

## Events Committee Minutes



The Events Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Wednesday 9 November 2011 at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico

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### Present:

Chris Atkins – Chairman	Phil Jones
George Wossala – Vice Chairman	Fiona Kidd
David Irish – Vice President	Pablo Masseroni
Henri van der Aat	Bill O'Hara
Kim Andersen	Takao Otani
Henry Bacchini	Alfredo Ricci
Gary Bodie	Corinne Rolland-McKenzie
Carolijn Brouwer	Malav Shroff
Tomasz Chamera	Nadine Stegenwalner
Jan Dawson	Totos Theodossiou
Oleg Ilyin	Zvi Ziblat

### Apologies received:

Alejandro Abascal Garcia  
Sofia Bekatorou  
Gianfranco Busatti  
HRH Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark

### Absent:

Karel Bauer

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

- (a) The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Events Committee meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Chairman presented a review of progress of the Committee's 4 year programme, and priorities for the remainder of the term.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- (a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Events Committee meeting of 5 May 2011. The minutes can be downloaded at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings).

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- (b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

### 3. Conflicts of Interest

The current Statements of Interest were noted by the Committee. Bill O'Hara's statement of Interest had altered from the May Mid year meeting in 2011: There were no other updates.

### 4. Executive Committee Update

- (a) The Committee noted the minutes of the Executive Meeting held in September.

### 5. Events Strategy Discussion

- (a) The Committee considered the priorities and purpose of ISAF's overall Events Strategy. The Committee agreed that the methodology presented should be used to represent the strategy and purpose of ISAF's portfolio of events.

### 6. Youth Worlds Strategy

- (a) 2011 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship Sub-committee.

The Committee noted this was the first Youth Worlds since ISAF lost Volvo as their sponsor. It was noted ISAF needs to find another sponsor to replace Volvo for these Championships.

#### Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that the selection criteria of the APP programme be reviewed in order to maximise emerging nations participation.*

- (b) Strategy Working Party Recommendations and Sub-committee conclusions.

The Committee considered the report and conclusions of the Youth Worlds Strategy Working Party and possible changes to Regulation 24.4.

#### Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends that the Event Strategy Working Party continues it's work taking into account the directive from the Executive Committee to consider "different alternatives of entry limitation or formats that would allow for a set number of equipment". The Working Party is to complete its work by 31 March 2012 and identify for each recommendation the timescales for implementation.*

- (c) Submission 102-11

The Committee considered submission 102-11 from the International 420 Class Association about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship – Regulation 24.4.4.

#### Recommendation to Council: Reject

*The Events Committee felt the dates in our current regulations take into consideration school holidays and exam schedules for sailors in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.*

**Vote: 22 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention**

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- (d) Submission 104-11

The Committee considered submission 104-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship - Regulation 24.4.9.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: 22 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention**

- (e) Submission 105-11

The Committee considered submission 105-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship - Regulation 24.4.9 – Housekeeping.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: Unanimous**

- (f) Submission 106-11

The Committee considered submission 106-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship - Regulation 24.4.9.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Due to the facts that the Working Part is evaluating options for the Championships, and that equipment trials for the Olympic Mixed Multi-hull are to be held in 2012, the Events Committee recommends that it is premature to make a decision on a change in equipment for this event.*

**Vote: 0 in favour, 17 against, 5 abstentions**

- (g) Submission 107-11

The Committee consider submission 107-11 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship - Regulation 24.4.9 and make a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Due to the facts that the Working Party is evaluating options for the Championships, and that equipment trials for the Olympic Mixed Multi-hull are to be held in 2012, the Events Committee recommends that it is premature to make a decision on a change in equipment for this event.*

**Vote: 3 in favour, 16 against, 3 abstentions**

- (h) Submission 103-11

The Committee considered submission 103-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship - Management of Equipment Supply Contracts.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: 21 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstentions**

- (i) Future ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships & Dates

The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship Sub-committee.

*The Events Committee recommends to approve the following list of equipment to be used for the 2014 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship:*

*Boy's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial*

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*Girl's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial*

*Boy's Two Person Dinghy – 420*

*Girl's Two Person Dinghy – 420*

*Boy's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m<sup>2</sup> sail*

*Girl's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m<sup>2</sup> sail*

*Open Multihull – SL16 (unless Council accepts submission 107-11)*

*Open High Performance Dinghy – 29er*

### Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends that Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia is approved as the host of the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships to be held from 27 December 2015 – 06 January 2016, subject to a successful site visit and satisfactory contractual arrangements and on the basis that all ISAF MNAs are able to participate in the event.*

**Vote: 17 Approve, 1 against , 3 abstention**

## 7. Team Racing Strategy

- (a) 2011 ISAF Team Racing World Championships

The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the ISAF Team Racing Sub-committee.

