World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met virtually on Thursday 23 October 2025 between 10:00 – 12:00 UTC

Present	**In Attendance**
1. Quanhai Li - President 2. Daniel Belcher – Vice President 3. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 4. Beatriz Gonzalez Luna – Vice President 5. Dave Hughes – Vice President 6. Josep M. Pla – Vice President 7. Cory Sertl – Vice President	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Antonio Cozzolino – General Counsel 3. Raksha Patel – Director of Finance & Business Operations 4. Lisa Anderson – Director of Executive Office 5. Jaime Navarro – Director of Technical & Offshore

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Presidents Opening Remarks

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.

There were no apologies for absence.

Vice President Tomasz Chamera declared his continued interest in the World Sailing Championships in Gdynia, Poland.

c) Minutes of the 16 September Board Meeting

The Minutes of the 16 September 2025 Board Meeting were approved.

d) Matters Arising

Appear below under Any Other Business.

e) Decisions by email

The Board opined on the interpretation of "independence" vis-a-vis membership on the Independent Bodies.

The offshore strategy "Navigating Offshore" was approved by the Board.

2. Legal & Governance

I. The Board reviewed and recommended the approval of the following Proposals to the General Assembly, which had been allocated to the Board as matters of the Constitution:

a. **GA-2025-002** *To add the Chair of the Special Regulations Sub-committee to the Oceanic & Offshore Committee, which had already been approved by the Oceanic & Offshore Committee;*

b. **GA-2025-003** *The Chair of the Para Committee can appoint a member of Para Committee to the Regional Games Committee, which had already been approved by the Regional Games Committee;*

c. **GA-2025-004A +TOR** *To adopt a Para Sailing Committee Terms of Reference with respect to the addition of the Classification Sub-Committee; and*

d. **GA-2025-004C** *To add the Classification Sub-Committee as a new Article 36(e)*

II. The Board reviewed and recommended the rejection of the following Proposals to the General Assembly, which had been allocated to the Board as matters of the Constitution:

e. **GA-2025-001** *Amend Article 14 of the Constitution*
f. **GA-2025-007** *Amend Articles 12,13, 14 of the Constitution*
g. **GA-2025-008** *Align definition of Continent and Region to the IOC Charter*

III. The Board reviewed and recommended the approval of the following Proposals to Council, which had been allocated to the Board as matters of Policy:

h. **CO-2025-009** *Removal of specific equipment requirement from Para World Sailing Rankings*
i. **CO-2025-019** *Amend 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register – Policy Number H1 re Youth*
j. **CO-2025-020** *Amend 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register – Policy Number H1 re Youth Women*
k. **CO-2025-021** *Amend 8.7 World Sailing Policy Register – Rankings - Policy Number H1 to add Youth*
l. **CO-2025-022** *Clarify 8.8 World Sailing Policy Register – Rankings - Policy Number H1 re Skipper Points*

III. The following Proposals (which had been listed in the Agenda) were not considered by the Board on this occasion pending the approval of the Committees who were named therein:

m. **GA-2025-004B** *Add the Chair of the Classification Sub Committee SC to the Race Officials Committee. Conditional on approval by the Race Officials Committee*
n. **GA-2025-006** *Add an Oceanic & Offshore Committee member to the Growth of Sailing Committee. Conditional on approval by the Growth of Sailing Committee*
o. **CO-2025-008** *Amend OSR by deleting Appendix M and approve new Policy J5 on Sustainability, Manual Power and Outside Help. Conditional on approval by Oceanic & Offshore Committee.*

3. Any Other Business

a) The Board had received an Executive Summary and a draft Terms of Reference on the establishment of a Cultural & Arts Commission, which were taken as read. The Board approved the establishment of the Cultural & Arts Commission, which will present to the Board their proposal of Terms of Reference for approval, once constituted.

b) The Board had received a supporting paper on the Race Officials Applications Review which was taken as read. This was approved by the Board to enable the Race Officials Committee to make recommendations on appointments during the Annual Conference.

c) Vice President Josep M. Pla informed the Board that he had attended the first day of a Group D meeting in Greece, which the Board noted.

d) The Board approved a paper on the LA28 Olympic Format Selection Criteria, the purpose of which is to guide the relevant working parties. The Board thanked the Format Working Group for the substantial progress they had made on format discussions to date.

4. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that Board Meetings have already been scheduled for Sunday 2 November 2025 and Sunday 9 November 2025 during the Annual Conference.

There being no further items the President closed the meeting.

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