



The Youth World Championship Sub-committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours at The Melia Palas Atenea Hotel, Palma, Mallorca on Sunday 2 November 2014

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Present:

Cory Sertl - Chairman	Cathy MacAleavey
Esperanza Perez-Crespo - Vice Chairman	Bruno Lico Marques
Marianne Davis	Elena Papazoglou
Charles Glover	Marina Psichoglou
Marek Wojcik	Lijia Xu - Athlete's Commission Representative

Apologies:

Frank Cleeren	Rodney Wee Hong Tan
Helmut Czasny-Bonomo	

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman welcomed members to the Youth Worlds Sub-committee meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the Youth World Championship Sub-committee meeting of Sunday 10 November 2013 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

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

3. Events Committee November 2013 and Mid-Year 2014 Meeting

There were no issues arising from the Events Committee meetings held in November 2013 or May 2014 that were not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

The Chairman confirmed the Sub-committee recommendations were approved by the Events Committee at the November 2013 meeting. The equipment selection for the 2015 Langkawi, Malaysia was approved as well as the venue for the 2017 ISAF Youth Sailing

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World Championship in Akko, Israel.

4. Review of Event Strategy

The Sub-committee received a review of a paper re-stating the goals of the event

[See Appendix 1](#)

5. Sponsorship and Equipment Suppliers

The Sub-committee received a verbal report on the recent updates, challenges and any potential future opportunities.

The Sub-committee discussed the introduction of country flags to the sails of each boat and recommended that this should be introduced provided that the increase to an entry fee does not pass €30 per entry.

6. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2014 – Tavira, Portugal

(a) Technical Delegate Report

The Sub-committee received a report by the ISAF Technical Delegate.

(b) Organiser's Report

The Sub-committee received a report by the Organising Committee. The Sub-committee noted the report received by the Organizing Committee. The organizers did a brilliant job in hosting this event on such a tight budget.

(c) Team Leaders Meeting

The Sub-committee received the notes of the Team Leaders and Coaches Forum.

(d) Championship Evaluation

The Sub-committee received the summary report of the championship Evaluation Survey.

(e) Youth World Sailing Trust Coach

The Sub-committee received a report from the WYST Coach.

(f) Jury Chairman Report

The Sub-committee received a report from the Chairman of the International Jury

7. Athlete Participation Programme

The Sub-committee received an update on the Athlete Participation Programme.

It was agreed the APP funding is very good and hopefully will encourage other young sailors to be given the opportunity to participate in future Youth World Championships. It was also agreed that the introduction of an assistant coach proved invaluable and aim to include this at future events within the new ENP project.

The Sub-committee received a report on the YW ENP project.

8. 2014 Submissions

The Sub-committee considered the following submissions;

- i) Submission 087-14 from the International Byte Class Association regarding regulation 24.4.9 for the Byte CII Girls one person dinghy at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

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Recommendations to the Events Committee: Reject

To note the Sub-Committee would like to move away from having more than one choice in each of the classes for the ISAF Youth World Championship

- ii) Submission 088-14 from the International Byte Class Association regarding regulation 24.4.9 for the Byte CII Girls and Boys one person dinghy at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Recommendations to the Events Committee: Reject

To note the Sub-Committee would like to move away from having more than one choice in each of the classes for the ISAF Youth World Championship

- iii) Submission 089-14 from the International SL16 Class Association regarding regulation 24.4.9 at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Recommendations to the Events Committee: Approve

- iv) Submission 090-14 from the International SL16 Class Association regarding regulation 24.4.9 at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Recommendations to the Events Committee: Approve

9. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2015 – Langkawi, Malaysia

- (a) The Sub-committee received a progress report from the Organizing Committee on the preparations for the 2015 Championship.
- (b) Notice of Race
Item not discussed

10. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2016 – Al Musannah, Oman

The Sub-committee received a presentation from the Organizing Committee on the preparations for the 2016 Championships.

11. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2017, Akko, Israel

- (a) The Sub-committee received a progress report on the contractual arrangements and preparation for the event from the representatives from the Organizing Committee.
- (b) The Sub-committee received a verbal update from the 12-15 May 2014 site visit from ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager.
- (c) Equipment for the 2017 Championship was considered

Recommendations to the Events Committee:

Boy's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial

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 8.5 sail

Girl's Windsurfer - RS:X with 8.5 sail

Open multihull - Sirena SL 16

Boy's Skiff - 29er

Girl's Skiff – 29er

12. Future Championships, 2018 and Beyond

(a) Bids 2018 and beyond

The Sub-committee received bids and presentations from the Sailing federation of Azerbaijan, Argentine Sailing Federation, Polish Yachting Association, Italian Sailing Federation, Chinese Yachting Association and Us Sailing as potential hosts for the 2018 championship.

It was noted that all six bids were of a very high standard.

Recommendation to the Events Committee

The YWSC recommends to approve approve Corpus Christi, USA, as the host of the 2018 ISAF Youth World Championship to start on the second Saturday of July 2018, subject to a successful site visit and satisfactory contractual arrangements

(b) Expression of Interest for 2019

The Sub-committee felt those MNA's that were unsuccessful in their bids to hold the 2018 Championships should be encouraged to bid for the Youth Worlds in 2018 and onwards.