- (b) Strategy Working Party Recommendations and Sub-committee Conclusions

The Committee considered the report and conclusions of the Team Racing Strategy Working Party on ISAF Team Racing future focus, priorities and strategy. The Committee requested the Working Party continue its work and make specific recommendations to the May 2012 meeting.

## 8. 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition update

- (a) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Events Manager, including a report on the 2011 Olympic Test Event. The Committee also received a progress report from Rob Andrews, LOCOG's Director of Sailing. It was noted that all tickets for the sailing events had sold out and there will be 4,600 spectators per day at the Nothe venue.

The ISAF Events Manager reported that the Weymouth & Portland International Regatta 2011 was a great success. Some new concepts were trialed; course rotation and rotation of fleets through the Nothe medal race course. It was reported that the race management was of a very high quality. It was noted that the media coverage was disappointing and that more should be done by ISAF to ensure full coverage of Test Events.

With regards to the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition it was noted that the Rio organisers had been in contact with ISAF over the schedule and format of the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition. The ISAF Events Manager confirmed that the Rio bid book stated that there would be grandstand seating for 10,000 spectators adjacent to the medal race course.

- (b) The Committee received a paper from the ISAF Events Manager on specific items of Event Management at the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition including numbers of laps, target times, WMR boat changes, Addendum Q, discretionary penalties, course rotation and medal race policies.

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### Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends that:

- 1) ISAF retains flexibility to move fleets during day when conditions warrant. But that any moves should be kept to a minimum.
- 2) The Star Class should only race on Nothe Course for the medal race.
- 3) To enable racing to take place in windy conditions on the Nothe and Harbour courses with a maximum of 4 laps, the Target Time should be modified as per the table:

	Current		Proposed		
	Fleet	Medal	Fleet	Nothe	Medal
<b>Star</b>	75	30	60-75	N/A	30
<b>Finn</b>	75	30	60	45-60	30
<b>Laser/Radial</b>	60	30	60	45-60	30
<b>49er</b>	30	30	30	30	30
<b>RS:X</b>	30	20	30	30	20
<b>470</b>	60	30	60	45-60	30

4) The following course diagrams should be considered to improve the racing for spectators on the Nothe:

- a) a starboard rounding of the final windward mark with a reach to the finish.
- b) a longer first leg and then the provision to move the leeward gate up the course.
- c) a windward finish.

The TDs in conjunction with the Race Officials Committee and the Events Format Working Party should confirm the final options by 1 December.

**Vote: 18 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions**

- (c) The Committee discussed the communication of the above decisions to key ISAF and MNA stakeholders.

## 9. 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition Format

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Format Working Party. The proposals in the report were in general well-received and the Committee agreed that specific proposals should be made to the meeting in May 2012.
- (b) The Committee agreed the process for producing the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition review report.
- (c) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Equipment Evaluation Working Party and made recommendations to Council on Equipment Trials

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### Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends that the ongoing equipment evaluation process for the Women's Skiff and Mixed Multihull continues.*

*The Events Committee also recommends that ISAF should appoint a small and specialist evaluation team to look at the format and event management implications for including kiteboarding within ISAF events..*

**Vote: 17 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions**

(d) Submission 052-11

The Committee considered submission 052-11 from the Federacion Argentina de Yachting, Chinese Yachting Association, Federacion Ecuatoriana de Yachting, Federacion Ecuatoriana de Yachting, Estonian Yachting Union, Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation and International 29er Class Association, Yachting Association of India, Polish Yachting Association, South African Sailing, Russian Yachting Federation, Yacht Club Uruguayo about 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition – Regulation 23.1.4 – 29erXX for Women's Skiff.

The committee noted the importance of making decisions that support ISAF's Olympic strategy and provide clear and cost-effective sailor pathways and continuity for MNAs. The Committee agreed the importance of global availability of Olympic equipment for Events designed to attract wide MNA participation, and noted that a trials process for Equipment was underway based on previous recommendations of Events Committee and decisions of Council.

### Recommendation to Council: Reject

**Vote: 9 in favour, 10 against, 3 abstentions**

(e) Submission 053-11

The Committee considered submission 053-11 from the International Tornado Association about ISAF Evaluation Trials 2012 – Mixed multihull.

### Recommendation to Council: Reject

**Vote: 1 in favour, 14 against, 5 abstentions**

(f) The Committee established the Regions Working Party to make specific recommendations on the distribution of qualification places across Continental Olympic Qualifications regattas. The following members were appointed to this Working Party:

**Malav Shroff Chairman, Takao Otani, Henri van der Aat, Fiona Kidd, Pablo Masseroni, Totos Theodossiou, Jan Dawson, Pablo Masseroni and Alastair Fox.**

## 10. Youth Olympic Games Working Party Implementation update

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Events Manager.
- (b) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the YOG Working Party on the Sailing Event at the 2014 IOC Youth Olympic Games, including:
  - i) Progress on Format and Innovation - The Working Party is exploring format options to enhance traditional options.
  - ii) Age, Categories & Nation qualification system - The host nation CHN will be able to enter a sailor into each event (girls and boys Windsurfing and one person dinghy)- all others will have to qualify using existing class run events with the goal of continental representation.

