

The World Sailing Council Meeting Minutes

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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. Jo Aleh (NZL)	Vice-President, Chair Athletes Commission
10. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
11. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
12. Edo Fantela (CRO)	Group B
13. Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT)	Group B
14. Kamen Fillyov (BUL)	Group C
15. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
16. Yiannos Fotiou (CYP)	Group D (alternate)
17. Corinne Migraine (FRA)	Group D (alternate)
18. Walter Cavallucci (ITA)	Group D
19. Ferran Muniesa (ESP)	Group E
20. Peter van der Bossche (NED)	Group F (alternate)
21. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
22. Ulfur H Hrobjartsson (ISL)	Group G
23. Mohamed AL Obeidi (UAE)	Group I (alternate)
24. Qu Chun (CHN)	Group J
25. Aiko Saito (JPN)	Group J (alternate)
26. Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)	Group K
27. Daniel Belcher (AUS)	Group L

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28. John Philp (FIJ)	Group L
29. Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)	Group M
30. Marco Aurelio de Sa Ribeiro (BRA)	Group N
31. Cary Lee Byerley (ANT)	Group O
32. Hector Duvall (DOM)	Group O
33. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
34. Stan Honey (USA)	Group P
35. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
36. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
37. Mohammed Atbi (ALG)	Group Q
38. Jan Martin Wilschut (NED)	WS Classes Committee Chair
39. Matthew Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
40. Elena Papazoglou (CYP)	Women's Forum
41. Betsy Alison (USA)	Para Sailing Chair

In Attendance

David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
Urvashi Naidoo	Director of Legal & Governance
Nelia Smith	Director of International Relations & Corporate Affairs
Raksha Patel	Director of Finance & Business Operations

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council Members to Singapore.

(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

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There were no formal apologies. The Council noted the following alternates were appointed:

- In Group F Remco de Goederen (NED) appointed Peter van der Bossche as alternate.
- In Group D, Nicolas Henard (FRA) appointed Corinne Migraine (FRA) as alternate.
- In Group D, Totos Theodosiou (CYP) appointed Yiannos Fotiou (CYP) as alternate.
- In Group F Remco de Goederen (NED) appointed Peter van der Bossche as alternate.
- In Group I Rashid Al Kindi (OMA) appointed Mohamed AL Obeidi (UAE) as alternate
- In Group J Takao Otani (JPN) appointed Aiko Saito as alternate.

(d) Declarations of Interests

The Council noted the Register of Interest. Jan Martin Wilschut noted that he was the Classes Committee Chair and was conflicted on items concerning individual Classes. There were no other declarations of interests.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Council Minutes

Council noted the minutes of Council's meetings held by conference call on 16 May 2024.

(b) There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 16 May 2024.

(c) Board Minutes

Council received information that the minutes of the Board's meetings held on 15 May 2024, 10 July 2024, 6 August 2024 and 4 September 2024 were available on the World Sailing website.

(d) Decisions by Circular – there were no motions approved via email.

3. Reports

(a) Presidents Report

The President provided a report on the global state of the sport. He noted the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games which had taken place earlier in the year and thanked all members of sailing community for their commitment and support.

(b) CEO Report

The Council received a report from the CEO where he outlined key points on Strategy, Governance, Events, Development and Sustainability.

He extended thanks to the staff, volunteers and event organisers who had worked so hard on the Paris 2024 Olympics under difficult and challenging weather conditions. He also expressed gratitude to the French Sailing Federation and to the Paris 2024 Organising Committee for their amazing collaboration and support.

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He also thanked the Italian Sailing Federation for hosting the Youth Sailing World Championships in Lake Garda.

The Council Sessions earlier in the week had included detailed presentations on the work on Governance Reforms, Events, International Development, Growth of MNA's, Para Inclusive Sailing, Oceanic & Offshore, Equipment and Sustainability.

Finally, the CEO thanked the President, the Board and the Council for all their work over the year to move the sport forward. He especially extended thanks to Vice President Sarah Kenny and Vice President Marcus Spillane who were not standing for re-election.

4. Finance

(a) 2024 Management Accounts

The CEO gave a report on the latest available accounts which included the expenditure for the Paris 2024 Olympics and the projected payment from the International Olympic Committee. The Council noted the report. The finance documents were published with the Council papers.

(b) 2025 Budget and quadrennial budget forecast

The 2025 budget had been approved by the Board. The quad forecast would be approved by the new Board in the first quarter of 2025.

(c) Trust Report

The Council noted the details of the Trust Report

(d) Debtors List

The Council noted the outstanding debts owed to World Sailing from its Members. This information was also published on the World Sailing website.

5. Members

(a) New Members

The Council noted that the Constitution Committee had reviewed an application from Tajikistan to join as a new Full Member. The Constitution Committee were satisfied that the application was in compliance with the Constitution and the Regulations, and they recommended that the Council approve the application and note the further recommendation was that this new Member be placed in Group H.

Proposer Peter Hall

Secunder Jan Martin Wilschut

Decision: The Council approved the Full Member application of the Sailing Federation of Tajikistan and the recommendation that the new MNA be placed in Group H.

