

The Para World Sailing Committee will meet at 1030 on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at the NH Hotel in Malaga.



Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda. The Committee may make a recommendation to Council on any item of its agenda.

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1. Opening of the Meeting

- (a) Welcome and opening remarks from the Chair and Vice-chair
- (b) Apologies for absence
 - i) None
- (c) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 - i) None

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- (a) Minutes-

Note the minutes of the Para World Sailing Committee meeting of Annual Conference 2022.

They will be available for download on the WS website.

Reviewed on screen for all present.
- (b) Matters Arising from the minutes

None

3. Para World Sailing Committee and Working Parties

SP

- (a) To note the members of the working parties
- (b) To receive a brief update on the Working Parties (3 minutes per WP)
 - i. Classification Working Party
 - a. CWP consists of 2 classifiers, with 5 members total.

Para World Sailing Committee Agenda (cont.)

The WP has been looking at Classifier accreditation connects with Race Officials, although there has not much contact with other race officials. This is a problem as it is required as part of the validation of certification.

The WP is also looking at the processes for the Adaptations committee at events in connection with physical adaptations to boats such as seats or adaptive aids- currently sailors must apply for each event.

Classifiers also working on opportunities and classification for sailors with intellectual impairment (DS support).

DS- Last year there was a test event for sailors with II- although there was a struggle for entries. There is a potential barrier with Virtus eligibility process (expensive assessment and time consuming). AUS is now trialling process that is sailing based in , with AUS sailing approving a provisional process for an event in March 2024.

II Include substantial numbers of athletes.

Special Olympics includes sailing for several years, focus around SO movement. Provincial and national games and every 4 years a summer Games. Virtus have international and world games, but focus is more on engaging with mainstream sport to include athletes with II. AUS trial process will be presented to Virtus, and will be a sport specific process to avoid the full Virtus process. Developing classification process for inclusivity, ie Inclusive World Championships- those that are impacted in their daily lives by disability.

ii. Equipment Working Party

- a. Disciplines remain the same; 2.4mR, Hansa 303, RS Venture Connect.

Provided equipment model should be the focus, but need to look at availability in several regions- should other classes be recognised?

iii. Athlete Rankings Working Party

- a. WS ranking system- not easy getting results from classes and events. The WP to look at communication methods and to start working with classes to provide information on regattas and results.

Aim is to have the Events calendar in advance to allow planning for athletes and organisers.

iv. Communications Working Party

- a. January, WS terminated partnership with Mallory group.

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WS Sailors forum is successful in communicating the wider message, and can have a greater use with how we communicate with the sailors.

New media strategy to align with the overall strategy.

Involve regional sailors from Emerging Nations program, especially for the IDP. The use of a standardised language within the media strategy that is universal for more media opportunities.

Sponsorship opportunities- looking at how we can leverage the messaging to look for sponsorship opportunities within the Inclusive and Para communities.

v. Regional Development Working Party

- a. Regional knowledge hubs as a focus, with greater focus on regional events and activities. Encouraging MBAs and groups to work together and share resources to grow regionally.

Rebranding of the development program.

More work to be done on collecting resources and looking at how we create a hub for sharing information.

vi. Inclusion Working Party

- a. The WP needs to look at Agenda 2023, Number 38; Accessibility standards. Creating a standardisation across countries for accessibility.
- b. IDEA- DS presented the WP output for language and inclusivity within the Para sailing parameters.
- c. To consider future Inclusive events, an events WP needs to be established for 2024.

WP: Betsy Alison, David Staley, Alfred Pelinka, Heiko Korger (sailors representative) and Emma Hallen.

vii. Documents Working Party

- a. RMM now appendix Y in WS RMM.

RRS Appendix c BS (Blind Sailing) due for review 2023, not yet started. Identify officials from BS that can help with the review (BD and HS to support).

Development of NOR and SI for BS Match racing and fleet racing (use standard version and work with racing rules committee).

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

- i) Race officials committee- ITD WP; John Napier, David Staley, and David Cobo and Ricardo Navarro.

Report prepared by JN passed to race officials committee.

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- ii) Safety commission - Hannah Stodel Para WS Manager
- iii) Regional games (Cat Duncan to investigate)
- iv) Medical commission – Bernard Destrube

4. IPC - Hannah Stodel, Para World Sailing Manager

- (a) Report from the IPC Conference in Bahrain.

IPC Direction seems to be focussed on Inclusivity, with lots of changes happening, including the code of classification, that is currently under review.

5. COMMUNICATIONS,

- (a) WS Director of Communications, Scott Dougal

- i) Report on 2023 Comms plan and results

Hague SWC live broadcast was ground-breaking and well received by everyone. Numbers not yet received from the broadcast, but will be followed up with for December PWSC meeting.

