

The World Sailing Council Meeting Minutes

The World Sailing Council met remotely via Microsoft Teams on 10 December 2025, at 12:00 UTC



Present	Position/Representing
1. Quanhai Li (CHN)	President
2. Daniel Belcher (AUS)	Vice President
3. Tomasz Chamera (POL)	Vice President
4. Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX)	Vice President
5. Dave Hughes (USA)	Vice President
6. Corinne Migraine (FRA)	Vice President
7. Sophia Papamichalopoulos (CYP)	Vice President
8. Josep M Pla (AND)	Vice President
9. Cory Sertl (USA)	Vice President
10. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
11. Tim Bourke (IRL)	Group A (Alternate)
12. Katrin Adloff (GER)	Group B
13. Martin Vogler (SUI)	Group B
14. Alexandru Micu (ROM)	Group C
15. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
16. Emilios Papathanasiou (GRE)	Group D
17. Smadar Pintov (ISR)	Group D
18. Walter Cavallucci (ITA)	Group D
19. Peter van den Bossche (BEL)	Group F
20. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
21. Andrus Poksi (EST)	Group G
22. Tatiana Ermakova (RUS)	Group H
23. Xu Lijia (CHN)	Group J
24. Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)	Group K
25. Malav Shroff (IND)	Group K
26. Shevaun Bruland (AUS)	Group L
27. John Philp (FIJ)	Group L
28. Walter Boddener (BRA)	Group N (Alternate)
29. Tom Clarke (BER)	Group O
30. Irinia Perez (DOM)	Group O
31. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
32. Fred Hagedorn (USA)	Group P
33. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
34. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
35. Albassel Hassan (EGY)	Group Q
36. Jan Martin Wilschut (NED)	WS Classes Committee Chair
37. Matthew Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
39. Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)	EDI Committee Chair
40. Kay Rawbone (HKG)	Para World Sailing Chair

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In Attendance

David Graham	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Antonio Cozzolino	General Counsel
Michael Downing	Olympic and Youth Olympic Manager
Raksha Patel	Director of Finance & Business Operations
Scott Dougal	Director of Communications and Digital
Lisa Anderson	Director of Executive Office
Wolfgang Mayrhofen	Chair of the World Sailing Events Committee

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council Members to the meeting, including Sophia Papamichalopoulos and Corinne Migraine as newly-elected Vice-Presidents.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Alternates

Tomasz Chamera gave his apologies.

The following alternates had been formally appointed in advance of the Council Meeting:

- In Group A – Fiona Bolger appointed Tim Bourke as an alternate.
- In Group N – Marco Aurelio de Sa Ribeiro appointed Walter Boddener as an alternate.

(c) Declarations of Interests

Council noted the Register of Interest.

Ewa Jodlowska declared she was a member of the Executive Committee of the IQ Foil Class.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Council Minutes

Council noted the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 November 2025, which are available on the World Sailing website.

(b) Board Minutes

Council noted the minutes of all Board meetings including the Board Meetings that took place during the Annual Conference 2025 are available on the World Sailing website. The minutes

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for the Board Meeting which took place on 2 December 2025 will be made available in due course.

(c) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not already on the Agenda.

(d) Update

As this was an additional Council Meeting, neither the President nor the CEO provided their usual reports.

The CEO provided a short update to Council on the World Sailing Inclusion Championships in Oman, with 127 athletes competing from 28 nations. The CEO thanked everyone who had been involved in making the Inclusion Championships a success. The event demonstrated the strength and scope of Para sailing. The CEO thanked everyone that had contributed to the bid document for the return of Para sailing in Brisbane 2032.

3. **Events Committee Report to Council on the format of the Olympic competition in Los Angeles in 2028**

The CEO thanked the Events Committee for their detailed report with recommended changes to Olympic Racing Formats for Council's consideration. He also thanked the Athletes Committee Chair for hosting an Athletes Town Hall to inform the athletes of the proposals ahead of time.

The Chair of the Events Committee presented to Council the recommendations of format changes as explained in the Events Committee Report. He highlighted the request for approval allowed for a testing and refinement phase in the first half of 2026.

Council noted that the Events Committee recommendations had the unanimous support of the Board, the Events Committee and the Athletes Committee.

The recommendations contained in the Events Committee Report were voted in favour - *30 in favour, 3 against and 4 abstentions*

4. **Any Other Business**

Council approved the appointment of Dee Caffari as the Vice-Chair of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (following Corinne Migraine vacating the post when appointed a Vice-President), and Marie Riou as a new member. (It was noted that Marie was on the original list of candidates considered for the Oceanic and Offshore Committee for this Quad).

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Council voted for each appointment separately, both in favour:

For the appointment of Dee Caffari as Vice-Chair - 34 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

For the appointment of Marie Riou - 33 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

5. Next Meeting

The next Council meeting would be on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 12.00. The full calendar for 2026 would be sent out before the end of 2025.

6. Closing

The Council received closing remarks from the President.