

The World Sailing Council Meeting Minutes - 8 November 2025

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Present	Position/Representing
1. Quanhai Li	President
2. Beatriz Gonzalez Luna	Vice President
3. Daniel Belcher	Vice President
4. Tomasz Chamera	Vice President
5. Josep M. Pla	Vice President
6. Cory Sertl	Vice President
7. Dave Hughes	Vice-President, Chair Athletes Committee
8. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
9. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
10. Katrin Adloff (GER)	Group B
11. Martin Vogler (SUI)	Group B
12. Yevgen Moyseyenko (UKR)	Group C (alternate)
13. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
14. Emiliós Papathanasiou (GRE)	Group D
15. Corinne Migraine (FRA)	Group D
16. Walter Cavallucci (ITA)	Group D
17. Antonio Jose Cardosa de Barroso (ESP)	Group E
18. Peter van der Bossche (NED)	Group F
19. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
20. Andrus Poksi (EST)	Group G
21. Tatiana Ermakova (RUS)	Group H
22. Mohamed Alobeidli (UAE)	Group I (alternate)
23. Malav Shroff (IND)	Group K
24. John Philip (FIJ)	Group L

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25. Shevaun Bruland (AUS)	Group L
26. Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)	Group M (alternate)
27. Marco Aurelio de Sa Ribeiro (BRA)	Group N
28. Tom Clarke (BER)	Group O
29. Irina Perez (DOM)	Group O
30. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
31. Fred Hagedorn (USA)	Group P
32. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
33. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
34. Jan Martin Wilschut (NED)	Classes Representative
35. Matt Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Representative
36. Kay Rawbone (HKG)	Para World Sailing Representative
37. Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Representative

In Attendance

David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
Antonio Cozzolino	General Counsel
Nelia Smith	Director of Partnership & Brand
Raksha Patel	Director of Finance & Business Operations
Lisa Anderson	Director of the Executive Office
Scott Dougal	Director of Communications

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council Members to Ireland.

(b) Remembrance

The Council noted and paid respects to the members of the sailing community who had passed away since the 2024 Annual Conference.

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(c) Apologies for Absence and Alternates

Lijia Xu (CHN) apologised for her absence.

The Council noted the following alternates were appointed:

- In Group C, Alexandru Micu has appointed Yevgen Moyseyenko (UKR) as an alternate
- In Group M, Luis Velasco has appointed Gonzalo Heredia (ARG) as an alternate
- In Group I, Sheikh Ahmad Bin Hamdan Al Nayhyan appointed Mohamed Alobeidli as an alternate (UAE)

(d) Declarations of Interests

The Council noted the Register of Interest.

Additionally, Tatiana Ermakova declared a conflict of interest on the Neutrality Policy. Jan Martin Wilschut noted that he was the Classes Committee Chair and was conflicted on items concerning individual Classes. Eva Jodlowska declared a conflict of interest with respect to the IQ Foil Class and was conflicted on recommendations on Events Committee. These were all noted. There were no other declarations of interests.

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2. Minutes

(a) Council Minutes

Council noted the minutes of Council's meetings held by conference call on 17 September 2025.

(b) There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 17 September 2025.

(c) Board Minutes

Council received information that the Minutes of the Board's meetings held on 15 January, 30 January, 6 February, 9 April, 6-7 May, 30 June, 23 July, 13 August, 16 September and 23 October were available on the World Sailing website.

(d) Decisions by way of Circular Resolution – The voting on the appointment of the Independent Bodies closed on Monday 3 November. There were 19 voting forms properly received, voting unanimously in favour of all 8 candidates. The Results Table is posted on the World Sailing website in Council Documents.

3. Reports

(a) President's Report

The President provided a report reflecting on the 2025 Annual Conference in Ireland, in addition to providing highlights of sailing worldwide in the 12 month period since the 2024 Annual Conference. He noted the positive and constructive meetings he'd had with the new IOC President Kirsty Coventry and his attendance at the International Paralympic Committee General Assembly in South Korea, noting specific Para Sailing programmes which World Sailing were running or supporting. The President thanked the Board of World Sailing, the World Sailing Staff, the Chairs and Members of the Committees and Commissions and everyone in Council, Classes and Member National Authorities for their hard work and dedication.

