

Present	Position/Representing
1. Quanhai Li (CHN)	President
2. Ozlem Akdurak (TUR)	Vice President
3. Philip Baum (RSA)	Vice President
4. Tomasz Chamera (POL)	Vice President
5. Sarah Kenny (AUS)	Vice President
6. Yann Rocherieux (FRA)	Vice President
7. Cory Sertl (USA)	Vice President
8. Marcus Spillane (IRL)	Vice President
9. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
10. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
11. Edo Fantela (CRO)	Group B
12. Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT)	Group B
13. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
14. Alexandru Micu (ROU)	Group C (Alternate)
15. Totos Theodosiou (CYP)	Group D
16. Olivier Bovyn (FRA)	Group D (Alternate)
17. Walter Cavallucci (ITA)	Group D
18. Ferran Muniesa (ESP)	Group E (Alternate)
19. Remco de Goederen (NED)	Group F
20. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
21. Ulfur H Hrobjartsson (ISL)	Group G
22. Chun Qu (CHN)	Group J
23. Hiromu Mochizuki (JPN)	Group J (Alternate)

24. Abdur Rehman Rashad (PAK)	Group K
25. Daniel Belcher (AUS)	Group L
26. John Philp (FIJ)	Group L
27. Cary Lee Byerley (ANT)	Group O
28. Hector Duvall (DOM)	Group O
29. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
30. Stan Honey (USA)	Group P
31. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
32. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
33. Jan Martin Wilschut (NED)	WS Classes Committee Chair
34. Matthew Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
35. Aileen Loo (SGP)	Women's Forum
36. Betsy Alison (USA)	Para Sailing Chair

In Attendance

David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
Urvashi Naidoo	Director of Legal & Governance
Nelia Smith	Director of Brand & International Relations
Raksha Patel	Director of Finance & Business Operations
Jaime Navarro	Director of Technical & Offshore
Alastair Fox	Director of Events
Scott Dougal	Director of Communications and Digital

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council Members.

(b) Remembrance

The Council noted and paid respects to the members of the sailing community who had passed away since the last Council Meeting.

(c) Apologies for Absence and Alternates

Council noted the following alternates appointed:

In Group J Takao Otani appointed Hiromu Mochizuki as alternate.

In Group C, Kamen Fillyov appointed Alexandru Micu as alternate.

In Group D, Nicolas Henard appointed Olivier Bovyn as alternate.

In Group E, Javier Sanz Fernandez appointed Ferran Muniesa as alternate.

(d) Declarations of Interests

The Council noted the Register of Interest. There were no additional declarations of interests.

2. Report from the President

(a) Council noted a verbal report from the President

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Council Minutes

Council approved the minutes of Council's meeting of 18 May 2023.

Decision: Council minutes approved

There were no matters arising.

(b) Board Minutes

Council received information that the minutes of the Board's meetings of 17 and 18 May 2023 were uploaded to the website and that the minutes from 29 August and 13 September would be uploaded before the end of the 2023 Annual Conference.

4. **CEO Report**

The Council noted a verbal report from the CEO.

(a) Olympic Vision

The CEO gave a presentation on the Olympic Vision document. The Document had been discussed during the week and several amendments had been agreed which refined and improved the document.

Decision: The Olympic Vision document was approved by the Council.

(38 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

(b) Transgender Policy Update

The Director of Legal and Governance updated the council on the development of a Transgender Policy. Further consultation was required, and the draft policy would be presented to the 2024 Mid- Year Meeting. The Council noted the report.

5. **Finance**

(a) 2023 Finance Update

The Council noted the report from the Director of Finance and Business Operations. This included the financial results for the year to 31 October 2023 together with the latest forecast for the rest of the year to 31 December 2023, compared to budget.

(b) 2023 Budget and latest quadrennial budget forecast

The Council noted the report presented by the CEO.

(c) World Sailing Investment Trust Report

The Council noted the valuation report.

(d) Debtors List

The Council noted outstanding debts owed to World Sailing from its Members.

6. Submissions

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions and the Green Book.

The Council considered and discussed the following submissions and made the following decisions:

a. 001 -23 -Regulations 19.7, 20.4.3, 28.2.6 and 29.2.5

Proposals to eliminate repetition that currently is required by the regulations to specify in both Notice of Race and sailing instructions.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

b. 098-23 -Regulation 10.2.1 (d)(e)

To amend regulation to allow Oceanic and Offshore Committee discretion to waive requirements for recognition of offshore classes.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book

(37 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

c. 100-23 Regulation 10

To clarify what plaque fees World Sailing Classes can expect to be required to pay to World Sailing.

Decision: Rejected

(5 approve 31 reject 3 abstain)

d. 101-23 Regulation 10.4 (a)

To adjust the timeline to notify World Sailing of the next World Championship of an international class.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book.

(38 approve 1 reject 0 abstain)

e. 102-23 Regulation 10.4.(d)

To clarify that the chair of the Event Technical Committee is an International Measurer of the Class.

Decision: Rejected

(1 approve 36 reject 2 abstain)

f. 103-23 Regulation 10.4.(d)

To allow classes the opportunity to have a Class approved Measurer who may not be an International Measurer.

It was proposed that this submission be deferred but the Council rejected this proposal.

Decision: The Council then voted on the submission, and it was Rejected

(1 approve 36 reject 2 abstain)

g. 106-23 Regulation 10.5

To allow time for current Offshore classes such as IMOCA and Class 40 which do not hold World Championships to qualify as International Measures.