13. Event Management Registration System

The Sub-committee received an update on the Event Management Registration System.

A basic functioning site is set to be live by February to allow competitors to enter for the 2015 ISAF Youth Worlds, Malaysia.

14. Multihull Evaluation

The Sub-committee received a report on the Multihull evaluation for the Youth World Championship.

Recommendation to the Events Committee

To accept for the 2017 ISAF Youth Worlds the equipment listed in 24.4.9 and to continue further study in youth multihull as per submission 052-13.

15. 2014 Youth Olympic Games

The Committee received a written progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

It was reported that 101 athletes from 62 nations competed at the event. The Continental Qualification System worked well and the hard work of the Byte CII and the Techno 293 Classes and builders was noted. The sailing events took place at the Lake Jinniu Sailing Venue that was built specifically for the Youth Olympic Games. The venue will leave a strong legacy for sailing in Nanjing.

The venue was an extremely light wind venue and ISAF should work closely with the IOC to ensure that at future events there is an opportunity to review the wind conditions before a venue is selected.

16. Annual Report

To note the Chairman's report to the Chairman of the Events Committee on the activities of the Youth World Championship Sub-committee for the period 1 January 2014 to date.

17. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Appendix 1

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships- Strategy Review- updated October 2014 Discussion paper for November 2014 YSWCSC meeting

Features of the ISAF Youth Worlds

- Olympic-style atmosphere- nation teams (only one representative per nation per event), teams stay together in village environment, eat meals together and are exposed to the next step of competition
- ISAF Event tradition- only ISAF event dating from 1971- media focus on heroes who have become Olympic champions
- Educational component- World Youth Sailing Trust funds coach, daily debriefs, anti-doping program introduced by current athletes, those attending from smaller sailing nations become ambassadors when they return
- “Level playing field”- no equipment or coaching advantage at the event
- Equipment used is universally available and reflective of MNA junior and youth training
- Cost is contained and those unable to afford are identified and can attend with APP support
- Elite pinnacle event of youth sailing- the best sailors qualify to represent their nation
- A set of events/equipment type that represent youth sailing- a combination of traditional and high performance
- Representation open to all sailing nations- typically close to 70 nations
- Format of racing resembles what is occurring at class championships familiar to youth sailors
- Event remains relevant to established sailing nations with large numbers of youth sailors

Mission of YWSC:

- Be the focal point of youth sailing around the world
- Retain and strengthen the key principles and unique features of the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.
- Keep YWSC relevant to future youth sailors and a top priority for MNA's to allocate resources to.
- Strengthen participation and development pathways around the world

Key Elements

1. ISAF event support

- Ensure Branding is consistent year to year.
- ISAF managed registration system with goal of having final # of entrants 6 months prior to the start of the event
- Introduce flags on sails
- Ensure consistent quality of event (ie. not too grand but not too bare bones).
- Secure a title sponsor and assist event hosts with managing all tiers of sponsorship and sponsorship fulfilment obligations.
- Improve PR and media including internet, social media and tracking.
- Race Official Committee involvement with long term approach to training of officials and volunteers years in advance of event.

2. Sustainability in event management

- Cost to host event and cost to competitor must be reasonable and contained
- Keep same or reduce number of days of event
- Contain overall budget and, specifically the MNA cost per sailor including entry fee, travel and team leader.
- Consider a charter fee for equipment- effectively raises the entry fee
- Manage the growing number of entrants- Balance universality and gaining more sailing nations and event size
- Venue capacity with enough suitable accommodation for athletes and officials
- Venues chosen to leverage objectives of supporting Emerging Nations Program-(regional development plan) and long term ISAF Event strategy
- Maintain expected level of quality Race Management

3. **Boat Manufacturers-** equipment suppliers in current economic climate are finding it difficult to supply the fleet sizes needed to supply every entrant with a new boat

- Long term negotiation of equipment contracts.
- Improve boat reservation process to properly forecast # of boats needed
- Consider use of equipment at more than one event (especially events that ISAF controls)
- Sharing of boats between boys/girls fleets
- ISAF manage the overall calendar to allow for maximum synergy of schedule and maximize use of equipment over a longer period of time than just one event.
- Consider options where equipment is stored between several events over several years.
- Move towards requirement for event host to purchase specified #'s of boats
- Encourage host venues through ISAF's Emerging Nation Program to develop programs in Youth World class boats that boost activity in class in the region that enables the manufacturer to sell additional boats and develop a used equipment market
- Greater recognition of manufacturers as sponsors

4. **Appropriate equipment choices** for youth sailors that are inexpensive and as universally accessible as possible

- Direct pathways to Olympic equipment from all events for girls and boys
- Balance equipment suitability for age group and challenge
- Step up in size and power from Youth equipment to Olympic
- Events/equipment/format designed to test same skills as Olympic events
- Consider effect of ISAF designation of youth equipment on MNA programs/resources
- Provide only one choice of equipment per event to enhance stability