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- iii) Equipment choice - The bid process will begin after the November meeting and the goal for confirmation of equipment is March-May time frame.
- iv) There will be a Nanjing Test event using the selected equipment.

### 11. Age Bands Strategy for Olympic Pathway

- (a) The Committee considered a paper from the Chairmen of Events Committee and Classes Committee on age band championships between Youth and Olympic and endorsed the recommendations of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee.

Recommendation to Council:

*1) Age: Subject to agreements at their respective AGMs, all Olympic Classes agree to hold World Championships (for Olympic Equipment) in a maximum of the following categories (not including masters categories):*

*Class Worlds – open age*

*- U 19 (Youth) - not have attained the age of 19 in the year of the Championships*

*- U 22 Class Worlds – not have attained the age of 22 in the year of the Championships.*

- (b) Submission 058-10

The Committee reconsidered deferred submission 058-10 from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation about Clarification and Equalisation of Age for Classes

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*See submission 036-11*

**Vote: 1 in favour, 18 against, 2 abstentions**

- (c) Submission 036-11

The Committee considered submission 036-11 from the Development and Youth Committee about Guidance on Youth Age Ranges – Definition

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*The diversity of classes with different age limits caters better for the variations in physiques and “growth spurts” of young sailors around the world.*

**Vote: 1 in favour, 18 against, 2 abstentions.**

### 12. ISAF Sailing World Championships

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Events Manager on the 2011 ISAF World Championships. It was noted that successful Test Event had taken place in November 2010 and that both ISAF and Perth 2011 had learnt a great deal. The ISAF Events Manager reported that all the plans were in place for the Championships and that the documents and policies in place for the event would be published shortly.
- (b) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Events Manager on the 2014 ISAF World Championships. It was noted that ISAF and Santander had worked hard to finalise the contract which would be signed shortly.
- (c) The Committee briefly discussed fleet quotas and asked the Working Party currently managing the qualification process for Perth2011 (chaired by Gary Bodie) to make recommendations on fleet quotas for the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships.
- (d) The Committee addressed this item as part of (e)

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- (e) Submission 108-11

The Committee considered submission 108-11 from the Canadian Yachting Association about Regulation 24.2.6

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*This proposal is too prescriptive further the issue should be considered by a small working group. The Committee asked Fiona Kidd and Tomasz Chamera to make recommendations on possible guidelines for future venue selection for the ISAF Sailing World Championships.*

**Vote: 2 in favour, 16 against, 3 abstentions**

### 13. ISAF Sailing World Cup

- (a) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Events Manager on the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Cup.
- (b) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Events Manager on the 2012 ISAF Sailing World Cup, including documentation, standardisation and MR format. Work is continuing on the standard documentation: Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, policy documents, etc. It was also noted that there was good co-operation from the event organisers and the ISAF officials appointed to the events. With regards to the match racing events in 2012 it was agreed that the entry deadlines should be as early as possible to help the event organisers plan for the events and agree the appropriate event format with ISAF; it was noted that it was unlikely that there would be a full quota of 24 teams at the European events.
- (c) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Events Manager on the 2013-2016 ISAF Sailing World Cup including implementation update and venue selection progress. It was noted that bids had been received from the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania. It was also noted that The ISAF Executive Committee would be announcing the successful venues shortly.

The Chairman of the Events Committee announced that a working party would be established to evaluate the next steps of the phased implementation. The following was noted: "ISAF's strategy is for a phased global implementation of the ISAF Sailing World Cup. With the selection of the venues for the SWC 2013 and onward nearing completion, the Executive Committee has asked to the Chairman of the Events Committee to form a working group (WG) in order to make recommendations on the next steps of such phased global implementation of the SWC. The recommendations should be presented for consideration by the Events Committee and Council at ISAF's May 2012 Mid-Year conference."

