

World Sailing#11 Match Racing Committee Meeting Minutes**Meeting Date:** 19.1.2026**Location:** Online, Open**Commencement Time:** UTC 19.00

| <u>Agenda Items</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee chairman opened the meeting</li> <li>Absence from Marios Zizimatos. Russel Green joined in the second part of the meeting.</li> <li>Minutes of the meetings on 17.12.2025 approved</li> <li>No matter arising</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>2. <u>Board greetings</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The VP liaisons Cory Sertl and Corinne Migraine acknowledged the good worked done by the committee since the last meeting and shared the calendar for the next Board and Council meetings and dates to receive committees recommendations.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>3. <u>Match Racing Committee</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman presented the Match Race Committee Working Plan 2026-2028 with a focus around six main objectives. (paper attached).</li> <li>The Match Racing Committee webpage feedback summary was shared and discussed. Liz Bayliz supported in identifying the Roll of Honour showcasing the past Women MR Worlds winners. Betsy Alison asked for the 1998 results to be added. A similar page needs to be done for the Blind MR Worlds and Nations Cup.</li> <li>Match Racing Committee Working Teams 2026: the chairman asked the Teams chairs to update their respective plan before the next meeting.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>4. <u>Team updates, actions, needs for support and decisions</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth: the Working team will have a meeting the following day to discuss rankings</li> <li>Sailors feedback: The committee received an update on the WMRT final in Shenzhen. The high number of teams (16) and light wind impacted the possibilities to sail and some teams had only 7 races. The sailors proposed that an evaluation survey be conducted at completion of each stage to give constructive feedback. Some skippers noted the clash of dates between the 2026 WMRT and the SSL finals in Brazil and recommended to find solutions. The sailors commented on the choice of equipment, especially when organisers invest in new boats, favoring symmetric spinnaker and larger boats.</li> <li>Blind MR: a report will be given at the next meeting.</li> <li>Calendar and communication: An excel calendar, providing an overview has been created. This is a proactive approach and it is to ensure that no major clashes happen. These clashes can occur when established organisers/ events that plan several years</li> </ol> |

ahead, but have not submitted the grading form to World Sailing in October the year before the event. A collaborative approach to merge calendars will be investigated.

- e. Race Management: the race management manual has been updated and will be posted on the WS website. Some corrections need to be done on the year on the grading form and page.
- f. Women MR: an update was given on the WWMRT. The calendar for 2026 is not yet communicated. There are ongoing discussion between the host of the 2026 WS Women MR World host and the WWMRT to incorporate in the tour. The committee welcome the inclusion in the Tour with a stronger involvement of WS in the communication of the event.
- g. Nations Cup: Once the hosting agreement will be signed, the Nations Cup host and dates will be released.
- h. Special Events: appreciation of the committee for the work done to promote the Women's in the WWMRT with equal prize money and a shared finals hosted by the Amaala Yacht Club in Saudi Arabia for the next five years . An update was given on the AC and teams participating.

#### **5. Update from World Sailing, actions, needs for support and decisions**

- a. The Youth MR Worlds NoR and RFI were circulated in December 2025. The Race officials have been appointed.
- b. The Women MR Worlds NoR is being drafted.
- c. The Nations Cup agreement is being finalised. The communication on the host and dates should be released in February.
- d. Bids for 2027, 2028 and 2029 Youth and Women MR Worlds have been announced in December 2025. Bids are starting to be received and should be proactively encouraged.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

- a. The next meeting will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at 19.00 UTC.