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World Sailing
Regional Games Meeting Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 25, 2025

Location: Teams Meeting

Commencement Time: 13:00 UTC

Attendees:

Captain Abdur Rehman Arshad (Chair)	Jorge Barreda	Zouhair Lebbat
Sofia Papadopoulou (Vice Chair)	Jerry Rollin	Martha Juliana Acevedo Danner
David Brookes	Penny McIntyre	Sharon Hardwick
Ioannis Papazoglou	Ricardo Navarro	Antonietta de Falco
Elias Conzalez Robles	Hocine Lali	

In attendance:

Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (World Sailing Vice President)

Josep M. Pla (World Sailing Vice President)

Fiona Kidd (Head of World Sailing International Development)

Absent:

Zouhair Lebbat

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Action/Person</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Chair's Opening Remark The Chair welcomed all of the Committee Members to the meeting. b. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest No apologies for absence or any new declarations of Conflicts of Interest were received. c. Minutes of the meetings on June 17, 2025 The Minutes were approved by the Chair and Vice Chair and circulated and approved by the Committee. d. Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the Minutes. e. Decisions by Email There were no decisions my email.	CA/FK
2. <u>Report from Executive Office</u> a. Report from the Board Representative(s) Vice President, Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (BGL), reported that the Board has had two meetings since our last meeting – one on June 30 th and another on August 13 th . There was a Council Meeting on July 23 rd . Beatriz commented that some MNA's are getting confused because more than one survey has been sent to them submit in addition to	BGL/JMP FK



the Regional Games Committee Survey. The Growth of Sailing Committee has sent out a very large survey and there is another from Sustainability. Beatriz suggested that in the future the committees should try and align with one another to minimize the number of surveys for MNA's to fill in.

Beatriz also commented that the Board looks forward to seeing all of the committees in November and noted that elections are being held for two female Board Members at the General Assembly.

And finally, Beatriz briefly commented that she attended the Junior Pan Am Games and that they were expertly planned and delivered by Paraguay. But deferred to Ricardo Navarro as the TD to report later on the agenda. She confirmed that the General Assembly will be a remote meeting and that voting will take place using an online platform. Only MNA's in good standing will be allowed to vote.

Josep M. Pla welcomed all of the participants and wished everyone a very productive meeting.

b. Report from the Staff

Fiona Kidd (FK) presented her Staff Report on the 5 areas that the office has been working on that relates to the activity of the Regional Games Committee.

1. World Sailing Academy –

- Fundamental Race Management course translated into French – Spanish & Arabic coming soon
- Safeguarding Course being updated – soon to be mandatory
- 1000+ users since starting in June.

2. National Race Officer Program

- 8 Level 1+ 4 Level 2 Courses being delivered to Emerging Nations

3. Development Symposium –

- Nov 2 to 7 – integrated into the Annual Conference – Keynote speaker, Panels, Presentations, Workshops. 2 x Lunch & Learn
- FK encouraged all Committee Members to attend as many sessions as possible – total 10 during the week sign up is on the registration App.

4. Youth Olympic Games

- July 31st deadline for NOCs to submit "Intention to Participate Forms" – 68 Nations submitted – 124 athletes
- 67 Men & 57 Women
- 10 Countries from Africa
- 1st IOC Funded Clinic in Africa taking place in TUN – Sept 29 to Oct 3rd
- Techno 293 Equipment distributed to sailors/teams. – total 18 boards

▪ Clinic #2 – Nov 18-23rd in Sali, Senegal – NROTP Level 1 to taking place prior to event. 5. Re-instatement into the Paralympics ▪ The IPC Application is due Dec 15th. ▪ Campaign strategy created – media, political ▪ Sailing well positioned to get back in Brisbane 2032 ▪ Need entire sailing community & members support ▪ Participation in Inclusion Worlds is critical – for IPC evaluation – require all MNA's to support athletes to attend	
3. <u>Impact Assessment & Development Survey</u> The Regional Games Impact Assessment & Development Survey was sent out on August 1st with a deadline of August 22nd. It was created by two Working Groups – the Impact WG & the Development WG. Sofia Papadopoulou (Vice Chair), the lead on the Impact Working Group presented the preliminary results as of August 22nd. ▪ 24 responses from 23 MNAs, confirming broad regional participation. ▪ 18 MNAs run youth development programs for sailors under 18. ▪ 17 MNAs have Para Sailing initiatives already in place. ▪ 18 MNAs promote women's inclusion in leadership, officiating, or coaching. ▪ 18 MNAs have hosted World Sailing development events in the last 8 years. ▪ 16 MNAs are represented in World Sailing bodies, ensuring regional voices are present. The survey shows strong engagement across the region: most MNAs are investing in youth, para, and women's development, many have already hosted World Sailing programs, and over half are represented in WS bodies. This reflects a solid base of activity and integration, with room to expand reach and deepen collaboration. Sharon Hardwick, the lead of the Development Working Group agreed with Sofia's presentation and had nothing to add. <u>Decision:</u> In order to increase the number of responses from more MNA's, the Committee decided to extend the survey submission deadline for 2 weeks until Friday, September 12th	FK/SP/SH
4. <u>Working Group Reports</u> a. Development Working Group This item was discussed under Item 3. b. Calendar Working Group Hocine Lali (HL) the lead of the Calendar Working Group circulated and updated Calendar to the Committee. He also provided the following report: 1. The committee reviewed and updated the calendar every time before the meeting of the committee with the events was concluded, and any new event to add to the calendar. Since	WG Leads



the last meeting, 2 events were done, Island Games and Junior Panam Games.

