealth Foundation. The program for 2026 is currently finalised so the next opportunity would be the 2030 games. Beatriz and Pedro will work to get this started.

Fabian Bach noted the need for education of officials and the Race Management Sub-Committee was keen to host education events before Regional Games, if any host would like to do this to get in touch. Pedro will share this information with any Technical Delegates too.

9. Any Other Business

Ozlem Akdurak, Vice President of World Sailing, thanked the committee for their work. Beatriz officially closed the meeting at 17:10.