

World Sailing
Youth Events Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1 August 2025

Location: Microsoft Teams

Commencement Time: 14:00 UTC

Present:

Piotr Oleksiak – Chair (POL)

Elizabeth Kratzig – Vice-Chair (USA)

Aiko Saito (JPN)

Alessandra Sensini (ITA)

Charles Glover (GBR)

Felicity Rodness (CAN)

Freya Mors (ARG)

Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa (IND)

Jingting Han (CHN)

Leslie Tan (SGP)

Mandiaye Diouf (SEN)

Sam Mackay (NZL)

Sarah Ogilvie (AUS)

Sharon Burgess Hardwick (BLZ)

Sofia Papadopoulou (GRE)

In Attendance:

Pedro Rodrigues – Events Manager

Beatriz González Luna – Vice-President

Cory Sertl (USA) – 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 and thanked Vice-Presidents Beatriz González Luna and Cory Sertl for their support and invited BGL to comment.

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

2. 2025 Vilamoura Youth Sailing World Championships

- a.** A progress update from the World Sailing Events Manager was received. Preparations are progressing well. Entries are increasing as late entry requests continue to be accepted. It is noteworthy that the OA has waived the late fee for Kite sailors. Both the Kite and 29er classes are now discussing how to get involved and support the event through training and other means, similar to what the 420 class already does. ILCA and iQFOiL are receiving support under the World Sailing ENP as usual.

3. 2026-2028 Youth Sailing World Championships

- a. An update for 2026, 2027 & 2028 events from the World Sailing Events Manager was received. Bid process to start early next year. Final bids to be decided in September 2026.

4. 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games

An update from Piotr on plans and last information received from the IOC for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games was received. Staff did a site visit with the other IFs that will be in the Saly beach West venue.

NOCs were required to submit their Intention to Participate Form to the IOC by 31 July 2025.

Initial Water Quality testing has been conducted, and the report shows very clean water at the launching area (where the triathlon athletes will also swim).

Weather data is still outstanding that is holding up the confirmation of the sport equipment and workforce requirements. Not data on heat risks has been provided to date.

The OCYOG is having difficulty securing the services of a sailing manager due to budget and visa constraints.

5. Reports

- a. Initial report of Youth Olympic Games Working Group received.
- b. Initial report of Event Standards & Essentials Working Group received.
- c. Initial report of Event Organisation Financial Feasibility Working Group received.
- d. Initial report from the Participation Data Group received

6. AOB

No other business.