Decision: Alternative Proposal as per Green Book. Approved

(38 approve 1 reject 0 abstain)

h. 107 -23 Regulation 15.6

To allow the 2024 Mid-Year Council meeting to approve regulation changes to Regulation 23 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book.

(38 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

i. 108-23 Regulation 23.3.1 and 25.8.2

For the Board to approve the Chief and Deputy Chiefs to the Olympic Games.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book.

(37 approve 0 reject 2 abstain)

j. 109-23 Regulation 25.2.1 (a) (ii) -Classes

To enable Classes to have a Transgender Policy awarding female World Championship titles and World Championship titles open to any gender.

Decision: Rejected

(Approve 1 reject 36 abstain 2)

k. 111-23 Regulation 27.2

To update the Regulations to clarify that there can be three principal national championships, open, women and youth.

Decision: Approved as per Green Book.

(38 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

l. 113-23 Regulation 27.2.3

To level the playing field and make the weight limit in open match racing fair and inclusive to people of all weight ranges.

Decision: Approved as per Green Book.

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

m. 114-23 Regulation 30.3

To introduce a process for the issuing of Offshore Special Regulations interpretations.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book.

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

n. 115-23 Regulation 31.15 -Race Officials

To amend the Regulation 31.15 by changing the reapplication time for WS Race Officials after the termination of their appointment.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

o. 116-23 Regulations 31.7 and 6.10.7.3(i), 6.10.8.3(i), 6.10.9.3(i) and 6.10.10.3(i)

To propose an alternative Grouping system for Race Officials.

Decision: Rejected

(approve 9 reject 28 abstain 2)

p. 148 -23 was **withdrawn** but the Chief Executive Officer gave an update to the Council on the position in relation to the Sailing Federation of Ukraine and the Russian Yachting Federation.

q. 149-23 Regulation 24.1 to 24.3.4

To provide flexibility in relation to the Sailing World Championships, including to split the Sailing World Championships into multiple events and to include additional events where appropriate.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book

(38 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

r. 151-23 Regulation 10.2.1.(d) and (e) and Regulation 10.4

To differentiate between having the right to host a World Championship and being classified as a WS class and allow flexibility in terms of global distribution criteria.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book. Proposal 2 was withdrawn. Proposal 1 approved.

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

s. 153 -23 Regulation 23 -Events

Timeline and selection of events for Olympic Games Version 1

This submission was **withdrawn** at the Council Meeting.

t. 154-23 Regulation 23 -Events

Timeline and selection of events for Olympic Games. Version 2

This submission was **withdrawn** at the Council Meeting.

u. 155-23 Regulation 8.15.2

Minor amends to the Terms of Reference of the Safety Commission.

Decision: Approved as per the Green Book

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

7. For Approval Not Based Upon Submissions

(a) Governance Reform Documents.

Vice President Philip Baum presented the work done to date and the following documents had been prepared for approval:

- General Assembly Rules of Procedure
- Council Rules of Procedure
- Betting and Anti-Corruption Code

- Anti-Doping Code
- Committee Terms of Reference
- Regulation 35 and Regulation 36 Changes

He also presented the work which still needed to be done in 2024 and commended the process of governance reform for the long-term benefit of the sport.

It was agreed to vote for all the documents enblock.

Decision: The documents were approved unanimously.

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(b) MNA Review Regulation 2.4

Under Regulation 2.4 every four years, the representation of Full Members on Council through the Council Groups is reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary are presented to the Council and AGM for their approval.

The Constitution Committee carried out the review and recommended to the Council that:

- a) The Philippine Sailing Association move from Group J to Group K; and
- b) Group K's number of representatives nominated to Council be increased from 1 (one) to 2 (two).

Decision: This was approved by the Council and would be put to the AGM as a change to World Sailing Articles of Association was required.

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(c) Safeguarding Policy

The Council noted that a Safeguarding Policy and Procedures had been prepared but that it was just the beginning of the work in this area and more work would be done to bring the policy to life. It was also noted that several minor amendments had been proposed by the Constitution Committee.

Decision: The Policy and Procedures were approved as per the Green Book.

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(d) Equipment Committee Agenda Item 5

The Equipment Committee recommended that the following Classes had their Class status withdrawn in accordance with Regulation 10.13 :

- International Ocean Race 65 Class
- International Swan 45 Class
- International Splash Class
- International Enterprise Class
- International X-41 Class Association

Decision: The Council approved the recommendation to remove the Class status of all the above-named Classes.

(38 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

(e) Events Committee Agenda Item 7.1 – 2026 Youth Olympic Games

The Events Committee recommended that the 4 Events for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games would be:

- Men's Windurfing
- Women's Windsurfing
- Men's Board
- Women's Board

Decision: This Council approved the recommendation to include the above events in the 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

(39 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(f) Events Committee Agenda Item 9.1 – Regulation 23 Working Party Report

The report was noted.

(g) WSCC & OCSC – Olympic Vision Report

The report was noted.

8. Reports and Recommendations not based on Submissions

The Council noted the reports from the following Committees. The reports were also published on the World Sailing website:

- a. Audit Committee
- b. Constitution Committee
- c. Development & Regions Committee
- d. Equipment Committee
- e. Events Committee
- f. Oceanic & Offshore Committee
- g. Para World Sailing Committee
- h. Race Officials Committee
- i. Racing Rules Committee
- j. Women's Forum
- k. World Sailing Classes Committee

9. Any Other Business

Council received closing remarks from the President. He especially thanked all the Committee and Commission Members for their work. He also thanked the City of Malaga for being the hosts for the 2023 Annual Conference.

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting.

The Live stream of the meeting can be found here: [2023 Annual Conference – Council Meeting 2](#)