

World Sailing

#8 Match Racing Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 30.9.2025

Location: Online, Closed

Commencement Time: UTC 19.00

<u>Agenda Items</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Chair's Opening Remarks The Chair informs the Working Team chairs that a report on the year's activities will need to be sent ahead of the Annual Conference. b. Apologies for Absence: Leatrice Oatley, Nelson Horn Ilha c. The minutes of the meetings on 2.9.2025 were approved d. There are no other matters arising
2. <u>Board greetings</u> a. Vice President Cory Sertl shared her enthusiasm to be present at the Women MR Worlds in Chicago and exchanging with the teams, the TD and other stakeholders. She stressed the importance to communicate better with the sailors especially on the points that would affect their racing like the weight limit. She explained the process when making proposals to Council ahead of Conference.
3. <u>Match Racing Committee</u> a. Preparation for November Meeting: World Sailing Annual Conference, Dún Laoghaire Ireland – Match Racing Committee 3.11.2025, 13.30-16.00 local time b. To note proposals issued by the Match Racing Committee a. Policy Number: H1 – 8.2, 8.7, 8.8 is re-submitted b. Proposal CO-2025-007 // Policy Number : H1 – 8.2 (g) women weight is withdrawn c. Proposals in preparation a. Race Officials at World Sailing Events (CRO, TD, ...) b. Financing for a Clinic and Coach at Large for the upcoming Youth Match Racing World Championships The above proposals will be submitted ahead of conference for Board and Council approval. d. Actions based on feedback and advice

The deadline for the survey on women's weight will be extended in order to collect more data.

4. Team updates, actions, needs for support and decisions

- a. **Outcome & Learnings:** 2025 Women's MR WC
World Sailing branding (flag and stickers on hull) need to be present. For future events it is important that the skipper's name is affixed on the sails.
- b. **Progress:** Media & Communication, Event Calendar
The executive office will send an email to all event organisers to communicate their event date before November the year before.
- c. **Progress:** Race Management & Organisation manual
It will be delivered before the Annual Conference
- d. **Progress:** 2026/ 2027 WS Nations Cup bid process
Bids are being received with 5 expected. The deadline is October 20. It is expected that the event will be run in year 2027. A bid evaluation panel has been suggested to the board. This panel will come up with a recommendation to the Board on the Nations Cup host.
- e. **Progress:** Blind Match Racing
The Working Team chair presented a summary of answers received of the survey. She asked to help spread the survey further to receive more answers. The Office proposed that the survey be shared as a news on the WS website. The link will also be added to the para newsletter. Result of the survey will be shared in the next meeting.
- f. **Progress:** Sailor Experience
The Working Group chair asked how umpires are evaluated and how feedback can be given to umpires. There is both an event evaluation as well as a document describing criteria's for on the water assessment. This document was shared. The committee discussed how the subject could be raised and solved to make it possible for umpires to get feedback, without exposing the sailors. It was also discussed how the role of the Working Team chair can be better communicated and introduced at match racing events.
- g. **Progress:** Rules
- h. **Progress:** Youth Match Racing
The Committee discussed the need to use this event to engage more teams and give the option for future bids to increase from 12 to 16 teams. The need for an organised training clinic ahead of the event with a coach at large available during the event is important. This is formalised with a proposal to the Board.

i. Progress: Women's Match Racing, WWMRT j. Progress: Special Events The Working Team chair gave a report on the WMRT which has engaged up to 60 team and 300 match racers. To note that the WMRT in Bermuda will offer the same prize money to women and men's teams. An update on the America's Cup was given. - k. l. Progress: Ranking & Grading, World Sailing IT There is no more input from WS front regarding updating the IT problems linked to the ranking calculation. m. Progress: 2027-2029 Youth & Women's WC – bid process The office is working on redrafting the document and developing a section detailing the appeal of the events for hosts with media data.
5. <u>Practical things</u> a. Possible need for proposals b. Deadlines and expected deliverables - World Sailing yearclock The bid documents should be ready for release by end of November. c. Attendance – MRC Dinner, Dún Laoghaire Ireland
6. <u>Any Other Business</u> a. No other matters arising b. No other business c. Next meeting will be at Conference on Monday November 3, 1.30 to 4pm.