

Para World Sailing Committee –

Inclusion Working Party Report 2024

Leader: David Staley (AUS). Members Betsy Alison (USA), Jenny Davey (CAN), Jens Kroker (GER), Emma Hallen (SWE), Alison Weatherly (AUS).

After a slow start in 2022 using email exchange, the membership was expanded and series of videoconference meetings were held during 2023 in March, May, July and October. These meetings developed a reviewed a working document, Draft Goals and Definitions, which aimed to provide some guidance and a resource for the PSWC moving forward as World Sailing considers how inclusion is managed within the overall sport structure. A presentation was also prepared for the 2023 Annual Conference.

See attached IWP 1 & 2.

In April 2024, the PWSC Inclusion and Classification Working Parties met to discuss how classification can work in an inclusive sport environment, including consideration of the IPC Classification Code, eligibility for those athletes who do not meet the IPC criteria and the practicality of self-determination of disability or health condition. The Classification Working Party and Para World Sailing Manager continue to work on this aspect.

David Staley – September 2024