

**World Sailing**

**#5 Match Racing Committee Meeting MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** 26.6.2025

**Location:** Online

**Commencement Time:** UTC 20.00

| <b><u>Agenda Items</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chair's Opening Remarks</li> <li>b. Apologies for Absence from Annika, Nelson Ilha and Luigi Bertini</li> <li>c. Minutes of the meetings on 27.5.2025 approved</li> <li>d. Matters Arising</li> </ul> <p>To note that future meetings should be opened to observers. To be discussed in any other business</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>2. <u>Board greetings</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. VP Cory Sertl, Daniel Belcher and Beatriz Gonzalez Luna were presents</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>3. <u>Match Racing Committee Working Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Board meeting minutes will be published once approved at the Board's June 30 meeting. The board has stressed that the ranking and website section of MR is a priority. Once the head of technical is appointed it should be acting on it as a priority. The MRC to make a list of what is needed in the MRC section of the website.<br/>KPI : MR and AM to make a list of very specific KPI (circulate to the MRC to complete) to be outsourced to send to Pedro and Miguel. (One of the kpi is to list teams that include a women)<br/>A proposition was made to include one women in all open teams.</li> <li>b. Actions based on feedback and advice</li> <li>c. World Sailing yearclock with deadlines and expected deliverables<br/>The Nations Cup bid documents are being circulated within the executive office. The intention is to publish by mid July and the WS Youth and Women MR Worlds bid by end of July.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>4. <u>Team updates, actions and decisions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b><u>Decision:</u></b> <u>Match Racing Race Management &amp; Organisation manual – to be updated and circulated</u><br/><b>It is a very detailed document that needs some updating and posting on the website.</b><br/>The WS office to check if needs updating from their side.<br/>The document should also be placed on a MR section of the WS Academy – to engage with Fiona to create thos space.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

This document should also be sent to MR events bidders.

The committee and the office should find a more direct way to communicate this document outside the WS website, as it is very useful to grow the sport.

Next step should be that this document is circulated for approval to the Umpires and Race Management SC.

*Decision to approve.*

- b. **Decision:** World Sailing Standard Guidelines for the Organisation of Grade WC, 1 and 2 Match Racing Events

Suggestion to include it in the MR Manual as is or as a link

Concern about the level of Umpires needed per graded events that can be cost prohibitive.

This will be addressed globally.

*Decision to approve*

- c. **Decision:** To delete Match Race Ranking Holidays Guidelines from World Sailing website.

*Decision to approve*

- d. **Status:** 2025 and 2026 Women's and Youth Match Racing World Championships

2025 Y all entries . 14 paid youth, 2 women deadline 1 august

2026 W hosting agreement signed.

- e. **Status:** 2027 – 2029 Women's and Youth Match Racing and Nations Cup Bid process

- f. **Discussion:** Payment of Race Officer

Suggestion to pay the CR at the same level as the umpires

Issue to raise the costs for host? *DB encourage this committee to discuss and review the RO needs as it is a large part of the budget.*

- g. Status updates, actions, needs for support, advice and decisions

Working Teams update

**Special Events** : WMRT is in good hands – AC a bit chaotic, host venue announced and enthusiasm on the venue back up from Italian Gvt. ITA has the largest tv audience and followers.

**Blind MR** to determine the team plan

**Communication:** In touch with the WS Media dpt and good flow of com

**Rankings** : waiting on the new IT appointment to fix issues

**Sailors experience** : positive feed-back received

## 5. Practical things

- a. Status - Team WhatsApp group should be operational in all working teams.
- b. Team plans in Dropbox
- c. World Sailing Annual Conference 2-8.11.2025  
Trying to place in afternoon

## 6. Any Other Business

- a. Matters arising – identified in opening of the meeting

**b. Any other business**

Explanation of the process with future open meetings. The next meeting will be open to observers.

Issue about the use of fixed keel boats

Some events would like to increase their grading but would like to keep the same proportion of national sailors

**c. Next meeting**

July 30 – 20:00 UTC