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**World Sailing**  
**Regional Games Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** March 5, 2025

**Location:** Teams Meeting

**Commencement Time:** 13:00 UTC

**Attendees:**

Captain Abdur Rehman Arshad (Chair)

Sofia Papadopoulou (Vice Chair)

Antonietta de Falco

David Brookes

Ioannis Papazoglou

Jerry Rollin

Penny McIntyre

Ricardo Navarro

Elias Gonzalez Robles

Jorge Barreda

Sharon Hardwick

Hocine Lali

Martha Juliana Acevedo Danner

**In attendance:**

Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (World Sailing Vice President)

Fiona Kidd (Head of World Sailing International Development)

**Absent:**

Christian Daianu

Zouhair Lebbat

| <b><u>Agenda Items</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b><u>Action/Person</u></b> |
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| <p><b>1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>a. <u>Chair's Opening Remarks</u></b><br/>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the committee. He addressed the group and proposed more frequent communication in the future</p> <p><b>b. <u>Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest</u></b><br/>No apologies were received. The World Sailing Conflict of Interest Policy along with link to the Online Form were circulated to the Committee Members prior to the meeting. Members are required to either update their current status or submit any conflicts in the online form if they are new to the Regional Games Committee.</p> <p><b>c. <u>Minutes of the meetings on November 6, 2024</u></b><br/>The Meeting Minutes for the meeting held on November 6, 2024 were noted.</p> <p><b>d. <u>Matters Arising</u></b><br/>There were no matters arising</p> | CA                          |

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| <p><b>e. Decisions by Email</b></p> <p>There were no decisions by email.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    |
| <p><b>2. <u>Introductions</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Introduction of Committee Members</b></p> <p>The Chair, Capt Abdur Rehman Arshaf initiated the introductions, highlighting his 50 years of sailing and race management. The Vice Chair, Sofia Papadopoulou an Olympic Bronze Medalist emphasized her commitment to youth development of the sport. Antonietta De Falco shared her initiatives in education programs for children, while David Brookes and other members also introduced themselves detailing their backgrounds and contributions to sailing.</p> <p><b>b. Introduction of Vice President &amp; report from the Board</b></p> <p>World Sailing Vice President, Beatriz Gonzalez Luna introduced herself. As the former chair of the Regional Games Sub-Committee, she shared her enthusiasm for the committee's work and the need to support sailing across different regions, especially those not on the Olympic Pathway. She acknowledged the diverse expertise within the committee and expressed her commitment to learning from fellow members.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CA |
| <p><b>3. <u>Terms of Reference</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Remit and authority of the Regional Games Committee</b></p> <p>The members were informed that the Regional Games Committee is now working under the Development Department as it's work is directly related to the growth and development of sailing.</p> <p>The new Terms of Reference for the Committee have been updated as a result of the Governance Reform and were briefly reviewed. It was noted that that the Regional Games Committee is now recognized as a full committee rather than a sub-committee and will report directly to Council.</p> <p>It was also noted that a major remit of the Committee is to promote sailing and parasailing in the Regional Games as well as to enhance participation of women and youth in sailing events at the Regional Games.</p> <p>A member of the Para Sailing Committee is to be appointed to the Regional Games Committee as stated in the Terms of Reference.</p> <p><b>b. Committee Procedures</b></p> <p>The authority of the Committee is to advise and report to Council on matters within it's remit.</p> <p>It was noted that the Regional Games Committee is formally managed through the Executive Office by the Staff person delegated by the Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>The agenda is set by the Chair in consultation with the Staff person. Following the meeting, the Staff person will prepare the draft Minutes for approval of the chair of the meeting. Unless any amendments are proposed within seven days, the minutes are deemed approved. The Minutes must be published within 14 days.</p> | FK |



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| <p><b>c. Annual Work Plan</b></p> <p>It is required in the new Terms of Reference that each Committee must create an annual work plan. This is to be reviewed at each meeting and the progress made against it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |
| <p><b>a. Regional Games</b></p> <p><b>a. 2025 to 2028 Regional Games</b></p> <p>A draft calendar of the Regional Games was presented for the next 4 years. Members were asked to review the calendar and add any missing Games or make corrections to the information presented.</p> <p><b>b. Technical Delegate Appointments &amp; Procedure</b></p> <p>The Regional Games Technical Delegates are appointed by the Board following a recommendation from the ROC through to the Events Appointment Working Group(EAWG) and then to the Board for approval.</p> <p>The following TD appointments have been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2025 Junior Pan-Am Games – Ricardo Navarro</li><li>• 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games – Francisco Jauregui</li><li>• 2026 Mediterranean Games – Bruno De Wannemaeker</li><li>• 2026 Asian Games – Abdur Rehman Arshad</li><li>• 2027 Pan-Am Games – Ricardo Navarro</li></ul> | <p><b>CA/FK</b></p> |
| <p><b>b. Development</b></p> <p><b>a. Technical Delegate Development</b></p> <p>A paper written by the John Napier, the Chair of the ITD Working Party appointed by the Race Officials Committee prepared a report in April 2023 regarding the development of ITD's was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The recommendations and action plans from that report will be part of the work of the Regional Games Committee going forward.</p> <p><b>b. Other Development Opportunities</b></p> <p>World Sailing has received Olympic Solidarity Funding to develop Officials and Coaches around regional and continental events. This will be discussed in the next meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>FK</b></p>    |
| <p><b>4. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was no other business.</li><li>• The Chair will contact the committee when the next meeting will be held.</li></ul> <p>The Meeting was adjourned at 14:00 UTC.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>CA</b></p>    |