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World Sailing
Growth of Sailing Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 18, 2026
Location: Teams Webinar Meeting
Commencement Time: 11:00 UTC

Present:	
Malav Shroff (IND) – Chair	Irina Pérez Leroux (DOM)
Inga Jakobsone (LAT) – Vice Chair	Alain Alcindor (SEY)
John Philp (FIJ)	Mandiaye Diouf (SEN)
Sigrid Beckhmann (MEX)	Albassel Ibrahim (EGY)
Mengdi Zhang (CHN)	Emma Hallén (SWE) - Para Sailing
Stratis Andreadis (GRE)	David Covo (CAN) - PANAM Sailing
Borka Bachrata (SVK)	Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK) - ASAF
Mohamed Alobeidli (UAE)	
In Attendance:	
Tomasz Chamera (POL) – Vice President	Fiona Kidd – Head of International Development
Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX) – Vice President	Larisa Zejen – Development Assistant
Sophia Papamichalopoulos (CYP) – Vice President	
Absent :	
Jenny Trumble (VIN)	Luis Velasco (ARG)
Maciej Szafran (POL)	Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR) - EUROSAF
Raynor Haagh (NZL)	

Agenda Items	Action/Person
1. Opening of the Meeting a. *Chair's Opening Remarks* The Chair, Malav Shroff, opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members and observers. He provided an overview on how the meeting will progress in the presentations of the Execution Plans for Pillar 1 for each region – on how to grow Competitive Sailing (Olympic, Professional Youth & Para) in their respective region. b. There were no apologies received for Absence and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest to this meeting. c. *Minutes of the meetings on January 27, 2026* The January 27th Meeting Minutes were circulated to the committee. No errors or omissions were received. d. *Matters Arising* The are no matters arising from the Minutes that are not on the agenda	**MS**

e. Decisions by Email The January 27th Meeting minutes were circulated and approved.	
2. <u>Pillar 1 Execution Plans</u> a. Each Working Group to present their measurable Execution Plans for Pillar #1 – on how to grow Competitive Sailing (Olympic, Professional Youth & Para) in their respective region. Borka Bachrata (BB) the lead of the **Europe WG** presented their recommendation: *To establish a Cross Committee WG to work on accessible & cost efficient high performance & Olympic pathways.* John Philp, the lead of the **Oceania WG** presented their recommendation: *Strategic Ideas:* • *Regional qualifier on Hobie - pathway to Nacra 17.* • *Prioritise classes with largest active fleets.* • *Focus on what drives participation in our region.* • *Increase equipment grants to MNAs* • *Olympic Classes Pathways – ILCA, Hobie, Windsurfer, IQFoil & WingFoil* Alain Alcindor (AA) the lead of the **Africa WG** presented their recommendation: *To establish and operate a Regional Training Centre in Africa to strengthen the technical capacity of athletes, coaches, and race officials, creating a sustainable pathway to continental and international performance.* Sigrid Beckman (SB) presented the **Americas WG** Recommendation: *To create a Panamerican Regatta Circuit that:* • *Is regionally focused* • *Includes clear standards for sustainable regatta management* • *Embraces coaching exchanges, clinics and regional training alliances* • *Uses shared fleet and equipment-sharing programs* Mohamed Alobeidli (MA) made a verbal presention regarding the **Asia WG** recommendation: • *Support for more feasible classes to be introduced for 2032.* • *Support regional competitions or foridentified classes and start encouraging the countries to keep* the *momentum of the competition* • *Establish strategic partnership with class associations* • *Work in collaboration with MNA's and manufacturers (equipment) to supply equipment to the region*	**MS/IJ/WG**

The Chair, Malav Shroff presented a verbal summary of the Pillar 1 recommendations from each Working Group. Dr. Shroff would like each Working Group to be more specific in their execution plans for their recommendation. **Action:** For the next meeting, each Working Group is to again discuss Pillar 1 but with numbers that are measureable in terms of cost, how is it going to done and who will do it. **Action:** If a Workign Group feels that there is data missing in the survey, they are to go back to an MNA to update the data information. The Chair presented two main topics to be discussed by the Committee going forward: I. How do we make equipment relevant to high performance sailing globally which is sailed by everyone? II. How do we train kids from not so affluent countries who don't have resources and how do we get kids into the Optimist to HP Olympic Boats? **Action:** FK to circulate a draft Proposal regarding Olympic Equipment and the development pathway.	
3. 2026 Work Plan a. The 2026 Work Plan was circulated to the Committee members prior to the meeting. It is to be appoved by Council at the Meeting on February 25th. It was decided that the Work Plan is to be modified by adding the Europe WG recommendation. **Action:** The 2026 Worlk Plan is to reflect the addition of a Cross Committee Working Group to review the youth and Olympic pathways.	**MS/IJ/FK**
4. 2026 Development Webinar Series a. Due to time, this item was not discussed. **Action:** Committee members are to send to FK, a suggested topic and/or speakers for the Development Webinar Series in April , May , and June	**FK**
5. 2026 Development Symposium a. Due to time, this item was not discussed. **Action:** Committee members are to send to FK, a suggested topic and/or speakers for the Development Symposium.	**FK**
6. Report from Executive Office a. Report from the Board Representative(s) Cory Sertl, Woird Sailing Vice President gave a verbal report . She thanked the Chair for inviting her to speak. Cory was involved in the equipment decision for the Youth Olympic Games. She reiterated that the Techno293 was selected as this would be a relatively inexpensive next step to keep young sailors in the sport after Optimists, particularly in Africa. Beatriz, Gonzalos Luna provided an update on the Regulation 11 and the need for feedback from committees on the process. She	**BGL/TC/SP** **FK**

also reported on the revised dates of the Annual Conference in Qingdao from Nov 16 to 21st. Beatriz thanked the committee members regarding the hardwork in the creation of the Work Plans and the impact our the work of the committee. Fiona Kidd, Head of International Development presented her report on the activities of the Development Department since the last meeting. • The Senior ENP took place at the Fortaleza BRA in January. There were challenges in getting competitive equipment. The size of the camp was reduced to 8 boats with only 6 sailors (3 male & 3 Female) participating. They represented 5 nations - TTO, BAH, BIZ, URU, & MON. • FK reported on the YOG Camp #3 taking place in May 4 to 9th again in Tangier, Morocco because the Techno 293 Boards were unable to be distributed to the sailors at the previous camp. • Youth ENP Application process has started with a deadline of March 20th. • The Development Coach Scholarship is in its final planning stages and runs from April 20th to May 16th. • The Performance Coach Scholarship is scheduled to take place from September 14 to October 10th. Applications are to open soon. • The Steering the Course Festival #1 dates are May 22nd to 31st. • Applications for Steering the Course Technical Courses open March 11th and ends April 10th. • YOG #4 Camp is to take place in SEN the first or second week in September. • The World Sailing Academy requires new course content in order to remain relevant and is to be a major focus for the Development Team in the coming months. New Offshore and other Hubs are to be added soon. • WISH – Cohort 6 residential week taking place Feb 22- 28th at Hertfordshire University. World Sailing's candidate in the program is a female coach from the USA. • WS has finalized the HoT contract with the organizers of the World Sailing Inclusion Championship taking place October 1-11th in Portimao, POR.	
7. AOB The Chair reiterated that for the next meeting, the Working Groups are to be more explicit in the Executive Plans for their Pillar 1 Recommendation and should cover what is to be done, by whom, when, and at what cost. The date of the next meeting is scheduled for **March 24th at 11:00 UTC.** Meeting concluded at 13:00 UTC.	**MS/IJ**