

World Sailing
Growth of Sailing Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday 9 July @ 1100 UTC

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

<u>Present:</u>	
Malav Shroff (IND) – Chair	John Philp (FIJ)
Inga Jakobsone (LAT) – Vice Chair	Luis Velasco (ARG)
Mengdi Zhang (CHN)	Irina Pérez Lerou (DOM)
Mohamed Alobeidli (UAE)	Maciej Szafran (POL)
David Covo (CAN)	Mandiaye Diouf (SEN)
Barbora Bachrata (SVK)	Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Raynor Haagh (NZL)
Tomasz Chamera (POL) – Vice President	
<u>Also in Attendance:</u>	
Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX) – Vice President	Catherine Duncan – WS Development Manager
Fiona Kidd – WS Head of International Development	

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. Opening Remarks – Chair
Malav welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- b. Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Alain Alcindor, Raynor Haagh and Tomasz Chamera.

2. 2025 Development Symposium

Malav opened the discussion by suggesting the sessions are structured around the 5 pillars the committee has identified. These pillars are:

1. Competitive Sailing (Olympic, Professional, Youth and Para)
2. Leisure Sailing (Youth, Women, Adults and Para)
3. Sailing Support – Coaches, Race Officials, Event Organisers, Volunteers
4. Projects, Events, Funding and Sailing Ecosystem
5. MNA Leadership and Admin Support

Catherine and Fiona also raised the ideas of aligning weekday sessions with the meetings/topics that are being discussed on those days such as Race Officials on the Monday and EDI on Tuesday.

Malav then proposed that Sunday and Monday could focus around pillar 1 and 2.

Maciej suggested the MNA support was the most important topics, and the focus should be on providing support tools and solutions for them. It was discussed then that the MNA support

session should be towards to second half of the week to enable most MNAs representatives to be able to attend., as they arrive for the AGM.

Beatriz suggested a session topic of finding sponsors for events and federations, so covering a commercial aspect. Malav suggested this topic could form the keynote speaker and could include examples from those who have successfully secured sponsors. Fiona noted we could also look outside of Sailing for inspiration on this topic. Irina noted it would be good for these speakers to be relatable for MNAs, and could the focus be on Youth and National events, over large entities.

Discussion then noted the need to be able to share attendees contact details and allow for networking after the event. The idea of hosting twice yearly townhalls with MNAs to discuss development was also raised.

Actions: Catherine and Fiona will take the points noted and work within the office to create the schedule. This will be circulated with the committee once ready.

3. Survey Update

Catherine updated that the survey had been sent to 5 pilot countries for completion. One country provided feedback on the confusion with graded events, so Catherine suggested this could be put in the survey instructions too to help countries prepare.

The committee confirmed they were now happy with the survey and feedback.

Action: Catherine will send the survey to all MNAs with a completion date for 31 August.

4. Details of the Next Meeting

The committee will next meet on Tuesday 12 August at 1100 UTC.