

World Sailing
Team Racing Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 22 September 2025

Location: Microsoft Teams

Commencement Time: 11:00 UTC

Present:

Amanda Callahan – Chair (USA)

Ause Aylin Suntay (TUR)

Chris Lindsay (IRL)

Heiko Thoelmann (NED)

Manickavasagam Soma Pillai (IND)

Masaaki Tanaka (JPN)

Tatiana Almeida (BRA)

In Attendance:

Pedro Rodrigues – Events Manager

Cory Sertl (USA) – Vice-President

Michael Dowing – Olympic Manager

Apologies:

Arnaud Mante – Vice-Chair (FRA)

Peter van Muyden (CAN)

Sam Mackay (NZL)

Daniel Belcher (AUS) – Vice-President

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair thanked all members of the Sub Committee for their contributions over the past months.

There's team racing that's happening all over the world. We will do our best to try to keep promoting and letting people know that team racing is going on. It is vibrant. It is happening.

We've had inquiries from South Africa. They're interested in starting a team race league down there, which is super exciting and we hope to help them.

We did survey the competitors who participated in the World Championship earlier this year just to get feedback from them and we had about a third of the participants who responded to the survey. So that was really fascinating.

The chair finalised by thanked Vice-Presidents Cory Sertl and Daniel Belcher for their support and invited CS to comment.

CS thanked the members of the committee and the chair and vice chair for their commitment.

b. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received by Arnaud Mante – Vice-Chair (FRA), Peter van Muyden (CAN), Sam Mackay

(NZL) and Daniel Belcher (AUS) – Vice-President. No new Declarations of Interest.	
c.	Matters Arising No matters arising.
2.	<u>2026 Open Team Racing World Championship</u> A progress update from the World Sailing Events Manager and the event director was presented. Event contract and Notice of Race to be published in October.
3.	<u>2027-2028 Open Team Racing World Championship bid process</u> A progress update for the 2027 & 2028 bid process from the World Sailing Events Manager was presented. Document is now reviewed by committee members and will go now for a final approval of WS SMT. Need branding and formatting review before publishing in October. Deadline for receiving final Bids 1st February with final decision expected in early March 2026.
4.	<u>Mix Youth Team Racing Demonstration event in Vilamoura</u> a. A progress update from the World Sailing Events Manager was presented. 10 teams are confirmed and all technical requirements are ready, including the Umpires.
5.	<u>Reports</u> a. Initial report of Team Racing Ranking System Working Group was presented. b. Initial report of Bid guidelines/Host selection Working Group was presented. c. Initial report of Communication & Promotion Working Group was presented. d. Initial report of Youth Strategy Working Group was presented. e. Initial report of Education Working Group was presented.
6.	<u>AOB</u> No other business.