

World Sailing
International Measurers Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday 3rd November 2025

Location: Dún Laoghaire, IRL

Commencement Time: 10:30 – 17:00

Present:

Aileen Loo SGP – Chair (AL)	Alistair Deaves NZL – Vice Chair (ADe)	Jurgen Cluytmans (BEL)
Dimitris Dimou GRE (DD)	Dina Kowalyshan USA (DK)	Leo Sanchez ESP
Agnes Lill EST	WS Megan Griggs (MG)	WS Jaime Navarro (JN)

<u>Agenda Items</u>
1. <u>Closed Meeting</u> a. To receive a report on performance investigations WS Megan Griggs shared a report on performance investigations b. Seminar Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors The sub-committee reviewed the existing Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors list and finalised decisions on any changes to the list to recommend to Race Officials Committee. c. Race Official Appointments The Sub-Committee considered applications for International Measurers status and prepared recommendations for the the Race Officials Committee meeting.
2. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Welcome by the Chair Aileen Loo (AL) welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked all for their contribution this year. b. Attendees and Apologies Apologies were received from Ajit Diaz (IND), Alex Finsterbrusch (ARG), and Barry Johnson (AUS) for not attending in person; however all were available online to participate in discussion virtually.

c. Conflict of Interest

The Sub-Committee noted there were no conflict of interest declarations relevant to this meeting.

d. Obituaries

All sub-committee members remembered IM John Outhwaite SB20 (GBR) who passed away in 2025. Dimitris Dimou also mentioned the passing of Nicke Nocke who was a Europe IM for many years.

3. Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the previous International Measurers Sub-Committee meeting, held on 23rd April 2025 were approved with no matters arising no included in this agenda.

4. Work Plan

a. AL summarised the IMSC workplan for all observers and identified all goals related to the indentified work teams.

b. Reports were recieved from the following IMSC working teams:

(i) IM Manual

ADe reported progress had been slow due to other commitments but confirmed an updated version would be ready in Q2 of 2026.

(ii) IM Mentorship

The Sub-Committee discussed the importance of mentorship for new officials identifying many classes operate their own mentorships but WS financial help may be needed to facilitate further. MG discussed if the letter of successful appointment for an official should provide opportunity for more activity to knowledge share to the new officials and provide support for further assistance during the IMs early years. Additional discussion was held on setting up regional help networks of IMs.

IMSC Confirmed the following action to trial in 2026:

To hold an online workshop/townhall for newly qualified IMs to to share information about key processes and outline available support within the community.

(iii) IM Pathway (Clinics and Seminars)

The Sub-Committee discussed the need to create a clearer pathway through the clinic to the seminar so an official, and MNAs hosting education had a clearer understanding of courses available and the progression through each

course, to prevent a jump to the end of the pathway before starting at the beginning. IMSC discussed the consideration of renaming the education pathway into levels, recognising clearer universal transparency of a pathway number 1-3 compared to education titled clinic and seminar which lacks structure and can be misunderstood.

For example Level 1 online, Level 2 Clinic, Level 3 Seminar

It was recognised with developing a pathway it would provide opportunity to mandate successful completion of each stage before being eligible for the next stage.

(iv) Digital Reform (Education)

Jurgen Cluytmans presented the working team plan involving online courses and intermediate quizzes as a progression to get to the seminar and test highlighting the proposal aims to not to go fully digital but offers a hybrid process to utilise online for theory and in-person time for practical hands on learning. It was recognised the executive office/ROC will need to review access management and explore financial contributions to assist the development of the project. It was recognised the importance of all instructors being aligned to ensure the success of this proposal. Further discussion was held on future potential to translate sessions into different languages.

JC was thanked for his work.

DK reported that US Sailing was funding 3 modules of online education for a national race officer clinic that could be incorporated into the reform. The structure was identified, with focus needed on content and videos. MG identified there could be potential to combine on this project recognising both WS and US Sailing were aiming for the same goals.