- (d) The Committee noted the ISAF guidelines for supporting continental circuits and agreed they should be reviewed by the new Regions Working Party.
- (e) Submission 109-11

The Committee considered submission 109-11 from the Austrian Sailing Federation, Canadian Yachting Association, Royal Spanish Sailing Federation, Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation, Deutscher Segler-Verband, Hellenic Sailing, Italian Sailing Federation, Slovenian Sailing Federation, Serbian Sailing Association, US SAILING and the International Access Class Association about the ISAF Sailing World Cup – Regulation 24.3.1 and 24.3.2.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: Unanimous**



### 14. Implementation of New ISAF Ranking System

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Sail Rankings Subcommittee.
- (b) Submission 110-11  
The Committee considered submission 110-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF World Sailing Rankings.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

*In the line of 21.1.7 beginning with Olympic Class Continental Championships replace 'in conjunction with' with 'as part of'.*

*Delete 27.1.6 (d) as it is now covered elsewhere in regulation.*

*The Events Committee along with the Constitution Committee should look at using standard language for Continental windows, white windows, free windows and unrestricted windows etc.*

*Delete 27.1.6 (b) as it is now covered elsewhere in regulation.*

*In 27.1.6 add 'ISAF Sailing World Championships' to the list of 200 pointers for clarity.*

*In all cases replace the words 'Olympic Classes event' with 'Events using Olympic equipment' for clarity.*

**Vote: 17 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstention**

### 15. Sports Presentation

- (a) The Committee received an update from ISAF Head of Marketing on ISAF Sports Presentation including:
  - i) ISAF Sailing World Cup 2011 and Olympic Test Event presentation
  - ii) Developments in sailing presentation at non-ISAF events
  - iii) Plans for ISAF & IOC Events in 2012
  - iv) Engagements with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
  - v) Development of ISAF Tracking & Media services
  - vi) Technology & Tracking commission update
  - vii) Sponsorship update.

### 16. Olympic Events & Equipment Regulations

The Committee reviewed certain regulations governing the process for selection of Olympic Events & Equipment.

- (a) Submission 099-11  
The Committee considered submission 099-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about Olympic Events Selection – Regulation 23.1.3.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: 18 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention**

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- (b) Submission 100-11

The Committee considered submission 100-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about selection of Core events – Regulation 23.1.5.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: 17 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions**

- (c) Submission 101-11

The Committee considered submission 101-11 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about Olympic Events Selection – Specification of the Voting Process – New Regulation 23.1.9.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: 18 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention**

### 17. ISAF Class Regulations

To consider the regulations governing ISAF International and Recognised Classes, and the World Championships of these Classes.

- (a) Submission 051-11

The Committee considered submission 051-11 from the Chairman of the Equipment, Events and ISAF Classes Committee about Restructure Regulations 10 and 25.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: 10 in favour, 9 against, 3 abstentions**

### 18. ISAF Advertising Code

- (a) Submission 009-11

The Committee considered submission 009-11 from the Executive Committee about Regulation 20.2.3.1 – Authorization to display advertising.

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (b) Submission 010-11

The Committee considered submission 010-11 from the International Dragon Class Association about New Regulation 20.4.5.

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (c) Submission 011-11

The Committee considered submission 011-11 from the Executive Committee about Regulation 20.7.1 Manufactures Marks.

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (d) Submission 012-11

The Committee considered submission 012-11 from the Executive Committee about Regulation 20 Table 1 – Events Advertising.

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

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### 19. Other Submissions

- (a) Submission 030-11

The Committee considered submission 031-11 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, Events Committee, ISAF Classes Committee and Regional Games Committee about Associate Membership Redefined – Article 4(b)

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

**Vote: 17 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions**

- (b) Submission 111-11

- (c) The Committee considered submission 111-11 from Sailing Cook Islands about the ISAF International Classes Oceania Championships.

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*See recommendation not based on submission.*

**Vote: 0 in favour, 20 against, 1 abstention**

- (d) Submission 112-11

The Committee considered submission 112-11 from Sailing Cook Islands about Pacific Games Championships.

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*See recommendation not based on submission.*

**Vote: 0 in favour, 19 against, 2 abstentions**

- (e) Submission 113-11

- (f) The Committee considered submission 113-11 from Sailing Cook Islands about the OSAF and Pacific Games Council Cooperation Agreement.

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*See recommendation not based on submission.*

**Vote: 0 in favour, 17 against, 3 abstentions**

*Recommendation to Council*

*The Events Committee recommends that ISAF & the Regional Games Committee work with the Oceanic Sailing Federation (OSAF):*

*To promote sailing in the member countries of OSAF.*

*To encourage the adoption of guidelines and standards for sailing events that comply with the Regulations of ISAF and in particular, Regulation 25.17 (Regional Games)*

*To develop an MOU with the Pacific Games Council that facilitates the development of the sailing event in the Pacific Games and the Pacific Mini Games as one of the Regional Games of ISAF.*

**Vote: 17 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions**

### 20. Strategic Plan

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

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### **21. Annual Report**

- (a) The Committee noted that the Chairman's report would be delivered to the Council meeting of 10 November 2011 on the activities of the Events Committee for the period 1 January 2011 to date.

### **22. Any other Business**

There being no further business the meeting was closed.