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World Sailing
Regional Games Meeting Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Location: Teams Meeting

Commencement Time: 13:00 UTC

Attendees:

Captain Abdur Rehman Arshad (Chair)	Jorge Barreda	Zouhair Lebbat
Sofia Papadopoulou (Vice Chair)	Jerry Rollin	Martha Juliana Acevedo Danner
David Brookes	Cristian Daianu	Sharon Hardwick
Ioannis Papazoglou	Ricardo Navarro	Antonieta de Falco

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:

Penny McIntyre

Elias Gonzalez Robles

Hocine Lali

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Action/Person</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. <u>Chair's Opening Remark</u> The Chair welcomed all of the Committee Members to the meeting. b. <u>Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest</u> Hocine Lali, Penny McIntyre, Elias Gonzalez Robles sent their apologies for not attending the meeting. c. <u>Minutes of the meetings on May 19, 2025</u> The Minutes were approved by the Chair and Vice Chair and circulated and approved by the Committee. d. <u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising from the Minutes. Under this item, the Chair raised concerns about the classification of the various Regional Games and highlighted the need for clearer guidelines and better communication between World Sailing and the Organizing Committees. Financial challenges for small to medium sized Regional Games was also raised as a concern for many organizers that do not know the technical aspects of our sport. The importance of enhancing Regional Games to attract and improve the overall event quality was suggested by aligning with a local foundation or not-for-profit organization to help with recruiting	CA/FK



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volunteers or funding. It was confirmed that World Sailing needs to support the medium to smaller Regional Games as they are crucial for development in their region. Another concern is the lack of consistent enforcement of the regulations by World Sailing to all of the Games. Appointing or approving TD's and Race Officials consistently is an ongoing concern and needs to be addressed. Action: In order for World Sailing to better serve all the Regional Games they events need to be segmented into different tiers based on size (numbers of countries participating). This will require that the World Sailing Regulations are modified to allow more flexibility in the planning and delivery of the sailing competition in smaller Regional Games. Action: FK to research past Regulations to determine how the Regional Games were ranked previously. This could be helpful in determining how they should be ranked going forward. e. Decisions by Email There were no decisions my email.	
2. <u>Report from Executive Office</u> a. Report from the Board Representative(s) Vice President, Beatriz Gonzalas Luna (BGL), gave a verbal report on behalf of the Board. She noted that all committees are really working hard for the November Meeting and she hopes that everyone can attend the meeting in November. The Growth of Sailing Committee is researching classes and events in each region and the Regional Games will play an important part of that research. b. Report from the Staff Fiona Kidd (FK) gave a demonstration of the World Sailing Academy online platform that was launched earlier in the day. Access to the platform is through the World Sailing Website. The World Sailing Academy is an online learning and educational platform that offers training courses and a resource hub for access to a variety of topics such as coaching, officials, women in sailing, para inclusive sailing, safeguarding and more. FK gave a live demonstration of the World Sailing Academy and outlined how to get access, as well as an overview of the Courses and Modules. She also gave an overview of the resource Hubs for a variety of groups. This platform is also a digital tool for remote coaching for our training programs and will be part of a new hybrid learning process going forward. FK encouraged all members to register and explore the platform. Feedback is welcome.	BGL/JMP FK



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FK also reported that WS will be adding new members to the executive office in the areas of Legal & Governance, Events, IT, Website project management. FK also reported on the 2025 Development Symposium. It will now be integrated throughout the week of the annual conference, so that everyone who is at the conference can benefit from the sessions. It will start on the Sunday before the Annual Conference on Nov 2nd. There will be 2 Lunch & Learn Sessions, plus a breakfast Keynote speaker. A closing event will take place after the Growth of Sailing Committee on Friday, Nov 7th. FK encouraged committee members to participate in the Development Symposium Sessions at the conference when they are there. The theme of the Development Symposium is <i>One Sport, One Future: Innovation, Inclusion, and Impact</i>. FK also reported that for our next meeting, it will be open to the public so we will be using the Teams Webinar application for our meetings. If needed, we will also use a new voting software application for any voting. The Proposal Application Process is due to be ready at the end of the month and will be accessed from the World Sailing Website.	
3. <u>Annual Work Plan</u> The Work Plan that was sent to the Board for approval was circulated again to the committee. There were no changes.	FK/BGL/JMP
4. <u>Working Group Reports</u> a. <u>Development Working Group</u> Sharon Hardwick (SH) presented the WG questions for a survey to MNAs to gain insights on the effects of the Regional Games on development of the Region. Action: FK to set up a Survey to be sent to the MNA's in the regions where the Regional Games have taken place. b. <u>Calendar Working Group</u> Hocine Lali (HL) circulated and updated Calendar to the Committee. FK added a column to the document to indicate the TD appointed to the event. The Chair introduced the discussion regarding the difficulty to understand how our regularions and policies apply to the variety of Regional Games and what or how should the organizers be serviced. This item was discussed thoroughly under Item 1 d). Action: The Calendar WG to rank the Regional Games into different levels (Tiers) based on their size so that it is better understood which Regional Games should be governed by the WS Regulations. It was noted of the importance of a Regional Games hosting an Olympic Qualifer particularly with the universality classes such as	WG Leads