(35 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

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- (b) The Council noted the list of suspended members was published on the World Sailing

6. Submissions

028-24 – A submission from US Sailing to Require MNA Membership for Categorization.

Submission was withdrawn by the Submitter.

029-24 - A submission from the Race Officials Committee to expand the Race Official application process to offer two opportunities a year to apply for international status/renew an application by amending Regulation 31.4 and Regulation 31.7.

It was noted that the current Regulations would become redundant if the proposed 2025 Regulations and Policies were approved by Council. Therefore, the Constitution Committee recommendation was that if this submission was approved, the new text should be carried forward into the 2025 Regulations and the Policy Register, specifically Policy L3 as applicable.

Proposed by Ulfur H Hrobjartsson Seconded by Elena Papazoglou

Decision: The Council approved the submission.

(39 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

030-24 - A submission from the Board and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee Chair to amend Regulation 38 and to introduce a Safety Policy.

Several amendments had been agreed with the submitter and were not considered to be a substantial change to the original submission.

It was noted that the current Regulations would become redundant if the proposed 2025 Regulations and Policies were approved by Council. Therefore, the Constitution Committee recommendation was also that if this submission was approved, the new text as amended should be carried forward into the 2025 Regulations and the Policy Register, specifically Policy P as applicable.

Proposed by Matt Allen Seconded by Vice President Philip Baum

Decision: The Council approved the submission.

(40 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

031- 24 - A submission from the MNA's of Turkey, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Croatia, Hungary, Greece, Cyprus, Algeria, Moldova, Tunisia and Libya to amend the Constitution to remove Article 23.5 (e).

Submission was withdrawn by all the Submitters.

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032 -24 - A submission from the International Formula Kite Class Association to amend the Constitution Article 36.1. (c) to establish a Sub-Committee for International Technical Delegates.

Proposer – Dina Kowalyshyn. No Secunder so the motion did not proceed and was subsequently withdrawn by the submitter.

7. Reports and Recommendations Not Based Upon Submissions

(a) Submissions from the Board

(i) Governance Reform Documents

Vice President Philip Baum presented the final phase of the Governance Reform documents.

The following documents were being proposed to Council for approval

- 2025 Regulations (including new Reg 11 formerly Reg 23)
- Categorisation Code
- Eligibility Code
- Anti-Doping Code and
- Advertising Code

It was noted that numerous policies had been pulled from the Council minutes, extending back to 2012, and would now be housed within the Policy Register on the website.

It was also noted that a new online proposals (formerly submissions) portal would be in operation allowing for the decision-making process to be continuous all year round and that it was anticipated the Council would meet every quarter rather than just twice a year.

Vice President Baum extended thanks to all the Committees and Commissions which had participated in the consultation process and especially thanked Jon Napier for the huge effort he had made in drafting the new documents. Vice President Sarah Kenny outlined the new Regulation 11 (previously Regulation 23).

Decision: The documents were approved.

Proposed Stacey Clark
Secunder Peter Hall

(40 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(ii) Code of Ethics.

All the disciplinary documents which had been in the Regulations were added as Appendices to the revised Code of Ethics.

Proposed Peter Hall Secunder Betsy Alison

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Decision: The Code of Ethics was approved.

(40 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(iii) Amendments to the Transgender and Non-Binary Policy

Several amendments to the Transgender Policy had been proposed, mainly to include better reference to non-binary persons and to improve the definitions.

The Constitution Committee had proposed some amendments which had been agreed with the submitter and were not considered substantial changes.

Proposer Stacey Clark Seconder Seconder Peter Hall

Decision: The amendments were approved.

(38 approve 0 reject 2 abstain)

(iv) WS Strategy

The CEO had presented Ready for the Future, World Sailing's 2024-2029 strategy to the Council and it was formally presented for approval.

Proposer Fiona Bolger Seconder Hector Duvall

Decision: The strategy was approved.

(40 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(b) Recommendations from the Events Committee

The Chair outlined the proposed Quota and Qualification system for the World Sailing Championship regattas in 2026 and 2027 as detailed in Events Committee agenda item 4.4.

Proposer: Ulfur H Hrobjartsson Seconder Daniel Belcher

Decision: The recommendation was approved.

(40 approve 0 reject 0 abstain)

(c) Recommendations from the Equipment Committee

The Chair confirmed that a review had been carried out and the recommendations to Council were to withdraw the World Sailing Class Status (in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 10.13) of the following Classes:

- Nacra F20
- Nacra Infusion
- Topcat K1
- Diam 24 One Design

Proposer Dina Kowalyshyn Seconder Matt Allen

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Decision: The recommendation was approved.

(39 approve 0 reject 1 abstain)

8. Committee Reports

The Council received and noted reports from the following Committees, the written reports received were published with the Council papers.

- 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

Wolfgang Mayrhofer made some closing comments to the Council as he was not returning for the next quad.

There were no items of any other business

10. Next Meeting

The schedule of Council meetings for 2025 would be published as soon as possible.

11. Closing

Council received closing remarks from the President. He especially thanked the Council, and the Committee and Commission Members for their work over the previous quad.

The President closed the meeting.

The Live stream of the meeting can be found here:

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