A new event was included to the calendar for next February in the UAE will be the Master World Games, with 4 classes, ILCA 6 and 7, Kiteboard and SB20.

2. The preliminary ranking of the regional games regarding the importance for all continent as a pathway for qualification to the Olympic games is as follow:
 - a. Continental games
 - b. Youth continental games

But the Committee is still in the process to collect more information specifically related to the number of MNA's affiliated to WS per Continent, the number of Olympic Classes in the games, and the number of participants in each continent. Also, we need to know more about the importance of the games for each continental union sport council, regarding the funding of those games and the development impact in the continent.

c. Impact Working Group

This item was discussed under Item 3.

d. Technical Working Group

Jerry Rollin (JR) the lead on the Technical Working Group gave a report on the work and issues to date.

The matters the Working Group need to look at are:

- Monitoring Official Appointments and the review Technical Directors insights and improvements to policies and procedures. Publication of a working manual and the introduction of Technical Directors to provide additional experienced individuals to take on the task of Technical Delegate as the number of events in this category expand. Contribute to the discussion from the ITD working Party regarding if ITDs should be tested on RRS and Regulation.
- Review Technical Delegate reports for insights and improvements to World Sailing policy and Procedures. This to be inline with the (International Delegate Working Party Report of April 2023 and with the advice of current Technical Delegates
- The update of World Sailing Regulations related to Regional Games
- The update of Regional Games Guidelines for Sailing Events (from November 2018)
- Particularly in relation to the smaller Regional Games and countries without the ability to finance the full range of Olympic equipment the involvement of other classes in Regional Games events.

Action: To prioritize updating the Regional Games Guidelines prior to the November Conference for implementation in 2026.	
5. <u>2025 Regional Games Reports</u> a. Junior Pan Am Games Asuncion, PAR Aug 13-17th We received a written report from Fred Hagedorn (FH), President of Pan Am Sailing stating tht the event was very well organized by the team in Paraguay. The report was circulated to the Committee for review. (FH) to speak to the report at the next meeting. Ricardo Navarro was the TD, Penny McIntyre (multiple Team Leader), & Beatriz Gonzalos Luna, (World Sailing VP), all attended the Junior Pan Am Games Classes - ILCA 6, 7, IQFoil M/W & Kite M (no Kite W) TD to provide written report at next meeting b. WorldAbility Beach Games Mersin, Turkey October 12th to 20th. FK reported on the Worldability Beach Games. It is a Para inclusion event hosted and organized by the Turkish Sailing Federation. Final agreements are in place. TD - Adrian Stoggall/ Hannah Stodel Class Hansa 303 One Person Registration is open 2 sailors per nation /gender 20 Male & 20 Female (Note: Important for Reinstatement to Paralympics.) c. XII Central American Games – October 18-30th Guatemala City, GUA TD - Francisco Jauregui – circulated his site visit report to committee 2 Entries per event Classes – ILCA 6, ILCA 7 Note: Small event but very important for the region. d. Bolivarian Games Lima, PER. Nov 22- 27th TD - Ricardo Navarro Classes – ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Sunfish M, Sunfish, W, Lightning Mixed. e. Africa Youth Games (Sailing not on the program) f. SEA Games Bangkok, THA – Dec 9-20th ILCA 4,6,7, 470, Kite, IQFoil, T293 g. Other 2026+ 2026 Central American & Caribbean Games	TDs/FK



Dominican Republic – July 24 to Aug 8 TD - Franciso Jauregui Test Event – next event 2026 South American Games Santa Fe, ARG – Sept 12-16 TD - Jorge Barreda 2027 Pacific Games Pirae, TAH – July 24 to Aug 8 TD - David Brooks	
6. Para Sailing Representative on Committee FK presented a proposal to the Committee for review and approval. The purpose of the proposal is to amend the constitution to allow the Para Sailing Committee to appoint a member to the Regional Games Committee as an expert on Para sailing related issues. Proposal: <i>To amend Article 51 - Special Appointments of the Constitution to allow the Para Sailing Committee to appoint a member to the Regional Games Committee.</i> 51.XX Regional Games Committee <u>The Chair of the Para Sailing Committee may, after consultation with their Committee, appoint a member of their Committee, to be a member of the Regional Games Committee and may change that member from time to time.</u> Decision: The Committee unanimously approved the Proposal. Action: The Proposal to be uploaded into the Monday.com system for reporting committee review.	FK
7. Pacific Games Proposal This item was overlooked at the meeting and not discussed. FK sent the following information by circular email on August 26th regarding the process for an MNA, Continental Association or Regional Games to bid for a Continental Olympic Qualifier. 1. On July 23rd, Council approved the LA28 QS; 2. With Council approving the qualifier principles, the WS Executive Office can now publish the qualifier tender process and interested parties can submit their bids (ie Pacific Games and PanAm Games). 3. Interested parties should review the principles Council approved to start preparing their bid (go to approved papers on website) 4. The WS Executive Office will review the bids and then make a recommendation to the WS Board based on the criteria and bids received; No action is required by the committee.	FK



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8. <u>AOB</u> a. The Regional Games Work Plan was approved by Council Meeting on July 23rd. It is required to record in our Minutes that the Regional Games Committee approves the Work Plan. <u>Decision:</u> The Committee unanimously approved the Work Plan. b. The next meeting will be held in the 3rd week of September and the October Meeting (if required) to be one month later. <u>Action:</u> FK to send out a request to determine a day and time for the meeting in September. The meeting closed at 14:25 UTC.	CA
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