the ILCA 6&7 or IQFoil. Allocating and Olympic Qualifier to a Regional Games elevates the sport and the games in terms of funding & development in the region. c. Impact Working Group Sofia Papadopoulou (SP) presented the Impact Working Group's questions for a Survey to be sent to the MNA's that participated in 4 Regional Games identified at the last meeting as 'Events Under Review': XIX Mediterranean Games – Oran Algeria; I Junior Pan American Games – Cali, Colombia; I Virtus Oceania Asia Games – Gold Coast, Australia; and the XIX Asian Games in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. Action: FK to research the MNA's that participated in the 4 Events under Review. Action: FK to set up the survey with either Survey Monkey or Teams Forms and send out to the MNA's and their TDs as soon as possible. d. Technical Working Group Jerry Rollin presented the report of the Technical Working Group. They are still in the process of gathering information from past Regional Games. They have been reviewing the 2018 Guidelines for Sailing Events at Regional Games. Action: To update the Guidelines for Sailing Events at Regional Games to ensure they are up to date in terms of the 2024 Rules and Regulations/Policies. The Technical WG has also been reviewing the April 2023 paper titled the <i>International Technical Delegates Pathway Working Party Report</i> that discusses the need for a strategy for increasing the recruitment of women and men as ITD and the role of the TD's at various Regional Games. David Brooks (DB), the Vice Chair of the Race Management Sub-Committee informed the Committee that work is being done in the International Technical Delegate WG on this issue. Action: DB to report back to the Working Party and Committee with any developments in this area.	
5. 2025 Regional Games Reports a. Junior Pan Am Games Ricardo Navarro (RN), the appointed TD for the Junior Pan Am Games presented his report on the site visit and Race Management Clinic. It was concluded that the Race Management Clinic was a success with 30 persons in attendance of which 10 were women. The site visit was also a success. Planning is well underway and it is anticipated that the event will success in August. b. WorldAbility Beach Games FK reported on the Worldability Beach Games. It is a para inclusion event that will take place in Mersin, Turkey October 12th to 20th. The Turkish Sailing Federation is organizing the event. The	TDs/FK



competition will be held in the Hansa 303 class. The quota is set for 30 nations, both men and women. c. Bolivarian Games Ricardo Navarro reported that he has been appointed as the TD for the games. Although it is a small organizing committee, they are well organized and appreciate receiving the technical information about the event. d. Africa Youth Games FK reported that the Africa Youth Games are taking place in Angola in December 1st to 7th. The equipment is the ILCA 6 & with a possibility of adding the Tecno 293 *(equipment in the YOG) e. SEA Games The Chair reported that the SEA games are taking place in Thailand. It is considered a small event in Asia with only 5 or 6 countries participating in the sailing Competition.	
6. <u>Para Sailing Representative on Committee</u> FK reported that there are two ways to get a Para Sailing Representative on the Regional Games Committee. The first is for the Chair to make a proposal for a constitutional change that will allow for a permanent member of the Para Sailing Committee to be appointed to the Regional Games Committee. This should take place before the Council Meeting in September if it is to be ratified at the November Conference at the AGM. The other is a short-term solution to inquire if there is anyone on the Para Sailing Committee that would be interested in being part of one of the Regional Games Working Groups. Action: The Chair of the Regional Games Committee to inquire if there is a member of the Para Sailing Committee that would like to join a Regional Games Working Group for the remainder of the year.	FK
7. <u>Pacific Games Proposal</u> FK received a propopal from the Oceania Sailing Federation requesting that World Sailing designate the Pacific Games as an Olympic qualifying event for the ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 classes. The requirements and guidelines for regatta's to bid to host a World Sailing's Olympic qualifier are under discussion at the moment. Depending on the progress of those discussions and the approval process, it is expected that the details of this would not be expected until August. Action: FK to provide information on this issue at the next meeting.	FK
8. <u>AOB</u> The next meeting will be held in the 2nd or 3rd week of August. The meeting closed at 14:00 UTC.	CA