

The Race Management Sub-Committee met virtually at 20:00 UTC on Monday 5th May 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Race Official Applications
4. Workplan and Tasks
5. Any Other Business

Members Present:

<i>Chair – Anne Malledant (FRA)</i>	<i>Vice-Chair David Brookes (AUS)</i>	<i>Fabian Bach (GER)</i>
<i>Ines Cabrer Carvajal (ESP)</i>	<i>Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)</i>	<i>Benedek Fluck (HUN)</i>
<i>Michal Jodlowski (POL)</i>	<i>Jeff Johnson (USA)</i>	<i>Tony Lu (CHN)</i>
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<i>VP – Cory Sertl</i>		

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Welcome by the Chair

Chair, Anne Malledant welcomed the committee members and thanked all for their time and commitment. Vice President Cory Sertl welcomed all members and advised she remained available to assist with taking forward any committee concerns at a Board level.

b. Apologies and Absence

Apologies were received from VP Tomasz Chamera with Francisco Jauregui absent from the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. The minutes from the previous Race Management Sub-Committee meeting, held on 3rd February were presented with numerous members advising they had not received the minutes through email circulation. Megan Griggs confirmed the minutes would be re-shared after the meeting for review and approval and asked for all members to respond within 48 hours.

All committee members responded to the deadline and the minutes were approved post meeting with no further matters arising.

3. Race Official Applications

- a. Anne shared an update on the decisions made on applications for International Race Officer and thanked all for their contribution to the review process. Anne confirmed recommendations had been taken to the Race Officials Committee at their meeting last week. One query was raised on a decision and Anne and David confirmed this would be taken forward for a further review.

David Brookes raised concerns of the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competencies document regarding the classification of sailing events as 100 grade point events with suggestions to limit this classification to classes meeting Olympic grade requirements. Fabian Bach raised concerns about the decision-making process regarding the RQC and the implications of changing event grades too quickly. David Brookes confirmed this was a discussion and not for decision making and asked all members to give thoughts over the coming months.

- b. Megan Griggs re-informed committee members of the process for reviewing the dates references are collected, to ensure clear understanding ahead of proceeding with September applications.

4. Workplan and Tasks

- a. Anne shared an update to the sub-committee on the Race Management Sub-Committee workplan highlighting the roles of the IT Digital, Documents and Rules, Education and Policies teams. Pinar noted that the plan is general and will require each working team to create specific agendas to clarify their tasks and deadlines.
- b. The committee received an update from the chairs of following work tasks:

- i. IT/ Digital

David Brookes shared an update on digital technology advising there are multiple working teams Race Management Sub-Committee, International Umpires Sub-Committee, Specialist Sailing Committee , all with a focus on digital officiating. David

Brookes reinforced the priority should be developing the Race Management policy and before doing this needs to understand from World Sailing the budget to support suitable technology.

ii. Education

Fabian Bach shared an update on the recently held Race Management seminar in Czech Republic advising 8/19 participants passed the test, including attendees from Europe, Asia and Australia.

Fabian confirmed a seminar had been approved for Hyderabad, India and planning was in progress to appoint the instructors.

Fabian Bach highlighted the importance of having qualified participants in IRO seminars, noting that some attendees may not pass the tests. Jeff Johnson highlighted the progress with the national program and delivery this year will create more people that are able to level up to the IRO seminar. Michal Jodlowski raised a question about the opportunity of continuous education programs for IROs, and Fabian confirmed that no such program exist from World Sailing. Megan Griggs suggested exploring the idea of virtual gatherings for IROs to enhance their skills and knowledge.

iii. Documents/Rules

Michal gave an update on documents and rules, advising discussion on the RQC shall begin following the experience of reviewing applications. Anne confirmed the requirement for RMSC to be ready with their recommended changes for the annual conference meeting. Anne confirmed the race management manual is targeted for publication by January 2026.

iv. Policies

Pinar Coskuner Genc shared an update on policies confirming the updated events for LA 2028, confirming David Brookes has spoken with Michael Downing WS to the possible changes and how it would affect the policies. Pinar identified the Events Committee has a working group for format which does not include a representative from Race Officials, highlighting a need for the people doing the job to be involved in the decision-making process.

5. **AOB**

- a. No additional business discussed.