

The Oceanic and Offshore Committee met at 0930 UTC on 6 November 2025 at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

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Committee Members Present:

Matt Allen (MA) - Chair	Corinne Migraine (CM) – Vice-Chair	Katrin Adloff (KA)
Bruno Finzi (BF)	Johan Tuvstedt (JT)	Tatiana Almeida (TA)
Alan Massey (AM) – Int Regs Chair	Thomas Nilsson (TN)	Glen Stanaway (GS) – Sailor Categorisation Chair
Denise Caffari (DC)	Damian Foxall (DF)	Charlie Enright (CE)

Others Present:

Katrina Ham - WS Offshore & Safety Manager	Jaime Navarro – Director of Technical & Offshore	Joseph M Pla - Vice-President
James Dadd – SRSC Chair	Richard Hinterhoeller – SRSC Vice Chair	Obi Groombarke – WS Technical Specialist
David Hughes - Vice-President	Henrietta Smith – Para Athlete Representative on Athletes Committee	Alexandra Rickham – WS Director of Sustainability
Alan Massey – International Regulations Commission Chair	Jason Smithwick - IRC	

Apologies:

Lee Pilsung (LP)	Jennifer Hall (JH)	Orhan Ref K Gorbon (OG)
Mariana Douka (MD)	Yasutaka Funazawa (YF)	

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. Chair's Opening Remarks
- b. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were noted from JH, OG and LP.
- c. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- d. To note the minutes of the meeting on 8 October 2025
The minutes were noted as approved.

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e. Matters Arising															
2. <u>Chairman's Report</u> A verbal report from the Chair regarding activity during the year.															
3. <u>Executive Office Update</u> a. Navigating Offshore – World Sailing's plan to support offshore racing <u>Action Item:</u> World Sailing to launch the plan the following the 2025 Annual Conference.															
4. <u>Sustainability</u> a. An update on World Sailing Sustainability Agenda 2030 b. Marine Megafauna Guidance <u>Action Item:</u> World Sailing to finalise and publish the guidance on the website.															
5. <u>International Regulations Commission</u> <u>Action Item:</u> Review the Offshore Special Regulations to ensure it reflects the current standards.															
6. <u>Safety</u> a. An update from the Safety Commission.															
7. <u>Reports from Rating Systems</u> Reports from World Sailing International / Recognised Rating Systems: a. ORC International and ORC Club b. IRC Rating Rule															
8. <u>2025 Offshore Double Handed World Championship</u> a. A report on the 2025 Offshore Double Handed World Championships b. An update on the plans for future editions <u>Decision:</u> The Committee agreed to the following success criteria for the 2026 event: <table><tr><th>Criteria</th><th>2025</th><th>2026 "Success"</th></tr><tr><td>1. Number of MNAs</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>2. Number of Continents</td><td>5</td><td>Maintain</td></tr><tr><td>3. Equalisation of equipment (overall) - measured through participant post-event survey</td><td>4.2</td><td>Maintain</td></tr><tr><td>4. Participant satisfaction survey – average across all areas</td><td>4</td><td>Maintain</td></tr></table>	Criteria	2025	2026 "Success"	1. Number of MNAs	14	15	2. Number of Continents	5	Maintain	3. Equalisation of equipment (overall) - measured through participant post-event survey	4.2	Maintain	4. Participant satisfaction survey – average across all areas	4	Maintain
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9. <u>Proposals</u> a. CO-2025-008															
10. <u>Special Regulations Sub-Committee</u> a. To note the Minutes of the meeting on 6 October 2025.															

- b. To consider recommendations from the Special Regulations Sub-Committee on proposed changes to the Offshore Special Regulations. Please note all proposals can be viewed and tracked on the [World Sailing website](#).

i. OOC-2025-009 – Search and Rescue Visibility

Decision by Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Reject and request the Special Regulations Sub-Committee consider the following feedback:

- The need for a grace period to allow owners time to meet the requirements, noting the next edition of the OSR will be effective 1 January 2026.
- Concerns regarding the area of high viability in the event of appendage/s failure.

ii. OOC-2025-010 – OSR 4.19.3 – EPIRB – Ability to Transmit

Votes:

Approve:11

Reject:0

Abstain:0

Decision by Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve the recommendation from Special Regulations Sub-Committee to be effective from 1 January 2026.

iii. OOC-2025-012 – OSR 4.27.4 – Battens in OSR Storm Jibs

JT questioned whether the proposal inhibits the application of storm jibs to Category 3

Votes:

Approve:10

Reject:1

Abstain:0

Decision by Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve the recommendation from Special Regulations Sub-Committee to be effective from 1 January 2026.

iv. OOC-2025-013 – OSR 4.27 – Storm & Heavy Weather Sail Specifications

Votes:

Approve:11

Reject:0

Abstain:0
Decision by Oceanic and Offshore Committee: <u>Approve the recommendation from Special Regulations Sub-Committee to be effective from 1 January 2026.</u>
11. <u>Offshore Event Organisers Forum</u> a. Agenda
12. <u>World Sailing Speed Record Council</u> a. To note a report from the World Sailing Speed Record Council.
13. <u>Sailor Categorisation Code</u> a. To note a report from the Chair of the Categorisation Commission. <u>Action Item:</u> Matt Allen to raise the ongoing challenges with the Board to request further support for the Commission.
14. <u>Work Plan</u> a. To review the work plan b. To receive updates from the working groups: i. Stability Working Group ii. Advocacy Working Group iii. Offshore Advisory Group / Double Handed Working Group iv. Technology v. Oceanic Panel <u>Action Item:</u> Review the purpose and objectives of the Oceanic Panel.
15. <u>AOB</u> The meeting was closed at 16:10.