

World Sailing
Race Officials Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 14 October 2025

Location: Virtual

Commencement Time: 11-12:30 UTC

Presenters: Ricardo Nararro – Chair (RN) Sub-Committee Chairs (SC)

Lynne Beal (LB) Timo Hass (TH)

CM = Paper Circulated to Committee Members only

Members Present:

Chair - Ricardo Navarro (BRA)	Vice-Chair Elena Papazoglou (CYP)	Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)
Aileen Loo (SGP) – IMSC Chair	Andrus Poksi (EST) – IJSC Chair	Anne Malledant (FRA) – RMSC Chair
Chris Lindsay (IRL) – IUSC Chair	Miguel Amaral (POR)	Bence Borocz – RRC Representative
David Brookes (AUS)	Lynne Beal (CAN)	Giorgio Davanzo (ITA)
Christophe Gaumont (FRA)	Sandy Grosvenor (USA)	Timo Hass (GER)
Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Nino Shmueli (ISR)	
VP – Tomasz Chamera	VP – Cory Sertl	WS – Megan Griggs (Race Officials Manager)

Agenda Items

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. Welcome by the Chair
Ricardo welcomed members to the Race Officials Committee meeting.
- b. Apologies for Absence
Apologies received from Dimitris Dimou (GRE) and Liang Zhou (CHN)
- c. Conflict of Interest
The 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/>).

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. To minutes of the previous Race Officials Committee meeting, held on 15th July 2025 were approved with no matters arising no included in this agenda.

3. Documents

To discuss existing Race Officials Committee documents:

a. **Conflict of Interest Guidelines**

Timo Hass shared an update as Chair of the Conflict of Interest Working Group, advising there had not been opportunity to review and rewrite the guidelines, confirmed minor changes to adapt the document to the new policies and regulations would take place ready for the annual conference meeting, with a full review of the guidelines to take place next year.

Ricardo Navarro (RN) reinforced the need for clear and consistent understanding of the guidelines for all within the Race Official community.

ACTION – Timo to share an update with minor changes for review at the Annual Conference.

b. **Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competencies Document (RQC)**

The Chairs of each sub-committee shared their proposed recommendations for the receive recommendations from Sub-Committee Chairs on proposed changes to the document.

IJSC – Andrus Poksi (AP) confirmed the recommendation to reduce the re-sit interval for the Judges Test and clarified the event requirements for IJs, specifying limits and conditions for virtual participation and lower-level events.

IMSC – Aileen Loo (AL) confirmed proposed change to update events suitable for Offshore measurers.

RMSC – Anne Malledant (AM) proposed changes to criteria for deputy RO experience and increased number of events to be considered by PRO to change from 2 to 4. AM reported the proposed inclusion of event report requirements, confirming only events listed in the report forms shall be eligible to consider within an application.

IUSC – Chris Lindsay (CL) confirmed no proposed amendments to the umpire section, but highlighted updates will be required to the dates listed for the overall document following the approved proposal for all application status to end on 31 December regardless of a March or September application.

ACTION - Miguel Amaral will lead the collation of the 2026 draft of the RQC document, coordinating all sub-committee's proposals, with a draft ready to share to the committee at the annual conference.

c. **Regulation 18 Panel Procedure**

Lynne Beal (LB) share a drafted version of the Regulation 18 Panel Procedure, updating the document in line with new World Sailing regulations and policies. Lynne proposed to amend the 'reasonable opportunities' to identify a specific time frame (10 days) and ensure there was a clear timeline for a panel process.

Timo Hass highlighted a lack of knowledge on who decides if a report is for the Ethics Code or for

World Sailing Race Official. RN confirmed World Sailing Executive Office, specifically the legal team are responsible for advising.

LB highlighted the previous guidelines identified the Board had authority to decide if a World Sailing Race Official should be ineligible to be appointed for a period of time, and recognised this was no longer present in the World Sailing policy or regulations, with authority only to terminate.

Action – LB and Giorgio Davanzo (GD) will update the draft including recognised dates and a timeline. LB and GD to draft a proposal to consider reinstating this requirement within the regulations

d. Instructor Appointment Procedure

Chris Lindsay shared an update on the procedure for appointing instructors highlighting a transparent process opening opportunity for anyone to apply if a new instructor is required.

Christophe Gaumont (CG) supported the process and highlighted a need to ensure a response is shared to all applicants with clear understanding of them being accepted or rejected.

Andrus Poksi (AP) questioned if an open to all process would provide application from too many officials when most know the existing names. CG highlighted an open to all process still gives opportunity for committee members to encourage recognised suitable officials to apply but additionally allows to learn about officials committee members may not be aware of.

It was recognised it would be necessary to outline the exact requirement, i.e. if looking for a female instructor or with a particular language skill, to ensure any applications fit the requirements looking to fill.

Action - CL to update the draft ready for approval at the Annual Conference

4. Education

- a. To discuss the operational proposal from the Executive Office for Race Official seminars.

MG discussed the proposal for the executive office to lead the coordination of Race Official seminars, introducing an annual, transparent application system for MNAs to host seminars, aiming to streamline administration and addresses past challenges of inconsistent communication, short notice, and unclear hosting processes.

Andrus Poksi highlighted IJSC are targeting the locations seminars are needed and asking MNAs to apply. CL and AM supported the proposal recognising it would help collect information on interested hosts and ensure they have clear guidance of the requirements needed to be met before applying to host a course.

5. Any Other Business

RN asked all Committee members to confirm via email if they shall be attending the annual conference

in Dun Laoghaire, IRL next month.