(b) CEO Report

The Council received a report from the CEO where he outlined five key Board priorities, including Revenue, Returning to the Paralympic Games, the Olympic Vision Project, Digital Infrastructure and Teamwork. Beyond the five key priorities, the CEO provided an update on Sustainability, upcoming Events, International Development (including the four Symposiums hosted during the Annual Conference), Steering the Course and the launch of Navigating Offshore.

The CEO referred to the five high-calibre female candidates who have stood for election as Vice-Presidents in the upcoming election. He thanked the President, the Board and the Council Members for their work in the first year of the Quad.

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4. Finance

(a) 2025 Management Accounts

The CEO gave a report on the full set of financial results for the first 9 months of 2025 and the financial forecast for the full year to 31 December 2025. The finance documents were published with the Council papers on the World Sailing website. Council noted the report.

(b) 2026 Budget and quadrennial budget forecast

The CEO provided information to Council on the 2026 budget which had been approved by the Board. The latest forecast for the Quad was also provided, which was also published with the Council papers on the World Sailing website. Council noted the report.

(c) Trust Report

This information was published with the Council papers on the World Sailing website.

(d) Debtors List

This information was published with the Council papers on the World Sailing website.

5. Members

(a) Suspended Members

This information was published with the finance Council papers on the World Sailing website.

6. Recommendations on Proposals

A. To consider the recommendations from the Board on 23 October 2025 on the following Proposals where Council is the decision-making body:

CO-2025-009 Removal of specific equipment requirement from the Para World Sailing Rankings to enable Event-Focused Ranking Points.

The Chair of the Para Sailing Committee spoke to this Proposal. The Board had recommended this for approval. The Proposal was approved by Council (36 votes in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions)

CO-2025-010 Amend the World Championship rights granted to World Sailing Class Associations.

The Chair of the Classes Committee spoke to this Proposal. The Board had recommended this for approval. The Proposal was approved by Council (36 votes in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions)

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CO-2025-019 Amend 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register – Policy Number H1 with Youth division

CO-2025-020 Amend 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register – Policy Number H1 with Youth Women's Weight

CO-2025-021 Amend 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register – Policy Number H1 to add Youth

CO-2025-022 Clarify 8.8 World Sailing Policy Register – Policy Number H1 re Skipper Points
The Board had recommended this for approval. The Proposals were approved in block by Council (35 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.)

B. To note any Proposals allocated to other decision-making bodies

None.

7. Recommendations Not Based on Proposals

To receive any recommendations not based on Proposals from:

The Board:

a. Neutrality Policy

Vice-President Joseph M. Pla addressed Council on behalf of the World Sailing Board on a proposed amendment to the Neutrality Policy.

The Board had recommended this for approval. The Recommendation was approved by Council (16 votes in favour, 13 against and 6 abstentions.)

b. Applications for vacancies in World Sailing Committees

This was withdrawn.

c. The Events Committee:

Olympic Class Racing Recommendations:

Recommendation 1 – Establish Clear Regatta Categories and Planning Windows

Recommendation 2 – Develop and Publish an Eight-Year Rolling Calendar

Recommendation 3 – World Sailing Championships with two time-windows

Recommendation 4 – Year four (4) Olympic Class Championships Scheduling

The Chair of the Events Committee addressed Council on the Olympic Class Racing Recommendations.

The Events Committee had recommended this for approval. The Recommendation was approved as a block vote by Council (35 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention).

8. Committee Reports

The Council received and noted written reports from each Committee, which were published with the Council papers on the World Sailing website. The Chair of each Committee was invited to provide a short address to Council on their report.

a. Growth of Sailing Committee

b. Equipment Committee

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- c. Events Committee
- d. Oceanic & Offshore Committee
- e. Para Sailing Committee
- f. World Sailing Classes Committee
- g. Regional Games Committee
- h. Youth Events Committee
- i. Team Racing Committee
- j. Match Racing Committee
- k. Specialist Sailing Committee
- l. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

9. **Any Other Business**

There were no items of any other business.

10. **Next Meeting**

A special Council Meeting is to be scheduled in December 2025 to review a paper from the Events Committee on Format for LA28, with the date to be advised.

The schedule of Council meetings for 2026 would be made available before the end of 2025.

11. **Closing**

Council received closing remarks from the President. He thanked the Council, the Staff Members, and Committee Chairs and Members over the first year of the Quad.

The President closed the meeting.

The Live stream of Council Meeting 2 here:

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Nemo Voting analysis attached overleaf: