

The World Sailing Council Meeting Minutes

The World Sailing Council met remotely via Microsoft Teams on 26 March 2025 at 12:00 UTC



Present	Position/Representing
1. Quanhai Li (CHN)	President
2. Daniel Belcher (AUS)	Vice President
3. Tomasz Chamera (POL)	Vice President
4. Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX)	Vice President
5. Dave Hughes (USA)	Vice President
6. Josep M Pla (AND)	Vice President
7. Cory Sertl (USA)	Vice President
8. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
9. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
10. Katrin Adloff (GER)	Group B
11. Martin Vogler (SUI)	Group B
12. Alexandru Micu (ROM)	Group C
13. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
14. Corinne Migraine (FRA)	Group D
15. Emilios Papathanasiou (GRE)	Group D
16. Fabio Mazzoni (ITA)	Group D (Alternate)
17. António José Cardoso de Barros (POR)	Group E
18. Peter van den Bossche (BEL)	Group F
19. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
22. Andrus Poksi (EST)	Group G
23. Tatiana Ermakova (RUS)	Group H
24. Mohamed AL Obeidli (UAE)	Group I (Alternate)
25. Xu Lijia (CHN)	Group J
26. Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)	Group K
27. Malav Shroff (IND)	Group K
28. Shevaun Bruland (AUS)	Group L
29. John Philp (FIJ)	Group L
30. Luis Velasco (ARG)	Group M
31. Marco Aurelio de Sa Ribeiro (BRA)	Group N
32. Tom Clarke (BER)	Group O
33. Irinia Perez (DOM)	Group O
34. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
35. Fred Hagedorn (USA)	Group P
36. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
37. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
38. Jan Martin Wilschut (NED)	WS Classes Committee Chair
39. Matthew Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
40. Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)	EDI Committee Chair
41. Kay Rawbone (HKG)	Para Sailing Chair

In Attendance

David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
Urvashi Naidoo	Director of Legal & Governance
Nelia Smith	Director of International Relations & Corporate Affairs

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Raksha Patel	Director of Finance & Business Operations
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1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council Members to the meeting and noted that the whole of the sailing community was devastated by the loss of Vice President Line Markert.

(b) Remembrance

World Sailing President Quanhai Li, World Sailing CEO David Graham, Vice President Cory Sertl (on behalf of the Board) and Danish National Olympic Committee President, Hans Natorp paid tribute to Vice President Line Markert who had passed away on Monday 17 March in a tragic accident.

Honoured be the memory of Vice President Line Markert who will be greatly missed.

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

(c) Apologies for Absence and Alternates

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

- In Group D, Walter Cavallucci appointed Fabio Mazzoni as alternate.
- In Group I Sheikh Ahmed Bin Hamdan Al Nahyan appointed Mohamed Al Obeidli as alternate.

(d) Declarations of Interests

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

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Council Minutes

Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of January 2025.

(b) Board Minutes

Council received information that the minutes of the Board's meetings held on 15 and 30 January and 6 February were available on the World Sailing website.

(c) Matters Arising

There were no matters that were not already on the agenda.

3. Reports

(a) Presidents Report

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The President provided a report on the global state of the sport. He especially outlined the outcomes of the 144th IOC Session and the appointment of Ms. Kirsty Coventry as the new IOC President.

(b) CEO Report

The Council received a report from the CEO who firstly congratulated IOC President elect Ms. Kirsty Coventry. He updated the Council on preparations for the LA2028 and Brisbane2032 Olympic Games. He provided an update on World Sailing events including the decision to award the 2027 World Sailing Championships to the Brazilian city of Fortaleza which had been agreed by the Evaluation Panel and Board after Valencia had formally withdrawn its offer to host the Championships.

He provided a Finance report and this was also published with the Council papers.

4. Commission Members

The Council noted the members of Commissions appointed as per the circulated paper.

5. Independent Bodies

The Council noted the position in relation to the appointment of Independent Bodies, as per the circulated paper, the Nominations Panel would be appointed by the Board and would make recommendations to the MNA.

6. Any Other Business

Council Member Tom Clarke (BER) Group O stated that the past months had uncovered many issues affecting smaller MNA's and he was thinking proactively and asked any smaller MNA's to discuss this.

7. Next Meeting

The next Council meeting would be on the 8th of May 2025.

8. Closing

Council received closing remarks from the President.

The President closed the meeting.

The Council Meeting was livestreamed on the World Sailing Youtube channel and the recording can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/DZSUMR1ntb0?si=lwVk37DB1RH1yr6D>