- ii) Recommendations for 2024 media plan for Para/ Inclusive Sailing

- (b) Structure for the Newsletter and other comms (social media)

- i) Newsletter template to be developed within WS
 - ii) Newsletter content- call to MNAs to send in info to the para.worldsailing@sailing.org address, or to use the sailors forum chats for content and ideas.
 - iii) Schedule sailors forum during events- this should be part of the TD role or the Sailors representative.

6. Para World Sailing Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027

- (a) To discuss the new Inclusive strategic plan

- (b) Future Events schedules and structures

- i) Events Working Party: Betsy Alison, David Staley, Alfred Pelinka, Heiko Kroger

- (c) Approved classes (Inclusive and Para)

The 3 current classes and list of other approved equipment remain with work to be done on how that translates to rankings etc.

Communication with the class associations needs to be better to allow the calendars to be pulled together.

7. Para Sailing Development Program

To receive a report on the 2023 PDPs and an overview of the plan for future development

- (a) Training and Development update- Catherine Duncan
- (b) Rebranding as IDP

Para Development Program rebranded as Inclusive Development program (IDP).

The 3 course levels; Foundation, Coaching and Performance

Each course will now include and experience as part of the program.

- (c) Hague SWC IDP-P

25 participants from 10 countries, supported by 2 coaches; Matt Grier and Christoffel Van Hees.

Support offered to 19 countries with 2 taking up full support and 6 taking up grants and entry and charter fee support.

- (d) Singapore IDP-F

34 participants from 13 countries, supported by 2 coaches; Hannah Stodel and Stevie Beckett.

Hosted by the Passion Wave Sailing Centre in Singapore and supported by Metazone for the experience part of the IDP.

Scored 4.67/5 for the WS part of the program with a net promoter score of 75 which is considered very good.

- (e) Italy IDP-C

13 participants from 9 countries, with a further 6 Italian coaches and 6 Italian Para Academy sailors. Supported by 2 coaches; Hannah Stodel and Christoffel van Hees.

Experience provided by Luna Rossa Prada Americas sup team.

Scored 4.67/ 5 overall for the program, with a net promotor score of 86 that is considered world class.

8. Events

- (a) Reports of previous events

- i) SailGP- Dan Jaspers, RS Sailing on behalf of Venture Connect Class
10 Inclusive sailors representing each of the SailGP teams; one SGP sailor paired with each using 5 brand new boats kindly provided by RS Sailing.

SailGP SUI and the Stiftelsen Vi foundation supported the event.

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- ii) Hansa World Championships, Portimão, Leo Sanchez IM
Really great entry numbers in both the single and double classes.
There were a few reports of inconsistent measurement etc, but LS will work with the class to ensure future measurement at international events meets WS standards to allow the class to retain its WS class status.

(b) Promotion of Events

- i) Town Halls (pre-event to be held quarterly as needed)
- ii) Sailor Forums (at/during events)
- iii) Increasing and encouraging participation at events
- iv) External awareness – communication with organisations/entities outside of the WS family

(c) 2023

- i) International Blind Fleet Racing Championships, 16-19th November 2023, Rutland UK

(d) 2024

- i) Blind Match Racing World Championships 22-28th June 2024, Sciez FRA
- ii) Hansa European Championships, 16-20th September 2024, Sneek NED
- iii) Proposed Inclusive World Championships 29th- 4th October 2024, Weymouth UK
 - 9 classes (RSVC, RS21 Blind Sailing, Elliot 6m Deaf Sailing, 2.4mR, Hansa M/W, Hansa Liberty, Sonar, Challenger, demonstration of Para Kiteboarding or wing)
- iv) 2.4mR Inclusive World Championships 29-3 August, Kiele Germany
- v) Para World Championships 2024 (Discussion on what events are designated in 2024 as Para World Championships)

(e) 2025

- i) RS Venture Connect World Championships, Feb 2025, Oman
- ii) Hansa World Championships 2025, AUS TBC

(f) Other Future Events & Event Structure

- i) Parapan Games to welcome Inclusive Sailing
- ii) Proposing regatta changed to "event" to be more inclusive.

9. Annual Report

To receive the Chair's annual report to the World Sailing Council

Para World Sailing Committee Agenda (cont.)

10. Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

To consider recommendations to Council not based on submissions that are deemed urgent and requiring action by Council.

- (a) Committee name change- delay to May midyear meeting, discussion in December call.

11. Inclusion Forum

- (a) Encourage attendance because we are covering Inclusion from the Para perspective (20 minutes dedicated to Para/ Inclusive)
 - i) Present the WP IDEA, the new strategy and the IDP
 - ii) Q&A

12. Any Other Business