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World Sailing
Regional Games Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 14, 2025
Location: Teams Meeting
Commencement Time: 13:00 UTC

Attendees:

Captain Abdur Rehman Arshad (Chair)	Jorge Barreda	Elias Gonzalez Robles
Sofia Papadopoulou (Vice Chair)	Hocine Lali	Martha Juliana Acevedo Danner
David Brookes	Penny Mclntyre	Sharon Hardwick
Jerry Rollin	Ricardo Navarro	

In Attendance:
Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (World Sailing Vice President)
Josep M. Pla (World Sailing Vice President)
Fiona Kidd (Head of World Sailing International Development)

Absent:
Antonietta de Falco
Christian Daianu
Ioannis Papazoglou
Zouhair Lebbat

Agenda Items	Action/Person
1. Opening of the Meeting	
a. **Chair's Opening Remarks** The Chair opened the meeting amd welcomed all the members to the second Regional Games Committee Meeting.	**CA**
b. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest** The following people were unable to attend the meeting: Yiannis Papazouglo, Antonietta De Falco, Cristain Daianu, and Zouhair Lebbat. **Action:** The Chair recommended that for future meetings and for a matter of recording absentees in the Minutes that the Committee Members inform the Executive Office if they are unable to attend the meeting.	
c. **Minutes of the meetings on March 5, 2025** The Meeting Minutes for the meeting held on March 5, 2025 were circulated and approved previously.	
d. **Matters Arising** There were no matters arising.	
e. **Decisions by Email**	

Four Working Groups were circulated to the Committee on April 11th. Most of the Committee Members responded to the Working Group that they wanted to be a part of prior to the meeting.	
2. Report from the Executive Office **a. Report from the Board Representative(s)** Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (World Sailing Vice President) reported on the last Board Meeting held on April 9th. The outcome of that meeting was the reassignment of the Vice-Presidents due to 2 vacancies on the Board. She informed the Committee that Josep M. Pla has been appointed to the Regional Games Committee. Beatriz also stated the importance of the completion of the Action Plan so that they could be reviewed by the Board at their next meeting at the beginning of May. Josep M. Pla, joined the meeting later as he was involved in another meeting and was introduced to the Committee. **b. Report from the Executive Office** Fiona Kidd (FK) gave an update from the Executive Office regarding the process that the Committee Members undertook to provide their preferences to be assigned to one of 4 Working Groups. This was done by circular email. Two members did not respond. **Action:** FK to send a reminder to Christian Daianu and Zouhair Lebbat for their preference to one of 3 remaining WGs.	**BGL/FK**
3. Working Groups **a. Work Groups and Terms of Reference** FK presented the 4 Working Parties as circulated to the Committee previously: 1. **Development WG –** this WG would create a Development Strategy to determine how to build skill capacity through training opportunities around the Regional Games for sailors, coaches, and officials. Training of Technical Delegates would be part of the WG's work as well as working with MNA's to define opportunities available around the Regional Games to grow the sport of sailing. How to increase the engagement and reach of youth sailors through the influence and impact of the Regional Games could be part of the work of the WG. 2. **Calendar WG** – this WG would maintain a schedule of Regional Games and determine strategies on how to keep and /or introduce sailing to a Regional Games. In addition, they will need to categorize the Regional Games to help WS determine the level of service that is to be provided and to include them in the overall WS Event Calendar. The WG will explore Games opportunities for Para Inclusive Sailing such as the Invictus	**CA/ FK**

Games, the Special Olympics, and the World Ability Games to name a few. 3. **Impact WG** – this WG is to determine the role and or impact of the Regional Games in the development of the sport of sailing in any region. There could be discussions on EDI issues or gender issues for sailors, coaches & officials as outlined in the "Steering the Course? How to implement the WS Sustainability Agenda 2030 &/or determine their carbon footprint? Do they have any environmental or sustainability initiatives? What are the resources required for hosting the sailing competition? What is the economic impact of sailing in the Regional Games? What is the social Impact of a Regional Games? 4. **Technical WP** – this WG would ensure that our Regulations and the Regional Games Guidelines for sailing events are up to date, monitor officials' appointments, and review the TD reports for any insights or improvements to our policy & procedures. Equipment and formats could be discussed in this WG as well as the technical role of WS in the Regional Games. **b. Committee Member Appointments** Below are the WG Members as of April 14, 2025. Those Members with an '*' are the PG leads.	

Development	Calendar	Impact	Technical
Ricardo Navarro	Jorge Barreda	Sofia Papadopoulou*	Jerry Rollin*
Penny McIntyre	Hocine Lali	Antonietta De Falco	Martha Juliana Acevedo
Sharon Hardwick*		Ioannis Papazouglou	Elias Gonzalez
David Brookes			
Christian Daianu - TBC		* WG Lead	
Zouhair Lebbat - TBC			

4. <u>Annual Work Plan</u> **a. Key SMART Objectives for the Year** FK presented draft Objectives for the Work Plan for the WG to consider for the annual Work Plan. i. Create a Development Training Plan around the Regional Games ii. Establish a Regional Games Calendar of Events iii. Determine the impact of the Regional Games for our Members & Regions iv. Ensure all Regional Games Technical Requirements & Documents are Up-to Date **b. Tasks for each Objective**	**CA/FK**

FK presented draft tasks for each Objectives . **Objective 1 Tasks**: • Determine if funding available to host WS training clinics & seminars around RGs • Create a schedule of clinics for coaches & officials prior to identified regional games on an annual basis **Objective 2 Tasks**: • Research all regional games & determine if sailing is on the competition schedule • Research games opportunities for Para Inclusive Sailing • Categorize the Regional Games to determine level of WS service **Objective 3 Tasks:** • Send a Survey to MNA's for feedback on important of Regional Games • Evaluate the responses for insights to guide development & impact **Objective 4 Tasks:** • Review the Regional Games Guidelines • Review past TD reports for any insights or improvements to our policy & procedures. • Study equipment and formats used in RGs & update the Regulations/Policies FK presented a draft of the Action Plan with the above Objectives & Tasks to illustrate how the template is to be completed. **Action:** FK to send to each WG a copy of the Presentation and section of the Action Plan for them to work on over the coming 2 days. The deadline for the Action Plan is Thursday, April 17th. The Lead of the WG is to send to FK by the end of day Wednesday or Thursday morning any updated Objectives and Tasks. **Action:** FK to complete the Action Plan with each WG's objective and tasks to meet the April 17th deadline.	
5. <u>AOB</u> Josep M. Pla reported on Eurosaf's bid to include sailing in the European Games. As the European Games are to take place in Turkey, the Turkish Federation it working closely with Eurosaf, the Games Organizers and Turkish NOC in this regard. He commented on the challenges of meeting the needs of the many MNA's in Europe. Some MNA's would like to see the Games more for development and others would like to see it as an Olympic Qualifier. Josep will keep the Committee informed on any developments.	**CA**

	The Chair thanked the members and closed the meeting. The Meeting was adjourned at 14:00 UTC.	