

The Race Management Sub-Committee met virtually at 20:00 UTC on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Education and Development
4. Work Tasks
5. Any Other Business

Members Present:

<i>Chair – Anne Malledant (FRA) AM</i>	<i>Vice-Chair David Brookes (AUS) DB</i>	<i>Benedek Fluck (HUN) BF</i>
<i>Francisco Jauregui (MEX) FJ</i>	<i>Michal Jodlowski (POL) MJ</i>	<i>Jeff Johnson (USA) JJ</i>
<i>Tony Lu (CHN) TL</i>		
<i>VP – Tomasz Chamera</i>	<i>VP – Cory Sertl</i>	<i>Megan Griggs – WS Staff</i>

a. Opening of the Meeting

b. Welcome by the Chair

Chair, Anne Malledant (AM) welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their time and commitment. She introduced the Vice Presidents for Race Officials, Tomasz Chamera and Cory Sertl to share some words.

Cory Sertl (CS) highlighted the challenges being set out by the events committee including recommendations on format and transparency of race officials following the recommendations being set out by the IOC and OBS to make the sport more attractive to the non-sailing audience. Tomasz Chamera (TC) confirmed the events committee's approval of necessary proposals and emphasized the importance of collaboration among stakeholders to work towards the same goals. TC encouraged RMSC to rethink race management development with a fresh perspective, prioritising digitalization of roles especially with starting procedures.

AM expressed gratitude for the support received and underscored the urgency of implementing these changes to improve the sport's future.

c. Apologies and Absence

Apologies received from Ines Cabrer Carvajal (ESP), Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR) and Fabian Bach (GER).

d. Conflict of Interest

The sub-committee noted the declarations made in the Conflicts of Interest register and urged

all members to ensure they have made a recent declaration, even if they have nothing to declare (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-worldsailing/organisation/governance/integrity/conflict-of-interest/>).

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- a. The committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5th May 2025 (approved and circulated after the meeting) with no further matters arising from the minutes not already covered in this agenda.

3. **Education and Development**

a. **National Race Officer Training Program**

Megan Griggs provided an update on the National Race Officer Training Programme, detailing the launch of the online E-Learning platform World Sailing Academy and advising of the launch of the online Fundamentals of Race Management course. MG confirmed the in- person Level 1 courses will begin in August with 6 confirmed courses across 4 continents, with the Level 2 course debuting in October with the first of four courses being held in Hong Kong.

b. **Foiling Week**

AM provided an update on the Foiling Week Training Course initiative led by Luca Rizzotti to upskill existing IROs with additional knowledge and experience for foiling events. Anne confirmed the proposal came last minute and with help from the office the proposal was clearly structure but without time to correctly lead the course, the decision was made for World Sailing to endorse the program but not recognise it as a World Sailing course. Following the event this year, a report shall come back to RMSC from the PRO Tim Hancock and the education working team with in RMSC will be tasked to explore how to collaborate with to further develop the proposal into a recognised World Sailing course.

MG confirmed there had been strong response for the initiative from the IRO community, with many IROs advising the time frame was unsuitable but would be interested in the future.

c. **Refresher Training**

Anne confirmed with the absence of Fabian the agenda item to discuss the consideration of refresher sessions or material to assist national race officers following seminar attendance, would be postponed to the next meeting.

d. **Mentorship**

- e. David Brookes led the discussion on mentorship within Race Management following his experience at an Australian Sailing mentorship program. DB identified for World Sailing to explore opportunity for mentorship there needed to be a plan to identify the purpose of a mentor, who the mentors should be and how they would assist the mentees. Jeff Johnson advised there is potential to incorporate exercises and mentorship into existing education materials to develop mentorship skills as officials develop to IRO level. JJ further recognised existing mentorship schemes under the Magenta project and raised. Michal Jodlowski identified the initiative needs to be well thought out to ensure it is well executed and achieving the purpose of helping officials to develop.
- Benedek Fluck (BF) emphasised the benefits of mentoring, highlighting the first step needs to identify what it means to be a mentor and then the processes and phases to go through to ensure the program is effective. BF recognised there can be benefits for both the mentee and the mentor with such a program and would encourage the initiative, highlighting when IROs attend events they become the mentor for the local race officers.
- ACTION - BF will lead on developing a proposal for a mentorship initiative.
- ACTION – DB will share the Powerpoint presentation from the Australian program to aid in the discussion.
- ACTION - MG and the executive office to contact the Magenta Project and explore concepts for mentorship.

4. Work Tasks

- a. To receive an update for the following work tasks:
- i. IT/ Digital – DB shared an update on the IT/Digital Working group advising waiting on further instruction from the office of how digital officiation will evolve this quadrennial.
 - ii. Education – AM shared an update on behalf of Fabian Bach advising the seminar in India had been postponed due to the critical situation at the time the seminar was about to be announced, the aim is to review this seminar in September. Further to the seminars there is a race management clinic planned for November, with dates to be finalised after understanding instructors availability. AM highlighted a lack of applications from MNAs for seminars, suggesting . MG confirmed this was planned for September for all sub-committees in an attempt to finalise education plans for 2026 at the annual conference.
 - iii. Documents/Rules – MJ shared an updated on the work completed to identify proposed changes to the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competencies document. FJ recognised a need to consider the smaller nations when considering rulings, to prevent making it impossible for officials from some nations to retain their status.

ACTION – WS Office to gain understanding on exciting requirement to be met if amending the RQC to make the requirements more challenging.

- iv. Policies – AM shared an updated on behalf of Pinar Coskuner Genc who confirmed following the Events Committee decision on formats, the policies working party shall begin to review the existing policies and bring to discussion any proposals for changes. DB opened discussion on the role and purpose of a Course Race Officer and a Course Representative at WS appointed events, providing recent examples of lack of understanding of the responsibilities of each role on a race course. JJ supported reviewing the roles and providing clearer direction on each position. MJ highlighted the challenges with such task identifying the requirements can vary depending on the event location/ level of experience of each appointed position.

ACTION – DB to lead on this task, with support from JJ and MJ.

5. AOB

- a. MG shared an updated on the annual conference bring to the attention of RMSC members the changes to the schedule from previous years. MG confirmed the Race Management Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4th November and the Race Officials Committee will take place on Thursday 6th November.