

World Sailing#4 Match Racing Committee Meeting Minutes**Meeting Date:** 27.5.2025**Location:** Online – link is [here](#)**Commencement Time:** UTC 18.00

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Action/Person</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Chair's Opening Remarks b. Apologies for Absence received from Anika Carlunger and Nelson Ilha c. Minutes of the meetings on 28.4.2025 approved d. No other Matters Arising	MR MR All All
2. <u>Board greetings, decisions and advice</u> a. <u>For information</u> - World Sailing Youth and Women Match Racing World Championships 2027-2029 – bid process was noted by the Board. b. <u>For information</u> – Nations Cup 2026/ 2027 – bid process was noted by the Board. c. <u>For decision</u> - Match Racing Ranking and Grading – to fix it. The Board recognised the issue and ask guidance from the MRC on timeline. d. On another matter, VP Cory Sertl noted recent discussions with various MR Host YC in the US that have raised some concerns linked to the WS Youth age eligibility.	CS CS CS CS
3. <u>Match Racing Committee Working Plan</u> a. VP Cory Sertl informed the Committee that the Working Plan was well prepared and detailed.	CMK, CS ALL
4. <u>Team updates, actions and decisions</u> a. Race Management and Organisation – MR RM&O manual Marios presented the document: "World Sailing Match Race Organisation Manual" on race Management and organisation / requirements / resources to help mainly new hosts. Question to place it on the MR section of the website. This document is important as very detailed. We need to consider how we can use it internally and externally. The MRC and the office to read and advise for next meeting.	MZ AM UMW Team chairs

To note that some tabs in the event's guideline page needs to be updated. Marios to liaise with Corinne and Pedro to update the table and related documents. To look at merging documents .

- b. Youth Team : : YMRWG = 16 entries from 13 nations.

Next bids, the WG reviewed the bid document. Need additional information to add more visibility (branding, value) and review . Timeline of bids to be released in September for a decision from the Board in Feb 2026. To consider costs linked to the officials invited.

Discussion to finalise on the Notice of race in regards with the allocation of second invitation places. Clarification on the process for second place allocation is needed

In regards with the 2026 Youth Worlds, there is a need to follow-up with the host. MR proposed to help . Corinne to do a recap email and copy MR.

Luigi raised the problem of the rankings that is not available.

Anne addressed the issue of the rankings. Not much we can do about it. Plan B short term is to download hard copies each month. Urgent to look at the long-term solution.

Questions on eligibility regarding the number (%) of nationals on the boat and nationality criteria. To fix before the issue of the next NoR.

Do we want to raise the age of the Youth?

Do we want to maintain the Youth Rankings?

Need to discuss within the Youth community. Regarding eligibility the nation is the skipper and the rest might be flexible. Nations cup is different.

Need to present a detailed paper (well) before the next MR meeting , including the members of the Youth WG. Have a smaller agenda when this is addressed.

- c. Sailor Experience – MR representation Athletes Committee – proposal to wait until the Portal on Monday.com is effective to use as first Committee recommendation.
- d. Nations Cup: the WG reviewed the document, once endorsed by the MRC, it will be sent to the staff to review. Going to bid by July. A presentation paper (2 pages) is available. And an organisation chart with timeline.

Cory recommends that the bids docs be sent directly to MR contact in the MNA.

To circulate to familiar MR hosts and to hosts cities outside of the MR worlds to enlarge the geographical spread.

The bid doc to be circulated and checked by the MRC, then internally to the office.

e. Letty is engaged with Scott regarding Media support. f. Blind MR, Betsy in touch with potential hosts for the future.	
5. <u>Practical things</u> a. Status - Team WhatsApp group to be created with Chair, Vice Chair b. Team plans in Dropbox c. World Sailing Annual Conference 3-8.11.2025	Team chairs Team chairs MR
6. <u>Any Other Business</u> a. No Matters arising – identified in opening of the meeting b. No other business c. Next meeting June 26, time TBD depending on DB (VP) availability	All All All