

The Specialist Sailing Committee met virtually at 1030 UTC on 22 July 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Discussion of the aims of the Specialist Sailing Committee

Members Present:

Mirco Babini (chair)	Edward Russo	
Knut Forstad (vice chair)	Paul Hutton-Ashkenny	
Beatriz Gonzalez (board representative)	Peina Chen	
Dave Hughes (board representative)		
Richard Slater		

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. Chair's Opening Remarks
- b. Apologies for Absence

2. Discussion of the aims of the Specialist Sailing Committee

There was discussion on making sure that the work plan of the committee is in line with the term of reference of the committee, particularly with regards to broadcast and sports presentation and technology.

RS gave the example of technology where the committee could recommend a policy and set of objectives for World Sailing.

DH recommended the committee take a broader view of the sport and not just focus on the Olympics.

KF highlighted the need for better data on sailing audiences.

ER recommended that the committee focus on sharing best practice.

PHA asked if work plans could be altered, DH indicated that they could.

Discussion on focusing the work of the committee on two topics – commercial best practice and technology.

MB offered to circulate proposals for the work of the committee in light of the discussion.