

Para World Sailing Committee Meeting February 2025

18th February 2025 1000 UTC via Teams



Invited:

PWSC Members: Kay Rawbone Chair (HKG), Emma Hallen Vice Chair (SWE), Alfred Pelinka (AUT), Betsy Alison (USA), Efstratios Achlatis (GRE), Elliot Levy (VEN), Gabriel Barroso (ESP), Irina Perez Le Roux (DOM), Jaz Turner (GBR), Jenny Davey (CAN), Marco Predieri (ITA), Ozgur Inam (TUR), Paul Adrien Cuvillier (FRA), Sarah Ogilvie (AUS), Yuki Hagiwara (JPN).

Athletes Commission Representative: Henriette Smith (NOR).

Board Representatives: Ozlem Akdurak (TUR), Line Markert (DEN).

World Sailing: CEO – David Graham, Director of Communications – Scott Dougal, Head of International Development – Fiona Kidd, Para World Sailing Manager - Hannah Stodel, Participation and Development Manager - Cat Duncan, Sustainability Manager - Rebecca Videlo.

1. World Sailing Updates - HS

- a. Welcome and procedures
 - i. Meetings
 - ii. Communications
 - iii. Terms of reference – FK
- b. Office updates
- c. Board

2. PWSC Introductions – KR

- a. Current involvement in Para Inclusive Sailing
- b. Ambitions as part of the PWSC

3. Key projects and priorities handover to new PWSC - HS

- a. Para Event titles
- b. Request for volunteers and support:
 - i. Newsletter
 - ii. Calendar
 - iii. Rankings

4. PWSC Working Parties – EH/ HS

- a. PWSC Interest and outline of current Working parties and leads.
- Documents Working Party (TBC) HS
 - i. Focusses on updating documents and templates such as Para Inclusive Sailing instructions, strategy documentation etc. Currently working on updating Blind Sailing Appendix CBS.
- Classification Working Party (TBC) HS
 - i. Currently working on the IPC Classification code update.
- Equipment Working Party (Alfred) AP
 - i. Focusses on equipment evaluations and collaboration with the Equipment Committee. Currently supporting the application by RS for the Venture Connect to receive International Status.
- Rankings Working Party (Alfred) AP
 - i. Focusses on supporting rankings data through the Executive Office.
- Communications Working Party (Yuki) YH
 - i. Focusses on key communications throughout the community, such as the Newsletter and the Sailors Forum.

Currently focused on activating volunteers to support the Newsletter. Will also be a big part of the upcoming bid for reinstatement to the Paralympics with the IPC, working with the Communications Team at WS.

- Regional Development Working Party (Emma) EH
 - i. Focusses on Regional Development opportunities and the work with the participation and development department of World Sailing in the creation of hubs. Also works in close partnership with the Executive Office with regards to the Inclusive Development Program.
- Inclusion Working Party (TBC) BA
 - i. Focusses on the key strategic shift towards inclusivity and the language used. The working party is key to providing input to the new EDI committee. Currently working on a language guide and key outputs for MNAs.
- Events Working Party (Betsy)
 - i. Focusses on event structures and participation opportunities, aligning with the calendar of events. Current focus is on the matrix and event levels.

5. 2025 calendar of confirmed World and international events - HS

- a. Reminder of updated Para Inclusive Calendar
 - i. Para One Person NT World Championship, Hansa Class World & International Championships with International Championship AUS (March)

6. 2025 calendar of proposed World & International events - HS

- a. Para Two person Technical World Championship (December)
- b. Para One Person Technical World Championship (July)

- c. Blind Fleet Racing World Championship (July-October)
- d. Asian Inclusive Sailing Series
- e. Barcolana Inclusive European Championships (October)
- f. Inclusion World Championship 2025 (December TBC)

7. IDP - HS

- a. 4 proposed WS IDP's
 - i. Australia (March)
 - ii. Antigua (July)
 - iii. Asia TBC
 - iv. Europe TBC
 - v. Inclusion Worlds (December TBC)

8. Other Business - KR

9. Thank you – KR