



Para World Sailing Committee Minutes

The PWSC met virtually at 1000 UTC on 28th March 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Heading 1
3. Heading 2
4. Heading 3
5. AOB

Members Present:

Kay Rawbone	Emma Hallen	Gabriel Barroso de Maria
Sarah Oglivie	Yuki Hagiwara	Ozgur Inam
Irina Perez Leroux	Jazz Turner	Henriette Smith
Paul Adrien Cuvillier	Jenny Davey	Alfred Pelinka

Staff Present:

Hannah Stodel	Fiona Kidd	Scott Dougal
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Agenda Items

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Chair's Opening Remarks

Kay Rawbone opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their participation. It was also noted that she had spoken with President of World Sailing, and that he had reconfirmed his support for Para Inclusive Sailing.

b. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted for Efstratios and Marco.

c. Minutes of the meetings in February

Hannah confirmed that the minutes of the meeting in February had been circulated and confirmed receipt with the



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members.

d. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

2. World Sailing Updates

a. Office updates

Fiona Kidd updated the members on the World Sailing Office activity and it was noted that the President of World Sailing had recently visited the office, and was involved in the Council Meeting. It was reaffirmed that The President sees all the hard work of both World Sailing Executive and the PWSC, is fully supportive of the work of the PWSC.

It was noted that the work to get sailing back in the Paralympics will take a huge team effort.

It was noted that the Online Learning Platform (OLP) would be launched in April, and that there will be a specific hub for Para that will link to courses such as the Inclusive Development Program, as well as other useful “hubs” for information such as classification. It was noted that access to this will be secure and through an email sign up.

3. Communications and Reinstatement Campaign Update

a. Update on the timeline of the potential Reinstatement Campaign

Scott Dougal updated the members on the coverage of the Hansa Para World Championships that are currently taking part in Sydney, Australia, including how positive it has been and the outreach.



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b. Update on IPC relationship

It was noted that World Sailing have secured one of nineteen places to meet with the IPC in May, and that will include the CEO, Broadcast and media as well as one on one appointments with other key areas of the IPC.

It was noted that World Sailing have also had several meetings with Australian Sailing that have been very productive, and both are working in collaboration with Brisbane 2032 about the idea of Sailing re-entering the Paralympic program as a demonstration sport.

Scott noted that a large delegation of World Sailing staff will be attending the IPC General Assembly in October to be hosted in Seoul, Korea.

4. 2025 Calendar of confirmed World and International events.

a. Reminder of updated Para Inclusive Calendar

Hannah reminded the members of the new Para Inclusive Calendar that is available on the World Sailing website. It was also noted the importance of each country ensuring that any events from National level upwards are added to the centralised calendar.

It was also noted that there had been some confusion following the announcement that Fortaleza BRA would be hosting the 2026 World Sailing Championships in replacement of Valencia ESP. The Para World titles for the 3 classes have already been appointed to the Championships in 2027 for the Gdynia Championships, and that any activity in Fortaleza



would be in addition and would not affect Gdynia.

- b. Para OPNT Championship, Para AHSN Championship, Hansa Class World and International Championships (AUS, March) – Event Update

The members received an update from both Hannah and Kay regarding the OPNT Championships that are currently happening in AUS. It was noted as an extremely positive Championships that also includes the first-time addition of Para titles for Athletes with High Support Needs and the testing of Intellectual Impairment criteria that is running alongside Para Classification.

5. 2025 Calendar of proposed World and International Events

- a. World Sailing Inclusion Championships (OMA, December)

It was noted that an announcement of the WS Inclusion Championships will be made asap, but for the members reference this will be held in Oman from the 3rd December 2025, which for reference is International Day for persons with disabilities.

- b. Para 2PT (OMA, December) **(VOTE)**

The members received an explanation as to the status of the RS Venture connect class, and its work towards becoming an International Class. As the class is not currently an International Class, the Board of World Sailing will need to award the rights to host a World Championship title to the class, whilst concurrently, the PWSC will need to vote on awarding the Para 2PNT titles to the class.



The motion: The PWSC award the Para 2PNT title to the RS Venture Connect class to be hosted within the World Sailing Championships in Oman, in December.

VOTE COUNT:

10 approve.

0 Deny.

0 abstentions.

c. Blind Fleet Racing (OMA, December)

It was noted that Blind Sailing have an event schedule that alternates their World Championship between fleet racing and match racing.

It was noted that after further consultation with Blind Sailing International, the PWSC would again be asked to vote on whether to award the title to sit within the WS Inclusion Championships.

d. World Ability Sport Games (TUR, October)

It was noted that the World Ability Sports Games are a new event that has been brought to World Sailing as an opportunity. They are also members of the IPC as hosts of Games for the Para Community. The proposal for this year is to host the Games in Turkey, and the Organisers would like to include sailing as an event. It was also noted that the event is quite short notice, being hosted in October, but World Sailing will continue to work with WASG to bring this opportunity to the community.

Although a vote is not required for the event to proceed, it



was noted that the PWSC should support sailings inclusion within the WASG as it is a significant classification opportunity for Para athletes.

The motion: The PWSC support sailings inclusion within the WASG to be held in October in Turkey.

