

Present:

Richard Slater (AUS) – Chair

Line Juhl (DEN) – Vice-Chair

Lynne Beal (CAN)

Luigi Bertini (ITA)

Bence Böröcz (HUN)

Pauline den Burger (NED)

Sandy Grosvenor (USA)

Zuoru Jiang (CHN)

Chris Lindsay (IRL) (non voting)

Finn Mrugulla (GER)

Jon Napier (GBR)

Christina Ortendahl (SWE)

Yoann Peronneau (FRA)

Ana Sanchez (ESP) (until item 2(a)(iv))

Luke Scott (RSA)

In Attendance:

Tomasz Chamera – Vice President

Apologies for Absence:

Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the Chair and Vice President

The Chair welcomed members to their first in person meeting of their term.

Vice President Tomasz Chamera also welcomed members of the Committee and thanked them for their hard work on behalf of World Sailing. He updated the Committee on the priorities of the Board and the overall strategic priorities of World Sailing.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Ana Sanchez and Gonzalo Heredia.

The Committee noted the Register of Interests and the additional interests declared on Monday.com.

(c) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the approved minutes of the last meeting and there were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

2. Proposals

(a) RRS Proposals

i) Proposal RRC-2025-001

Decision

The Committee approved the template document for future rule documents with an amendment to delete the ability to invoke the document in the sailing instructions.

(14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

ii) Proposal RRC-2025-002

Decision

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Proposal Working Group and approved Option B with the removal of the words 'for her'.

(14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain).

iii) Proposal RRC-2025-003

Decision

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Proposal Working Group attached at Appendix A.

(12 in favour, 2 against, 0 abstain)

Decision

The Committee agreed to issue a Case to be prepared by the Case Book Working Group and approved by the Committee.

(8 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstain)

iv) Proposal RRC-2025-004

Decision

The Committee rejected the Proposal.

(13 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

v) Proposal RRC-2025-005

Decision

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Proposal Working Group attached at Appendix B.

(13 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

vi) Proposal RRC-2025-006

Decision

The Committee rejected the Proposal and requested the Case Book Working Group prepare a Case.

The Committee will prepare a Proposal to harmonise the language across the RRS.

(1 in favour, 12 against, 0 abstain)

vii) Proposal RRC-2025-007

Decision

The Committee disagreed with the Proposal Working Group's recommendation and so rejected the Proposal.

(5 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstain)

viii) Proposal RRC-2025-008

Decision

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Proposal Working Group to reject the Proposal.

The Committee will prepare a Proposal to harmonise the post race penalties and the method of calculation of such penalties.

(13 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

(b) Other Proposals

i) Proposal GA-2025-009

Decision

The Committee recommended the approval of the Proposal with the amendment that the new member is a non-voting position.

(8 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain)

3. Discussions

(a) Mark-Room

The Committee discussed the implementation of the new rule 18 and the Definition Mark-Room.

Decision

The Case Book Working Group is requested to consider a Case interpreting the Definition Mark Room.

(b) Proposed TR Calls

The Committee discussed proposed TR Calls E2 and E3 and noted they will be circulated for approval by written resolution after the Conference.

The Committee gave feedback to the Chair of the Call Book Working Group for it to consider.

(c) Gender Neutral Language

The Chair of the Case Book Working Group proposed to the Committee that the Case Book is amended to reflect the change in gender neutral language made in the main RRS.

Decision

The Committee approved the request.

(d) Rule 41 & Case 120

The Committee discussed Case 120 and its interpretation of rule 41. The Committee did not consider there was good reason to change the binary approach of Case 120.

(e) High Speed Rules – Definition Start

The Committee discussed pending Proposal and noted it will be circulated for approval by written resolution after the Conference.

(f) Expression Rules

The Committee was informed that the Board Expression Rules still needed to be approved for this quad.

The Committee noted a Development Rule would be presented to it for approval by written resolution after the Conference, with the intention of moving into a permanent double-letter appendix.

(g) Redress

The Committee will prepare a paper for wider consultation.

4. Working Group Reports

The Committee received the reports of its Working Groups.

5. Work Plan

(a) Work Plan

The Committee discussed its work plan and the proposed deadlines for Proposals and for the remainder of the quad.

Decision

The Committee approved the updated work plan which is attached at Appendix C.

(b) Meetings

The Committee agreed to reduce the number of standard meetings per year from three to two. This will enable suitable consultation time between meetings.

(c) Dates

The Chair will circulate the proposed dates of the next meeting to be held between 15 April to 8 May.

(d) Prescriptions

Yoann Peronneau was added to the Prescription Review Team.

(e) Monday.com

The Committee discussed the use of Monday.com and requested the Executive Office provide additional training on its use and optimisation.

(f) Future Proposals

The Committee noted the potential Proposals being developed.

6. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting.

APPENDIX A

Change rule 60.4(a)(2) as follows:

60.4 Protest Validity

- (a) A *protest* is invalid
 - (1) if it does not comply with the definition *Protest* or rule 60.2 or 60.3,
 - (2) ~~if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in it or did not see the incident~~ **if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was ~~not~~ neither involved in, and did not see, nor saw the incident,** or
 - (3) *no further changes*

APPENDIX B

Under Regulation 20.3(d)(ii), World Sailing has approved the use of this rule as set out in this approval document.

This Development Rule shall only be used by Organizing Authorities for Oceanic or Passage Races.

Every boat in the race must be tracked with a suitable tracking device. The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions shall specify a location of the tracking device on each boat. This location shall be consistent.

It is recommended that this rule is used when it is impractical to have the Race Committee physically on station to observe the start or the finish. Race Committees are cautioned that errors in the tracking devices and the position of the device relative to different sized boats may reduce the accuracy of determining starting or finishing.

Organizing Authorities may use all of this Development Rule to use tracking for both starting and finishing, or they may use (a) or (b) of this Development Rule to only manage (a) starting, or (b) Finishing. The following applicable clause(s) shall be included in the Notice of Race:

(a) Starting

The definition Start is changed with the addition of the following: As approved by World Sailing under DR25-01, the location of a boat's hull will be determined by the position provided by the transponder supplied by the Organizing Authority. However, the Race Committee may determine if a boat started by using other evidence. If requested, a boat shall provide the Race Committee evidence as to their location. This evidence can be, but is not limited to, a boat's navigation software log file, testimony or evidence from other boats, personal race tracker or AIS logs.

(b) Finishing

The definition Finish is changed with the addition of the following: As approved by World Sailing under DR25-01, the location of a boat's hull will be determined by the position provided by the transponder supplied by the Organizing Authority. However, the Race Committee may determine if a boat finished by using other evidence. If requested, a boat shall provide the Race Committee evidence as to their location. This evidence can be, but is not limited to, a boat's navigation software log file, testimony or evidence from other boats, personal race tracker or AIS logs.

APPENDIX C

The Racing Rules Committee’s Work Plan is managed via a Monday.com board. This allows the tasks that make up the Work Plan to be actively managed and for committee members and key stakeholders.Using Monday.com also allows the board to have access at any time to review the Work Plan and to see the progress.

Below is a Gantt chart showing the current Work Plan for the quad.



