

World Sailing
Regional Games Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 16, 2025

Location: Teams Webinar Meeting

Commencement Time: 13:00 UTC

Attendees:

Captain Abdur Rehman Arshad (Chair)	Antonietta de Falco	Martha Juliana Acevedo Danner
Sofia Papadopoulou (Vice Chair)	Sharon Hardwick	Penny McIntyre
David Brookes	Elias Conzalez Robles	

In Attendance:

Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (World Sailing Vice President)
Josep M. Pla (World Sailing Vice President)
Fiona Kidd (Head of World Sailing International Development)
Larisa Zejen (Development Assistant)

Committee Member Apologies:

Jorge Barreda
Christian Daianu
Hocine Lali
Zouhair Lebbat
Ricardo Navarro
Ioannis Papazoglou
Jerry Rollin

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Action/Person</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Chair's Opening Remarks The Chair welcomed all of the Committee Members to the meeting. b. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest. The following committee members sent their apologies for not attending the meeting: Jorge Barreda; Hocine Lali; Ricardo Navarro; Ioannis Papazoglou; Jerry Rollin. There were not new declarations of Conflicts of Interest. c. Minutes of the meetings on September 24, 2025 The Minutes were approved by the Chair and Vice Chair and circulated to the committee for approval. d. Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the Minutes. e. Decisions by Email There were no decisions by Email.	CA
2. <u>Report from Executive Office</u>	BGL/JMP

a. Report from the Board Representative(s) Beatriz Gonzalez Luna, Vice President commented on the importance of sharing the results of the RG Committee survey with other committees, particularly at the November Conference. The Growth of Sailing Committee also completed a survey which should be shared by this committee. Beatriz also commented that there will be an election of two new members of the Board at the General Assembly at the end of the conference and that she is looking forward to seeing many of the committee members at the Annual Conference in November. Beatriz thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for all their work over the past year. Josep M. Pla joined the call after it started. He welcomed all the committee members. b. Report from the Staff Fiona Kidd (FK) delivered a verbal report on the activities at the Executive Office. Although we continue to deliver NROTP training programs and other educational programs for coaches and officials there have been two areas of focus. Youth Olympic Games. The first Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Training Camp took place in Hammamet, Tunisia September 28 to Oct 4th. The IOC Athlete Development Fund and the Techno 293 Class supported this training camp. 10 sailors from 6 countries in Africa attended the camp. The next camp is scheduled to be in Morocco in November. FK also visited Morocco and met with the President of the Royal Morocco Sailing Federation. The Royal Tunisia Yacht Club will be hosting the 2026 Optimist World Championship in June. Development Symposium: The Development Symposium will be taking place during the Annual Conference. There are 10 sessions starting on Sunday, Nov 2nd until Friday, Nov 7th. FK encouraged all committee members who are at the conference to participate in the sessions.	FK
3. <u>Impact Assessment & Development Survey</u> a. To review the draft Final Survey Report. Sofia Papadopoulou, the lead of the Impact Working Group and Sharon Hardwick, the lead of the Development Working group presented their Key Findings & draft recommendations from the survey. <u>Key Findings:</u> Participation and Legacy Impact Most MNAs reported participation in major Regional Games (Asian, PanAm, CAC, Mediterranean, Pacific, Junior PanAm). Participation increased sailing's visibility and strengthened links with NOCs.	SP/SH



Medal success and media coverage amplified public recognition and national interest. Development Outcomes • Regional Games inspired youth participation and school-based sailing programs. • MNAs reported membership growth and new partnerships post-Games. • Several countries expanded or formalized their national development programs after Regional Games exposure. Volunteers, Safeguarding, and Sustainability • Strong volunteer engagement across event management, technical roles, and logistics. • Safeguarding practices were present but inconsistently applied; there is a need for standard WS guidance. • Sustainability initiatives (recycling, refill stations, Clean Regatta certifications) were implemented sporadically. Barriers and Challenges Key constraints limiting development and performance included: • Funding: 26 MNAs reported major financial barriers. • Equipment shortages: 17 MNAs. • Logistics and transport: 16 MNAs. • Coaching capacity and availability: 13 MNAs. • Safety and equipment quality also emerged as recurring concerns. Inclusivity and Diversity • Gender balance among athletes approached 50–50 in some regions, but women coaches and officials remain underrepresented. • Para sailing participation remains limited; inclusion programs are minimal beyond athlete categories. • Few MNAs reported dedicated workshops for women or youth during Regional Games. Action: The Working Groups will be present their final recommendations to the committee for discussion purposes and approval at the meeting in November. The recommendations will form the basis of new Working Groups in 2026.	
4. Working Group Reports a. Development Working Group Their report was presented in Item 3. b. Calendar Working Group The Calendar Working Group presented their latest calendar. The Regional Games that did not have sailing on the competition schedule were removed to simplify the overall calendar. TD's were updated. Additional information on the Organizing Authorities was added as well as events /equipment to several Regional Games. Action: The WG is to draft a report on the categorizing of Regional Games for presentation at the November meeting.	WG Leads

c. Impact Working Group Their report was presented in Item 3. d. Technical Working Group The WG completed a first draft of the revised Guidelines for Sailing Events at Regional Games. A new TD Report for a site visit as well as a post event report were added as part of the Guidelines. Action: The Technical Working Group is to continue to edit and finalize the Guidelines and present another version at the November Meeting.	
5. <u>2025 Regional Games Reports</u> a. WorldAbility Beach Games – Oct 18-25, Mersin, TUR Fiona Kidd was appointed as TD for the event & will provide a report for the next meeting. b. XII Central American Games October 18-30th Guatemala City, GUA The TD to provide a written report if possible to the Nov 5th Meeting. c. Bolivarian Games d. SEA Games e. Other 2026 + 2026 Central American & Caribbean Games 2026 South American Games 2026 Asian Youth Games 2026 Asian Games 2027 Pacific Games 2027 Pan Am Games 2027 Commonwealth Youth Games No reports were presented to the Committee at the meeting.	TDs/FK
6. <u>Para Sailing Representative on Committee</u> a. Proposal Status Update. FK confirmed that the Proposal is in process and will be discussed by Board before moving to the General Assembly for approval on Nov 8th.	FK
7. <u>Annual Conference</u> a. Discuss the meeting on Wednesday 5 November at 14:00 to 17:00 at the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. Fiona Kidd presented the details of the in-person meeting in November in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. The Chair will not be attending the meeting as well as a number of committee members. As a result, a remote meeting will be requested. b. Review Meeting Agenda The November 5th Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by the Chair & Vice Chair and was submitted on October 17th for posting on the World Sailing website. c. Work Plan Report The 2025 Work Plan was circulated.	FK



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Action: The Working Groups are to review their objectives and priorities of the Work Plan and present an update of their work during the November conference.	
8. <u>AOB</u> The Chair commented that holding a Regional Games Committee meeting every month was difficult for many members due to conflicting schedules. Decision: The Committee decided that for 2026, the Regional Games Committee Meetings will be held remotely once every 3 months. Meetings could be scheduled sooner if there were any urgent matters that required Committee approval. The Meeting concluded at 14:05 UTC.	CA