

**Para World Sailing Committee Minutes****The PWSC met virtually at 1000 UTC on 22nd April 2025**

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Members Present:

Kay Rawbone	Emma Hallén	Gabriel Barroso de Maria
Sarah Oglivie	Yuki Hagiwara	Marco Predieri
Alfred Pelinka	Jazz Turner	Henriette Smith
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Staff Present:

Hannah Stodel	Fiona Kidd
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Board Present:

Cory Sertl	
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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 time, she also added her thanks to Cory and Daniel as our newly appointed Board representatives. It was noted that the Hansa World and Para Championships were an incredibly



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successful event, and Kay gave her thanks to Hannah and her Team for making the event.

b. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted for Daniel and Paul-Adrien.

c. Minutes of the meetings in March

Hannah confirmed that the minutes of the meeting in March had been circulated and confirmed receipt with the members. It was questioned whether the minutes in the new format were accessible to everyone and noted that there were no adaptations required or requested.

d. Matters Arising

It was noted that there were no matters arising.

2. World Sailing Updates

a. Office updates

Hannah noted that there have been several items that were passed to the Board and approved recently such as the Para World Championship titles.

She also noted that a lot of time has been put into the PWSC Work Plan and that would be shared with the members asap. It was noted that the next ranking update is due at the end of the month, and that usually the processing time for a ranking run is around 3-5 days of administration. Hannah explained that a test has been run in this set of ranking updates that has allowed the importing of data directly from the competition results manager in the XRR format, that will significantly reduce the data input requirements. An update will be



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provided after the April run following this test.

Hannah noted that World Sailing will be attending the IPC in May, and that significant time and effort is being put into preparation for those meetings, including presentation and document preparation.

Finally, Hannah also noted her thanks to Cory for rejoining as our Board representative and added her Thanks to Daniel for also joining.

b. Board Updates

Cory noted her thanks to Kay for her leadership of the PWSC and introduced herself to the members.

She noted that for both her and Daniel, Sailings reinstatement to the Paralympics are their number one priority in their work and in supporting the PWSC. Cory also noted that her other priority will be to support the President to enable him to be a spokesperson for the sport and offered her support to the members.

3. 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 events providing up to date and regular information to ensure that the centralised calendar remains up to date.

It was questioned as to whether there was feasibility to also add event website or contact details to each event on the



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calendar, and this was supported with the caveat that these details would need to be provided through the form on the website to allow the Executive Office to update the website. It was noted that Manage 2 Sail is the preferred platform for event registration, and it does allow direct import of the results to the World Sailing Rankings, however further communication would need to be supported to ensure that events are using the platform.

Kay raised the point that the Regional Associations could support this initiative.

- b. Para One Person Keelboat World Championship, Malcesine, Italy, October.

It was noted that the vote that the PWSC took regarding the awarding of the Para title to the 2.4mR Class World Championship had been ratified by the Board, and the event would be announced as soon as the Event agreement could be signed.

- c. Para Two Person Keelboat World Championship, Oman, December.

It was noted that the title had been awarded to the RS Venture Connect class ahead of the announcement of the World Sailing Inclusion Championships that is due to be announced asap following the successful event agreement signing.

Henriette had previously raised concerned that the athletes were waiting for the announcement and that the delay could



impact the event.

- d. World Ability Sports Games, Mersin, Turkey, October.

It was noted that World Sailing has confirmed the attendance of sailing as an event at the Games, with an announcement to be made in May regarding the event.

4. 2025 Calendar of 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

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 needs to be further coordination among the bids and ASAF and regarding the timing of the fiscal year and the IDP schedule.

- 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, and communication has gone to RS, but in the absence of a class manager for the Venture Connect, they have yet to respond.



Marco offered his support in communicating with Barcolana.

5. PWSC Working Groups

a. Working Group update

It was noted that the Classification Working Group would at this time remain closed, as the intention is for that group to work within the governance to submit a request to form a subcommittee that sits under the Race Officials Committee or the PWSC.

It was questioned as to whether the Classification Working Group would investigate the safeguarding of athletes within the Para Classification process. It was noted that the Classification process is now being managed by the World Sailing executive and that the protections would indeed be in place to ensure that athletes had a safe and accessible classification process.

