



Para World Sailing Committee Minutes

The PWSC met virtually at 1000 UTC on 19th June 2025

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| 1. Opening of the Meeting | 5. PWSC Working Groups |
| 2. World Sailing Updates | 6. Other committee liaisons |
| 3. 2025 confirmed calendar of
World and International Events | 7. IDP |
| 4. 2025 proposed calendar of
World and International events | 8. Other business |
| | 9. Thank you and next meeting |

Members Present:

Kay Rawbone	Emma Hallén	Paul Adrien Cuvillier
Sarah Oglivie	Jenny Davey	Elliot Levy
Efstratios Achlatis	Betsy Alison	Henriette Smith

Staff Present:

Hannah Stodel	Fiona Kidd	Rebecca Videlo
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Board Present:

Cory Sertl		
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Also Present:

Helen McKenzie		
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Agenda Items

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Chair's Opening Remarks

The meeting opened with a brief housekeeping note, and it was acknowledged that the format of the meeting had changed to enable members of the community to join.

Kay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

b. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted for Daniel, Alfred and Jazz, with acknowledgement of Jazz's current challenge to be the first wheelchair user to sail around the UK and Ireland unassisted and no stop being currently underway. She is taking on the challenge to raise money for her local Sailability group to be able to purchase new equipment.

c. Minutes of the meetings in April.

Hannah confirmed that the minutes of the meeting in May had been circulated and confirmed receipt with the members.

d. Matters Arising

It was noted that there were no matters arising.

2. World Sailing Updates

a. Office updates

Hannah updated the members on work that was being undertaken by the Exec Office, including the finalisation of key details around the recently announced World Sailing



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Inclusion Championships. It was noted that the website, NoR and Registration would be going live asap.

It was noted that the rankings were due to be updated at the end of the month, and there would be a request to the community to support in sending results through to the Exec Office asap – a link was provided in the chat for the form to submit these results.

Members and observers were also reminded of the need for sailors to have a World Sailing Sailor ID, and that there was a guide available for how to apply.

It was noted that the online learning platform; the “World Sailing Academy” was now live, and members and the community were encouraged to sign up and take courses and engage with the hubs.

b. Board Updates

Cory, representing the Board, reaffirmed the Board's strong support for sailing's return to the Paralympics. She emphasised the importance of classification being recognised alongside other race official pathways and noted the Board's readiness to contribute strategically as needed.

3. IPC Meeting Report

- a. Hannah, Emma, Alessandra, and WS Comms Director Scott attended the IPC Open Days and engaged in multiple high-level discussions across departments. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, especially the shift in language to 'Para Inclusive', the use of accessible competition formats, and



the supplied equipment model. IPC clarified that the campaign for reinstatement should focus less on public visibility and more on governance, structure, and data-backed delivery. Emma noted sailing stood out as one of the few sports engaging with all departments proactively. Both expressed renewed optimism and a clearer roadmap following these sessions.

4. Classes Meeting

- a. Hannah briefed the committee on the outreach to all Para and Para-Preferred classes. The focus is calendar centralisation and shared strategy. Historically, a lack of coordination among classes had created difficulties with IPC visibility. Tomorrow's class meeting will seek their alignment with World Sailing's efforts. Engagement has been positive from some classes such as RS Venture and Neo, but support is still needed from others.
- b. The outcome of the meeting will be reported on at the July PWSC Meeting.

5. Participation update

- a. It was noted that current Para classified participation spans 34 countries, exceeding IPC's minimum requirement of 32. Inclusive sailing participation is higher, at 46 countries, but not counted towards IPC eligibility. The IDP has reached 36 countries and 187 participants across foundational, coaching, and performance modules. There was an extended discussion on emerging nation definitions and gender parity.



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Committee members emphasised the importance of tracking progress post-IDP, removing barriers to access, and increasing female representation in coaching and racing.

It was noted that World Sailing do track progress through the IDP modules, and there have been several examples of success through this programme, including Brunei in terms of the establishment of a foundational Inclusive sailing programme, and in Sweden where coaches progressed through the coaching programme to support the running of the IDP in Italy the following year.

6. Confirmed World and International Event Updates

Three key events were discussed:

- (a) World Sailing Inclusion Championships in Oman (3–8 December) with strong early interest, including 11 countries in VI sailing and full fleets in RS Venture and Hansa 303;
- (b) 2.4mR World Championships in Italy (7–12 October) with a pre-event IDP; and
- (c) the World Ability Sports Games in Turkey (18–25 October), supported by the Turkish Federation.

Attendees were reminded to continue updating the Para Inclusive Calendar.

7. Proposed World and International Event Updates (VOTE)

- a. A vote was held using the Nemo online system to approve the awarding of the Visually Impaired Fleet Racing World Championship title to the Oman Inclusion Championships. Vote approved unanimously.



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Background on past VI events and participation was shared.

- b. Updates were also provided on the Asian Inclusive Sailing Series (progressing with support from Kay and Yuki)
- c. Updates were also provided on the Barcolana Inclusive Europeans, with Pinar from Greece, also President of Eurosaf is committed to supporting the event.

8. World Sailing Academy

Fiona introduced the newly launched World Sailing Academy, now live online. The platform includes free training modules on equity, inclusion, safeguarding, race management, and conditioning. All courses are accessible globally and come with certification. The Academy also supports translated content and level-based testing for Race Officials.

9. Inclusive Development Programme

Deferred until next meeting.

10. Any other business

Deferred until next meeting.

11. Thank you and next meeting

- a. Meeting concluded with thanks from Kay and Hannah.
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24 July 2025 at 1300 UTC.
Members asked to begin proposing agenda items and to remain engaged in follow-up conversations and event promotion.

Action Points

- Support Executive office by ensuring that national level events are submitted to the World Sailing website, using the form here:

[World Sailing - Para Inclusive Calendar](#)

- Support Executive Office by submitting results in the correct format using this form here:

[World Sailing - Past Para Inclusive Event Results](#)

- Ensure all Sailors in local and regional Para Inclusive groups have a sailor ID
- Committee encouraged to reach out to their NPC's via the MNA where possible, and to contact with World Sailing if there is limited connectivity.