

World Sailing
Match Racing Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, 4 November 2024

Location: Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre

Commencement Time: 1030

Present:

Michael Rollich (FIN) – Chair

Michael O’Conner (IRL)

Nevan Baran (CRO)

Anne Malledant (FRA)

Online:

James Pleasance – Executive Director World Match Racing Tour

In Attendance:

Pedro Rodrigues – Events Manager

Hannah Stodel – Para Sailing Manager

Jim Morris – Director of Events

Cory Sertl – Vice-President

John Derbyshire – Events Committee Chair

Apologies:

Russel Green (NZL)

Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS) – Vice-Chair – temporarily suspended

Annika Carlunger (SWE)

William Canfield (ISV)

Ute Wagner (AUT)

1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. The Chairman welcomed the committee members and observers and opened the meeting b. Apologies for Absence where noted and no new potential Declarations of Interest were declared. c. The minutes of the Team Racing Sub Committee meeting of 13 November 2023 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.
2. <u>Annual Report</u> a. The Chair report to the Chairman of the Events Committee on the activities of the Match Racing Sub-committee for the period 1 January 2024 to date was noted.
3. <u>Update from Events Committee</u> a. An update from the Chair of the Events Committee was noted.
4. <u>The 2024 Youth & Women’s Match Racing World Championships, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 27 November-8 December 2024</u> a. A report from the World Sailing Technical Delegate was noted.
5. <u>The 2025 & 2026 Youth Match Racing World Championships</u> a. An update from the World Sailing Events Manager was noted.

6. <u>The 2025 & 2026 Women's Match Racing World Championships</u> a. An update from the World Sailing Events Manager was noted.
7. <u>World Sailing Nations Cup</u> a. A report from the Nations Cup Working Party was noted.
8. <u>Blind Match Racing World Championship</u> a. A report from the World Sailing Para Sailing Manager was noted.
9. <u>World Match Racing Tour</u> a. A report on the World Match Racing Tour Advisory Committee was noted.
10. <u>Match Racing Gradings and Rankings</u> a. A report from the Chair of the Match Racing Rankings Working Group was noted.
11. <u>Submissions</u> a. Submissions considered and the following recommendations to the Events Committee were approved: i. 2014-10 Recommendation: approve ii. 2014-21 Recommendation: approve iii. 2014-22 Recommendation: approve iv. 2014-23 Recommendation: approve
12. <u>Reports from Working Groups</u> a. The written reports from the following working parties were noted: i. Women's Match Racing ii. Match Racing Rules iii. Youth Match Racing iv. Race Management and Organization v. Sailor Experience
13. <u>Any other business</u> Recommendations to Council Recommendations not based on submissions Match Racing Ranking •The accessibility of the ranking is heavily restricted by the non-existent search function. You can only search manually by scrolling up and down. •A search function with filtering possibility needs to be implemented so that organizers, teams and skippers can filter for the desired relevant information. •The growth of Match Racing is dependent on having a living ranking and therefore we recommend the following: Recommendation 1 The Match Racing Sub Committee recommends that World Sailing Board of Directors dedicate resources to make sure that all necessary data is available for easy access for skippers, teams and event organisers by implementing a search function in the ranking. Match Racing portal on World Sailing Website •The World Sailing website has had microsites for Women's, Youth and Nations Cup previously. With the switch to the new platform, these microsites have stopped existing, and all data is gone from the website.

Recommendation 2

- The Match Racing Sub Committee recommends that World Sailing Board of Directors dedicate resources to reintroduce a Match Racing portal where all information concerning match racing can be stored for easy access.
- This is particularly important for new event organisers looking for information on how to set up and organize match racing events, the information for which is currently in multiple areas of the World Sailing website.