

The Team Leader's and Coaches Commission met in Dún Laoghaire, Ireland at 1030 UTC on 5 November 2025

Members Present:

Nadine Stegenwalner (Chair)	Guillaume Chiellino (Vice-chair)	Aiko Saito
Inés Balestrini	Matthias Schmid	Mark Robinson
Michele Marchesini		

In attendance:

David Hughes (USA) Vice President	Michael Downing (Interim Director of Events)	Matt Wheaton (Competitions Manager)
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Apologies:

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Agenda Items

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. The Chair of the commission welcomed the members and observers to the meeting.
- b. There were no apologies for absence
- c. The commission noted the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2024 at the Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore
- d. The chair noted that the agenda may not be held in order and that a second, session may be required to cover all items.

2. Update from the Board

- a. The members received an update from the Vice President responsible for liaison with the Team Leader's and Coaches Commission. An overview of the Board's five key priorities with reference to this commission was presented, which featured: revenue, returning sailing to the Paralympics, the Olympic vision project, digital infrastructure and teamwork. The Vice President recognised that format was taking up much of the week's discussion and thanked the coaches and their communication with athlete's for engaging in recent Town Hall discussions.

3. Upcoming World Sailing Events

- a. The Commission received a progress report on Los Angeles 2028 which outlined the support team policies that will apply and a timeline was drafted for further discussion. It was reported that the competition schedule would be published in the following week as well as further information on training opportunities. World Sailing will disseminate the details to all those on the Olympic mailing list as and when it becomes available. It was noted that the calendar of events in 2026 was particularly busy up to July, with few events scheduled thereafter which puts added stress on time and budgets in the

first half of the year. WS is requested to have greater control and forward planning on calendars to ease the burden on teams.

Action: Commission to submit a proposal to the Events Committee to consider by end of Q1 of 2026 on support vessel numbers at WS events and principals of onboard electronics.

Action: Commission to submit a proposal to the Events Committee to consider by end of Q1 of 2026 on contain bay numbers at WS events noting the principal of only having 1 bay per NOC at the Port of LA venue for LA28.

Action: The Commission were tasked to establish an opinion on athlete 'uniform' at the Olympic Games, and provide a proposal to the Events Committee in response to the Format recommendations approved by Council earlier this year.

- b. An update on the 2027 World Sailing Championships in both Fortaleza and Gdynia was presented and a timeline for further discussion on support team policies was drafted. The Events team will work closely with the commission to progress this topic and as with the LA28, a proposal on coach boats and electronics is requested from this commission before Q1 2026 for the Events Committee to consider.

4. Competition Technology

- a. Ahead of the meeting, a paper was circulated to members and the highlights of which were presented, outlining World Sailing's plan to develop a digital race office which links to the IT priorities of the Olympic Vision with the wider aim being to improve the experience for race officials, athletes, coaches, media alike. The core feature of the paper was the rising use of start-line technology which links to digital officiating, OCS calls and commencing racing on time, which has been identified as a weak point of Olympic broadcast. World Sailing is closely following the progression of technology and has appointed a member of staff to steer direction and progress in this area towards LA28.

5. Participation and Development

- a. The commission received an update from the World Sailing Participation and Development Team, including the Youth Olympic Games 'Athlete Development Programme', WS scholarship programme and courses available via the 'World Sailing Academy' and it's application for Coaches Registration. It was suggested that the commission could recommend future topics to implement training for via the Academy, for example injury prevention and safeguarding.
- b. The Coaches registration scheme/portal has been requested by this commission since 2017 however has received no funding.
Action: The chair to contact the Board to repeat calls for a review of this project and request investment to support the work as a matter of urgency.

6. Sustainability

- a. The WS Sustainability team presented an update on several interesting areas of work including a progress report on Agenda 2030 and a review of the 2024 Impact report

which gave feedback and best practices though data gathered by ORIA devices which were fitted to coaches' support vessels during the 2024 Olympic Games in Marseille. It was noted that approximately 2/3 of fuel consumption was made by race management/OC vessels and OBS.

7. Commission reports

- a. To note the proposal from the Medical Commission for high-risk sailing events. The report was circulated to members and it was determined a useful study.
Action: Members to respond to the survey.
- b. A brief update was offered from the Safety Commission however no activity report had been circulated at the time of this meeting.
- c. The Commission concluded the meeting agreeing that with multiple lines of discussion and events in 2026, there was a greater importance for more regular and in-person meetings, to be scheduled at Events.

8. AOB

The Commission request that at the Annual Conference in 2026, two half-day meetings are scheduled with one open and one closed session.