



Special Regulations Sub-Committee Minutes

The Special Regulations Sub-Committee met virtually at 0900 UTC on 9 June 2025.

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Members Present:

James Dadd - Chair	Sachiko Sault	Christophe Gaumont
Richard Hinterhoeller – Vice-Chair	Per Boymo	Andy Newell
Glen Stanaway		

Other Present:

Katrina Ham – Offshore and Safety Manager	Jaime Navarro – Director of Technical and Offshore	Josep M Pla -WS Vice-President
Matt Allen – OOC Chair	Nelia Smith – International Relations & Corporate Affairs	

Apologies:

David Hughes - WS Vice-President	Patrick Lindqvist	Ana Gamulin
Haluk Suntay	Francesca Clapcich	

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Chair's Opening Remarks

James Dadd welcomed members to the meeting. He highlighted the inclusion of observers for the first time. He explained one of the objectives of the call was to test the online systems including voting. Matt Allen thanked members for volunteering their time for the sub-committee.

b. Apologies for Absence

It was noted that apologies have been received from David Hughes and Francesca Clapcich.

c. [Minutes of the meeting on 4 April 2025](#)

The minutes of the meeting on the 4th of April were approved.

d. Matters Arising

No other matters were raised.

2. Executive Office Update

a. An update from the Executive Office

Katrina Ham provided an update from the Executive Office. While the ambitions for the proposal portal to be launched by the end of the month was highlighted, Katrina Ham emphasised that proposals could be made via email. She welcomed people to contact the office if they have any questions. A brief overview on the changes to the proposals system was given, noting that proposals can be submitted at any time but would not be considered by the Special Regulations Sub-Committee until 6 weeks after they have been received.

- b. Note the update from International Regulations Commission regarding ISO12217 & ISO12215-5
- The report provided by Stuart Carruthers was noted. Katrina Ham explained that Johannes Christophers from the International Regulations Commission will be leading on ISO12215 going forward.

3. Proposals

James Dadd explained the current status of the drafts, highlighting the ability to approve minor changes more efficiently with the new governance structure.

- a. To discuss draft proposals
- i) DSR Proposal – 3.14.1 Stanchions, Pulpits, etc.
Richard Hinterhoeller recalled the history of a previous submission from the TP52 Class, before explaining the proposal. Jaime Navarro raised some concerns regarding differences between the text and images. It was agreed that more discussion would be beneficial for the proposal.
 - ii) DSR Proposal – 3.29.6 VHF Cockpit Speakers
Referencing the original submission received from the Royal Yachting Association, Richard Hinterhoeller provided some background of the proposal.
 - iii) DSR Proposal – 3.29.8 GPS
It was noted that this proposal was developed following recommendations from Stan Honey.
 - iv) DSR Proposal – 4.26 Storm & Heavy Weather Sails
 - v) DSR Proposal – 4.30 Emergency Pumps
 - vi) DSR Proposal – 5.02.2 Tethers
 - vii) DSR Proposal – Appendix M

4. Work Plan

- a. Update from Stability Working Group
Richard Hinterhoeller provided a brief update on the working group looking at the potential for a stability database. He noted that there will be a meeting later today.
- b. A review of the Work Plan
Katrina Ham explained that a review of the work plan is a requirement of meetings following the governance changes. Nelia Smith gave an update on the approval process, emphasising the desire for Committee's to continue to make progress in the meantime.

5. Incident Reports

James Dadd noted the recently published reports. He highlighted the desire to look into the recommendations and findings in more detail at the Annual Conference.

- a. [SP164 – Newport – Bermuda Race – Boat Abandoned – Crew Rescued – Alliance – 23 June 2024](#)
- b. [SP166 - Newport – Bermuda Race – Boat Abandoned – Crew Rescued – Gunga Din – 25 June 2024](#)

- c. [SP164 & SP166 – Report](#)
- d. [SP169 – Delivery – Boat Abandoned – Crew Rescued – Solution – 2 July 2024](#)
- e. [SP182 – Club Race – Man Overboard – Fatality – Limbless – 1 October 2022](#)

6. AOB

- a. Discuss the survey results SR02-24

Richard Hinterhoeller explained the history of the submission and detailed the survey that was conducted. James Dadd noted the desire to make the most of the findings throughout the quad.

- b. Appendix L

Glen Stanaway provided an update on the work of Australian Sailing following the report on “The Big Hairy” keel failure. He explained that the work has expanded further than the original scope of welded keels.

- c. Next Meeting

James Dadd thanks members for their time. It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at 1300BST/1200UTC on the 25th of July 2025. Taking into account the 6-week period, it was noted that proposals would need to have been submitted by the 13th of June to be discussed at that meeting. The meeting closed at 0955UTC.