

The Events Committee met in Dún Laoghaire, at 1030 UTC on 6 November 2025

Members Present:

Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT) Chair	Aiko Saito (JPN) Vice-Chair	Ed Russo (FRA)
Shevaun Bruland (AUS)	Ferran Muniesa (ESP)	Geoff Wooley (NZL)
Tayfun Erey (TUR)	Tian Wang (CHN)	Saskia Clark (GBR)
Piotr Oleksiak (POL)	Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer (USA)	Markus Schwendtner (GER) Olympic Classes SC Chair
Lisa Darmanin (AUS) Athletes' Committee Vice Chair	Anna Holmdahl White (SWE)	Nuno Gomes (ANG)

In attendance:

Daniel Belcher (AUS) Vice President	Cory Sertl (USA) Vice President	David Graham (CEO)
Michael Downing (Interim Director of Events)	Matt Wheaton (Competitions Manager)	Corinne McKenzie (Events Consultant)

Apologies:

Walter Boddener (BRA)	Paula Douat (COL)	
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1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. The Chair of the Events Committee welcomed committee members and observers to the meeting.
- b. A quorum of 15 members was established.
- c. The chair noted apologies received from members prior to the meeting.
- d. The Committee noted the declarations made in the Conflicts of Interest register.
- e. The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting on 15 October 2025 (available at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/governance/commissions-committees-edi/committee-minutes-archive/>).
- f. There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere.

2. Update from the Board

- a. The members received an update from the two Vice Presidents responsible for liaison with the Events Committee. An overview of the Board's five key priorities with reference to this committee was presented, which feature: revenue, returning sailing to the Paralympics, the Olympic vision project, digital infrastructure and teamwork. The Vice Presidents recognised that format was taking up much of the week's discussion and again offered sincere thanks to the working party leading those conversations.
- b. The committee noted the minutes of the Board meetings since their last Events Committee meeting.

3. Update from the Events Committee Chair/Co-Chair

- a. The Chair of the Events Committee recognised that this was the first in-person meeting for many of the members and provided a brief update on activities noting that owing to

regular online meetings, there was little to report outside of the format conversations. As before, praise and thanks were offered to the contributions of working groups.

4. Updates from other stakeholders

- a. The WS Sustainability team presented an update on its' 2024 Impact report which referenced progress against Agenda 2030. It was reported that of the 56 deliverables, 30 have been completed with the remainder underway, which is good progress. The publication of a 'Sustainable event' handbook was advertised as a useful point of reference for organisers of international regattas with many resources and best practices listed.
- b. Competition technology. A committee paper was circulated and highlights were presented to members which outlined World Sailing's plan to develop a digital race office which links to the IT priorities of the Olympic Vision; the 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 have appointed a member of staff to steer direction and progress this area towards LA28.

5. World Sailing Championships

- a. The Interim Director of Events gave an update on the 2027 World Sailing Championships in Fortaleza, Brazil reporting that registration was open and all MNAs were encouraged to take advantage of what will be valuable training in a new venue to many and an opportunity to test new formats.
- b. As with Fortaleza, progress for the 2027 World Sailing Championships in Gdynia, Poland is on track with further news to be published as soon as it's finalised.

6. Various working areas

- a. An update on next steps for World Sailing calendar, rankings, and development of the Sailing World Cup was presented, reminding members that the World Cup recommendation to the Board was approved in August and the Calendar recommendation approved in October. Attention once again turned to Rankings and the committee had a brief discussion on next steps, noting that ranking is a key priority listed in the WS Olympic vision.
Action: a full review of the current position and WS ambitions will be undertaken over coming months with report to follow.
- b. Discussions on reducing material and non-material costs are ongoing and a set of actionable recommendations are being developed.

7. Olympic Sailing Competition – Brisbane 2032

- a. The Interim Director of Events reported on the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games, noting that whilst sailing is a core sport on the program, the number of sailing athletes (quota) is expected to come under considerable pressure. Initial site evaluations have commenced, with the priority being to find venues with suitable racing conditions during the Games

window and a number of candidates well outside Brisbane have been identified. Brisbane 2032 OCOG will shortly commence feasibility assessments of the sites as they work with their stakeholders to determine the Games Master Plan. This process is anticipated to run until the middle of 2026 which will give World Sailing time to review its propose slate of events in the context of possible venues with their physical constraints and likely light weather conditions.

8. Olympic Sailing Competition – Los Angeles 2032

- a. The Interim Director of Events reported on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, that progress on the design of the sailing venues is progressing and both are expected to offer a great platform for spectators to closely engage with the racing and athletes. The competition schedule by day and by event has been finalised as previously shared with the committee. Work is ongoing with weather, FOP and format analysis to determine the competition schedule by event unit (by race). In early 2026, tickets will be available with estimated session times.

LA28 continue to progress their search for a Sport Manager and suppliers of the required Sport Equipment. The wider LA28 team continues to grow as more Functional Areas populate their teams opening conversations on the specific overlap with sailing.

World Sailing has proposed dates for the 2027 Olympic test event in the middle two weeks of August 2027 using the same Games competition schedule structure and LA28 are considering this proposal as part of their wider readiness planning with the IOC.

World Sailing continues to ask for LA28 to recognise a test event/s in 2026 that are run by US Sailing and the local community such as the LBOCR and LAOCR.

OBS have conducted an initial site inspection of the two sailing venues and World Sailing have received positive feedback on the FOP potential.

World Sailing anticipates disseminating the training information to all MNAs later this month from the two groups who are co

- b. The committee received an update on the progress of the Olympic transition project and noted the Competition Technology position paper.
- c. The committee received an update on implementation of the 12 EC format recommendations previously approved by Council in 2025. It was report that all have been progressed, with 4 completed. The final set of format recommendations will be added to this list and reported on at the next EC meeting.
- d. The Committee received a final report in a series of recommendations developed by the Format Working Group to define the competition format for the Olympic Sailing Competition.

The report proposed five recommendations each was approved by the Committee.

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

<i>The full text of the recommendations to Council are appended to these minutes in the Events Committee report to Council.</i>	
9. <u>Proposals</u>	a. None.
10. <u>AOB</u>	a. None.

The Chair thanked members and observers, noted that the second session will not be required and closed the meeting at 13:10 UTC.