

**Para World Sailing Committee Minutes****The PWSC met virtually at 0900 UTC on 21st May 2025**

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World and International events | 8. Other business |
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Members Present:

Kay Rawbone	Emma Hallén	Gabriel Barroso de Maria
Sarah Oglivie	Irina Perez	Marco Predieri
Alfred Pelinka	Jazz Turner	Henriette Smith
Elliot Levy	Jenny Davey	Paul Adrien Cuvillier
Efstratios Achlatis	Betsy Alison	

Staff Present:

Hannah Stodel	Fiona Kidd	Scott Dougal
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Board Present:

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Also Present:

Helen McKenzie		
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Agenda Items**1. Opening of the Meeting**

- a. Chair's Opening Remarks



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Kay Rawbone opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their time.

It was noted that the scheduling of the PWSC meetings could be made easier by having a set time that alternates rather than proceeding with the doodle polls.

The meeting for June will be scheduled on the 19th June at 1000 UTC, with the July meeting scheduled on the 24th July at 1300 UTC.

b. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted for Cory, Daniel and Yuki.

c. Minutes of the meetings in April.

Hannah confirmed that the minutes of the meeting in April 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 Inclusion Championships. It was noted that the website, NoR and Registration would be going live asap.

Hannah also noted that there were several events in the process of signing event agreements with World Sailing,



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including the World Ability Sports Games and the 2.4mR World Championship.

Fiona noted that the online learning platform; the “World Sailing Academy” was progressing and noted her thanks to those members of the PWSC that had been part of the testing and the evaluation.

It was noted that the Para Inclusive Newsletter goes from strength to strength, and members were encouraged to contribute content from their regions.

b. Board Updates

It was noted that the Exec Office Team presented a Para Inclusive update to the Board at their recent in person meeting held in New York.

3. Communications and Reinstatement Campaign update.

a. IPC Open Day Meetings

Scott updated the members following World Sailing's successful attendance at the IPC Open Days. Thanks was given to Vice Chair Emma for her attendance and contribution to the meetings as well as athletes representative Alessandra Franchi from Italy.

It was noted that the IPC will release the Sport Inclusion packages for Brisbane 2032 in July for completion by December 2025, which is a year earlier than forecast. The IPC stressed classification, competition structure and participation numbers as critical, noting that the structure for a sports inclusion will follow the Governing Boards decision making.



The IPC Board will be reconstituted at the General Assembly later in the year that is hosted by Korea.

It was noted that additional opportunities to invite the IPC events were encouraged, and discussion around inclusive Olympic disciplines was tabled for further review. The members were encouraged to review the LA2028 feedback as well as the Strategy documentation and supporting webinars.

4. 2025 Calendar of Confirmed World and International Events

- a. Members were once again reminded of the updated World Sailing Para Inclusive calendar as a central point for information that is available on the website.

- b. World Sailing Inclusion Championships (Oman)

It was noted that the Heads of Terms had been signed by both parties and that negotiations were ongoing for the longform agreement. The website and registration package were under review and would be live asap.

- c. 2.4mR World Championships (Italy)

Members were reminded that the email vote had been successfully completed and noted in previous minutes. The Heads of Terms had been sent to the FIV/ Hosts and the Class for review.

- d. World Ability Sports Games (Turkey)

It was noted that sailing has been confirmed as part of the Games and would be hosted by the Turkish sailing federation in Mersin marina following their successful purchase of 10



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Hansa 303 keelboats. The Heads of Terms and Event Information packs are with the OA and Hosts for review. Pending successful negotiations of the contract, the announcement should be made asap.

5. 2025 Proposed World and International Events

a. Blind Fleet Racing (OMA, December)

It was noted that Blind Sailing International are having ongoing conversations with World Sailing regarding the format of the event and after further consultation, the PWSC would again be asked to vote on whether to award the title to sit within the WS Inclusion Championships.

b. Asian Inclusive Sailing Series TBC

No update - temporarily paused pending ASAF meetings.

c. 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 2.4mR and the Hansa 303 classes were confirmed.

6. PWSC Working Groups

a. Classification update

Helen McKenzie gave a comprehensive update, especially on the inclusion of intellectually impaired sailors. Key developments:

- Establishing alignment with Virtus for classification.
- Working group formed with psychological input.
- On-water and off-water testing under development.



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- Future work needed for autism and ADHD pathways.

b. Events / Growth / Promotion

Updates not provided in detail during this meeting; to be reviewed in future sessions.

7. Inclusive Development Programme

a. Australia

Completed.

b. Asia

Pending ASAF decision.

c. Europe (Italy)

Confirmed for 5-7 October alongside 2.4mR Worlds in Malcesine.

d. Wing Foil (Italy)

Testing IDP in Sardinia from 14-18 October with seated equipment.

e. Inclusion Championships (Oman)

Will include IDP across all five classes with class-specific coaching and Emerging Nations support. It was noted that this would be the largest IDP to date requiring multiple coaches and support.

8. Other Business

- Discussions held on the future of classifiers within race official structure. The creation of a subcommittee is in progress; awaiting board vote in November.
- Clarification provided on event titles: Para titles awarded to RS Venture Connect and blind fleet. Others retain World Sailing Inclusion Championship titles.



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- Suggestion to expand accessibility among race officials noted, including current pilot mentoring projects.
- Positive feedback shared on efforts in Canada, Norway, and Hong Kong.

9. Thank you and next meeting.

Thanks were given to all the members for their attendance, and continued effort.

The next meeting was scheduled for the 19th June at 1200 UTC, with the July meeting scheduled for the 24th July at 1500 UTC.

Meeting closed.