The International Umpires Sub-Committee met virtually at 19:00 UTC on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Education
4. IUSC Workplan
5. International Umpire applications
6. AOB

Members Present:

Chair - Chris Lindsay (IRL)	Vice-Chair *Christina Ortendahl (SWE)*	*Zuoru Jiang (CHN)*
David Maria Gosalbez (ESP)	*Juuso Leivonen (FIN)*	*Arnaud Mante (FRA)*
Alina Stratigiou (GRE)	*Richard Slater (AUS)*	

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Welcome by the Chair

Chair, CL welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their time and commitment.

b. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Leatrice Oatley (BER)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a. There being no comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2025, the minutes were deemed approved.

3. Education

a. IU seminar held in Southampton, GBR

The committee noted a report from Chris Atkins regarding a recently held IU seminar in Southampton, GBR.

b. Trainee Assessor applications

The committee discussed a trainee assessor application and reviewed a report regarding the applicant. The committee debated whether to require two positive assessments for approval, with RS suggesting that a more rigorous process to ensure quality assessors. The committee also discussed the need for a policy on what disciplines assessors can and cannot assess.
Action: CL to write to the trainee assessor requesting that they complete another assessment alongside an already qualified assessor.

c. Application for a seminar to be held in Perth, AUS

The committee discussed an application to host an IU seminar in Perth, Australia, in September. CL raised concerns about the budget, as the seminar would have a considerable cost for instructor travel. RS questioned the suitability of the timing as the event is a week before the Women's Worlds, and the top teams might be practicing in Chicago instead. The committee also discussed the quality of potential delegates, as some of those highlighted by the organisers had not completed any umpire training. The committee agreed that it was preferable to consider alternative locations for the seminar.

ZJ suggested several locations in China, including Qingdao, Xiamen, Hangzhou, and Shenzhen, which offer good wind conditions for sailing events. He suggested that a seminar in one of these locations would benefit both Chinese and international participants. The committee agreed to support this and asked ZJ to provide suggestions for potential locations and events.

Action: CL to write to the seminar applicant to decline the request for a seminar

Action: ZJ to report back to the committee on potential locations in China for hosting a clinic or a seminar.

4. <u>IUSC Workplan</u>

a. The committee reviewed the proposed IUSC workplan and approved it.

Action: CL to forward the IUSC workplan to ROC and to the Board

5. <u>International Umpire applications</u>

The committee reviewed four applications for International Umpire status and decided their recommendations to Race Officials Committee. CO left the meeting for the discussion of her application.

AM raised a concern about the form used for applications, suggesting it needed to be updated to include the number of days on the water as an umpire. The committee agreed to update the form to clarify this requirement and to specify the number of days of medal racing.

Action: The Race Officials Executive to update the application form as discussed for future applications

6. <u>AOB</u>

CL noted that the World Sailing Annual Conference will be held in Dun Laoghaire Ireland from 3-8 November.

There being no additional business, the meeting was closed.