VOTE COUNT:

10 approve

0 Deny

0 abstentions

e. Para OPT (ITA, October) **VOTE (report on email vote)**

Motion: To approve the appointment of the Para One Person Technical World Championship awarding to the 2.4mR class to be held within their class World Championships to be hosted in October in Italy.

VOTE COUNT:

10 Approve

0 Deny

0 abstentions

f. Asian Inclusive Sailing Series TBC

The members received an update from Yuki regarding the hosting of the 2nd edition of the AISS. Recently ASAF went out to tender with the MNAs for the hosting of the 2025 edition of the event. It was noted that there was one country that has showed interest in hosting, and that they are undertaking a feasibility study. A detailed proposal is due on the 31st March.

g. Barcolana Inclusive European Championships (ITA, October).



It was noted that Barcolana this year will be a collaboration between the OA, Eurosaf and World Sailing, and will this year include the European title. It was noted that the FIV and their Para Sailing community have been instrumental in the support for this event, and alongside Barcolana are hugely supportive of Para Sailing.

0 PWSC Working Groups

a. New governance and working group outline

It was noted that the members have already been briefed on the changes of governance at World Sailing, and that there is a new way of doing things, and that includes the working parties. Working parties have transitioned to working groups. It was noted that the previous working party details and functions were outlined in the Agenda as circulated prior to the meeting.

b. PWSC interest and outline of current working parties and leads.

Outlined in the agenda as shared prior to the meeting.

c. Proposed Working Groups for 2025 with review in 2026

(VOTE)

It was noted that the intention is to run these working groups for the 12 month period to enable work to start on major project areas. Following that, they would be reevaluated.

- i. Classification
- ii. Events



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iii. Growth

iv. Promotion

Motion: To approve the 4 working groups as outlined for a 12 month period, with expressions of interest for each group to be sent by email.

VOTE COUNT:

12 Approve

0 Deny

0 Abstentions

1 Other Committee Liaisons (VOTE)

It was noted that there are currently 3 committees where there are spaces for a representative of Para Sailing to sit.

a. EQ/ ERSC (AP)

It was noted that AP had previously sat on the EQ/ERSC and has considerable expertise in this area.

The motion: To support the nomination of Alfred Pelinka to represent the PWSC on the EQ/ERSC committees.

VOTE COUNT:

11 approve

0 Deny

0 Abstentions

b. Growth of Sailing

It was noted that there are 3 members that are interested in representing the PWSC on the growth of sailing committee.

An email vote will therefore be conducted to move this forward.



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It was noted that member Irina is already part of the Growth of Sailing Committee so there is already representation for Para within the members.

c. EDI

It was noted that Kay would like to represent the PWSC on the EDI Committee.

The motion: To support the nomination of Kay Rawbone to represent the PWSC on the EDI Committee.

VOTE COUNT:

10 approve

0 Deny

0 Abstentions

d. Regional Games (TBC)

It was noted that the Regional Games Committee is the responsibility of Fiona, and that she is working to make a space available for a member of the PWSC. More information will follow.

e. Safety Commission (TBC)

It was noted that currently Hannah sits on the Safety Panel and Commission on behalf of the PWSC. The Safety Commission is currently without a Chair, and the WS Legal team are in the process of moving that forward. More information will follow.

2 IDP

a. Australia IDP-P Report

It was noted that the IDP held at the Hansa World and Para



Championships was hugely successful once again with 24 participants from 7 countries able to take part. It was recognised that a number of non-emerging performance nations such as Great Britain, Germany and France had all committed to the program and offered expertise and “buddy support” to emerging nations, and that was an extremely positive part of the program. A feedback report of the IDP will be available asap.

b. 4 proposed IDPs 2025

i. Antigua (moved to 2026)

It was noted that the Antigua IDP has been rescheduled to 2026 following a shipping incident of new boats into Antigua that would have been used for the program.

ii. Asia TBC

It was noted that an edition of the IDP will likely coincide with the AISS, and once the location is confirmed, the Exec will work with the hosts to activate the program.

iii. Europe TBC

It was noted that there are several expressions of interest to host the IDP within Europe, 2 from past participants of the IDP; Malta and Portugal. It has also been noted that the 2.4mR have yet to activate the IDP through their class, and that consideration of the World Championships could be made. Further updates will be made by the office asap.

iv. Inclusion Championships (OMA, December)



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It was noted that part of the hosting agreement of the World Sailing Inclusion Championships is also the hosting of the IDP preceding the event. It is hoped that there will be a 4-day IDP, and that a similar buddy system will be implemented. It was also noted that this will be the first time that World Sailing have attempted a multi class IDP.

It was finally noted that the IDP remains a hugely positive part of the strategy, and the 6-month update that was recently published outlines the impact of the program.

3 Other Business

It was noted that the Hansa World and Para Championships have raised several accessibility items such as the use of acoustic marks for Visually impaired sailors and visual aids for Deaf sailors. It was noted that it would be good to be able to provide a guide to events – this work has already been completed within World Sailings recently published Accessibility Guidelines that can be found on the website.

4 Thank you and next meeting.

Thanks were given to all the members for their attendance. A doodle poll for the April meeting would be circulated asap.

ACTION LIST:

- Email vote for PWSC representative for the Growth of Sailing Committee.
- Circulate Article 41 to the PWSC.