

Para World Sailing Committee Minutes

The PWSC met virtually at 1100 UTC on 11th December 2025

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| 2. World Sailing Updates | 6. Any Other Business |
| 3. World Sailing Inclusion Championships | 7. Thank you and Next Meeting |
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Members Present:

Kay Rawbone (Chair)	Emma Hallen (Vice Chair)	Paul Adrien Cuvillier
Sarah Oglivie	Elliot Levy	Irina Perez
Betsy Alison	Henriette Smith	Efstratios Aklatis
Alfred Pelinka	Yuki Hagiwara	

Invited Presenters:

Helen McKenzie	Adrian Stoggall	
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Staff Present:

Hannah Stodel	Leo af Rosenborg	Fiona Kidd
Scott Dougal	Daniel Nash	

Board Present:

Cory Sertl	Daniel Belcher	
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Agenda Items

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Housekeeping (HS):

Hannah welcomed attendees, outlined housekeeping rules (muted mics for observers, use of Q&A/chat, respectful conduct, no private recordings).

Leo (Para Assistant) and Daniel Nash (Communications Team) supported in the background.

b. Chair's Opening Remarks (KR):

Kay gave an update on Para Developments since their last meeting, noting the majority of the Committee's presence at the World Sailing Inclusion Championships in Oman, and the work of the team there to deliver the event.

c. **Apologies for Absence:**

Jenny Davey CAN, Jazz Turner GBR, Alfred Pelinka AUT.

d. **Minutes of November Meeting:**

Confirmed as read and accepted.

e. **Matters Arising:**

Committee Member & Athlete's Representative Henriette smith noted that the "Skipper VS Helm" Terminology debate was not captured in the November Minutes.

Kay asked that these concerns be submitted in writing to ensure a full discussion in the January meeting

2. World Sailing Updates

a. **Office updates (HS):**

Hannah noted how the team had recently come back from Oman from the WSIC, and that a report on that event would be given later in the meeting.

b. **Board updates (CS, DB):**

Cory Sertl noted the election of a new WS Vice President, Sophia Papamichadopoulos OLY (CYP), who will be included in PWSC matters going forward.

Daniel Belcher also noted the tremendous amount of momentum behind Para Sailing at the moment, thanking the work of the committee and his excitement for the future.

3. World Sailing Inclusion Championships

a. **To receive an event report from the WS Team on the ground. (HS, KR, LAR, AS)**

i. **Event debrief** delivered by the team on the ground (including Adrian Stoggall, Hannah, Leo and others):

The inaugural WSIC was a successful delivery despite logistics; 28 nations, 127 competitors; rapid boat rebuilds and sail sourcing highlighted.

ii. **Race format & medal race:** Discussion on avoiding a medal race to maximize participation; suggestion to evolve toward gold/silver/bronze fleets.

Athlete perspectives emphasized inclusive formats and the merits of true round-robin systems.

- iii. **Equipment & fleet management:** There were concerns raised about the quality of the supplied equipment at WSIC 2025. The committee recommended that the hosts supply newer RS Venture Connect boats and improve pre-event training opportunities in collaboration with RS Sailing and other class associations.

4. Classification Update

a. **To receive an update from the Chair of the Classification Working Group. (HM)**

- i. **IPC classification code survey:** The Classification Chair confirmed 30th Nov Survey submission and progress on sailing-specific adaptations to the IPC model.
- ii. **Operational challenges:** The Classification Chair raised the need for earlier involvement with the organising authorities of events, particularly when drafting a NoR. It was also raised the importance of developing national classifiers around the world.
- iii. **Process improvements:** The Classification Chair outlined the development of a new database that will streamline medical diagnostic form submission and eligibility confirmation.

5. IPC Bid Update

a. **To update the PWSC on the Status of the IPC Bid. (HS, SD)**

- i. **Criteria status:** Scott and team reported improved reach (35+ nations), a robust calendar (111 events in 2025), advances in classification, and strengthened anti-doping measures versus the 2022 bid.
- ii. **Engagement plan:** Scott outlined a plan for targeted communication with IPC decision makers, executive summaries, and coordination with MNAs to leverage connections.
- iii. **Timeline & comms:** Bid submission targeted for **the 15th of December**; press release and continued advocacy planned.

6. Any Other Business (KR)

- a. **Inclusive vs Para fleet structure:** It was raised the importance for clearer community guidance on the difference between Inclusive vs Para Fleets, and the subsequent prize categories.
- b. **Navicap Challenge 2025:** Bernard Destrube gave Positive feedback on the Monegasque Navicap Challenge 2025, highlight the

participation and social atmosphere; The committee developed a plan to offer athlete classification opportunities at future editions.

7. Thank you and Next Meeting

- a. The Committee expressed thanks to contributors and confirmed the next meeting for **22 January 2026 at 14:00 UK time.**

8. Closed Session

a. To discuss matters relating to the IPC bid

- i. The Committee held a closed discussion focused on matters relating to the IPC bid; details of which were recorded confidentially.

Action Points

- **Skipper vs. helm terminology** - submit written summary for the January PWSC agenda. (HS)
- **Athlete Representative role** - prepare a clear outline of the role of the Athlete's Representative to present at the start of future events. (KR).
- **Inclusive vs Para fleet split & medals** – To Clarify and communicate guidance to the community on Para vs Inclusive definitions. (HS, KR)
- **Monaco classification session** - explore official/unofficial options to officer Classification at future Navicap Challenge events, and coordinate with Event organisers. (BD, HM)
- **World Ability Youth Games** – To establish the rules and prepare the NOR for the 2026 World Ability Youth Games in collaboration with the Turkish Sailing Federation. (HS, FK)
- **2026 Portugal Inclusion Championship** – Finalise and publicly announce dates for the 2026 WSIC in Portugal once Heads of Terms are signed. (HS)