(v) Website Updates

ADi reported that he had completed stage 1 in looking for and making corrections to the text and stage 2 was to simplify the information and would be underway within the next few months.

(vi) IM Event Report Online and Collating

AF reported on the ongoing upkeep of the IM Event Form. IMs are still submitting reports late and are therefore not valid. BJ commented on the extra load of volunteers needing WS IDs to be able to be included on the Event Report. AD reported that the eROC WP was underway and that the first task was to consider which information the various disciplines kept and would be transferred to the new database. It was suggested the class could be copied in to any IM Event Report submission so they knew it has been done.

ACTION - To modify the IM Event Report form to state that comments regarding the performance of an IM made may be followed up by IMSC and shared to the class if IMSC decide.

5. Education, Training and Development**a. Seminars and Clinics****(i) To review the 2025 program**

DD reported on the education activity held in 2025, including two clinic/seminars 1 in Copenhagen, DEN and 1 due to take place in Auckland, NZL. Confirmed future clinics to be held in the remainder of the year in Poland and Hong Kong.

(ii) To discuss the 2026 program

DD reported that Portugal had shown interest for 2026. It was discussed if there was a limit on too much education and if it was evident 2 seminars per year, with focus on one seminar in time for each of the deadlines (March and October). It was identified the other area to be targeted for education was North America with the intent to run an early clinic followed by a seminar in 2026, working towards LA 2028. The need for more instructors, especially in North America was also noted.

b. Development of Education**(i) To discuss the development of education including the use of internet-based continuous training materials and mentorship was discussed in prior agenda items.****6. Event Appointments**

Megan Griggs (WS) gave a report on Race Official Event Appointments made in 2025, identifying World Sailing made 152 appointments to 125 race officials. MG highlighted the core objective remains to provide the highest quality of service to events while promoting gender equality and geographical diversity, supporting the global development of race officiating. The report World Sailing continues to prioritise the IOC target of gender-equal ITO appointments, with a steady increase in the percentage of female officials appointed annually.

The report identified the current interim solution for Race Official appointments with the Executive Office leading appointments, supported by an Advisory Group representing key stakeholders. It was identified the advisory group had collectively identified existing and developing officials with focus on the World Sailing Championships being held in 2027. It was recognised this process had taken place and appointments for 2027 events would now proceed, with aim to conclude all 2026 appointments by the end of Q1.

7. Manufacturer Controlled Classes

- a. JN presented an update from the Office on the World Sailing's Manufacturer Certification System for Olympic equipment.
- b. JN presented an update from the Office on the appointment of technical auditors. JN reported that classes may be asked to cover some costs of using Technical Auditors at events. DK mentioned that this was a long overdue and welcome initiative, supported online by Barry Johnson.

8. Digital Race Office Project

WS JN discussed the required technical committee forms and process to be identified and reviewed to support the digitisation of the Race Office project. IMSC asked to define the information on equipment registration that should be connected to platforms that control substitution and repairs.

9. World Sailing Classes and IMSC

To discuss any items related to World Sailing Classes Committee.
The Sub-Committee discussed the opportunity for classes with IMs to be invited to assist classes without IMs for help in obtaining event opportunities to collect IM references for new candidates.

10. Equipment Rules Sub-Committee and IMSC

IMSC identified there were no discussion items to report on or take forward to Equipment Rules Sub-Committee.

11. Any Other Business

IMSC noted to ensure that if an IM test is retaken, the WS Office and IMSC Chair are informed in advance.
IMSC discussed an additional amendment to the proposed changes to the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competencies document for the 2026

application cycle, following the earlier proposals shared with ROC. It was noted that endorsements were sometimes being provided even when the Class Chief Measurer did not support the recommendation. To address this, IMSC agreed to include a requirement for endorsement from the Class Chief Measurer, in addition to the identified class representative. AL confirmed that this proposal will be presented at the upcoming ROC meeting.