It was outlined that there are 7 fundamental disabilities that are classifiable within the Para sport movement, and those would not change. Classification opportunities are open to anyone that would like to go through the process, and for those that are not eligible under the Para Classification rules, Sailing would still be accessible through our inclusive event model. It was noted that World Sailing want sailing to be accessible to everyone.

The other 3 working groups were outlined to the members, and it was noted that those working groups would shortly be advertised online ion line with the procedure. Members were



encouraged to volunteer for those working groups to help World Sailing bring projects and add power to the work to deliver the Para Inclusive Strategy.

6. Other Committee Liaisons

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 Alfred Pelinka had previously sat on the EQ/ERSC and has considerable expertise in this area, and Hannah thanked him for his continued work and dedication. Alfred also updated the group that he has also been appointed to the Keelboat Working group within the Equipment Rules Sub Committee.

b. Growth of Sailing

It was noted that following the email vote, Emma Hallén has received the majority, and would therefore become the Para representative on the Growth of Sailing Committee.

c. EDI

It was noted that Kay Rawbone has been appointed as the Para representative to the EDI Committee.

Cory also added that alongside her other responsibilities, she would be working as liaison to the Governance Committee and that she would be able to support the specific needs of the PWSC and support them. It was noted that she would investigate the constitution regarding the positioning of the International Classifiers, and that further discussions could take



place offline.

7. IDP

a. IDP update

It was noted that the Development department had met the previous week to go through calendars and budgets following some significant changes.

It was noted that there were scheduled to be 4 IDP's hosted this year, and that one of those has already taken place in 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.

b. 4 proposed IDPs 2025

i. 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 was noted that there was a wish to pair the IDP with an event to ensure its impact. Further updates will be made by the office asap.

ii. Asia TBC

It was noted that an edition of the IDP traditionally coincides with the AISS, and once the location is confirmed, but the event may fall in the 2026 year for WS budget/ planning. It was noted that there is an opportunity to have the IDP somewhere else in Asia, again alongside an event if possible, and it was noted



that there is interest from China and Hong Kong, as well as Japan.

iii. Inclusion Championships (OMA, December)

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. As the 4t6h IDP has yet to be confirmed, it was noted that the budget could be used to support the travel grants of emerging nations to the Inclusion event to increase the numbers and enable participation.

It was outlined that the supplied equipment model of the Inclusion events and its location in Oman make this a positive option to support mass participation at the event, especially amongst the emerging nations group. Hannah also noted that World Sailing are fully aware of the delay in announcing the event, and that as soon as the Event Agreement is signed, the announcement would be made.

8. Other Business

Emma noted that she is really happy to see everyone, and that she is really looking forward to working together and encouraged the members to volunteer for the working groups.

Sarah questioned whether World Sailing might consider information sharing with regards to the OLP, to ensure that MNA's and World Sailing are not repeating work.

Fiona noted that this is a really great question, and at the



moment the platform is in the testing stage, and that the focus has been purely on launching, but that further conversations could be facilitated and that information and resource sharing is a really good suggestion. It was also noted that in the future the platform would be available in multiple languages, but for the launch process, it would remain in English.

Stratos noted that the collaboration between Olympians and Para Sailors must be utilised to support the growth of the sport, and this was echoed by both Kay and Heni.

Heni also outlined how positive the event hosted by SailGP was as a Para Sailor being able to sail and Race with an Olympian, having significant impact on herself personally.

Fiona finally shared an update of the Online Learning platform, and the “Para Inclusive Hub” was shown to the members. It was outlined that more and more resources would be coming online in the coming weeks, and that the intention of the World Sailing Executive is to enable some modules of the Inclusive Development Programme such as pre-requisites to be put onto the platform, alongside the already present resources.

It was noted that another useful resource might be a list of locations where people can try sailing for each country could be made available on the platform, as well as useful videos for first time users of Para or Para preferred equipment that help with boat setup etc could also be added.

9. Thank you and next meeting.

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



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it was noted that the Teams platform continues to have problems with connectivity.

A doodle poll for the May meeting would be circulated asap.