World Sailing Council DRAFT Minutes

World Sailing Council met from 13:00 – 18:00 hours Friday 11 November and from 09:30 – 18:00 on Saturday 12 November at the Renaissance Fira Hotel, Barcelona, Spain

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions referred to in these minutes.

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Before commencing the business of the meeting, those who were present stood for a minute’s silence in memory of colleagues, friends and sailors who have passed away since the last meeting of Council: Ian Harrison MBE (GBR), Jonathan Janson (GBR), Bob Oatley (AUS), Steve Tupper (CAN), Terry Kohler (USA).

Present:

Carlo Croce (ITA) President
HM King Constantine President of Honour (non-voting)
George Andreadis (GRE) Vice-President
Chris Atkins (GBR) Vice-President
Adrienne Greenwood (NZL) Vice-President
Nazli Imre (TUR) Vice-President
Gary Jobson (USA) Vice-President
Quanhai Li (CHN) Vice-President
W. Scott Perry (URU) Vice-President
Yann Rocherieux (FRA) Athletes' Commission Representative
Andy Hunt (GBR) Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)
Dick Batt (GBR) Representatives of Group A – United Kingdom & Ireland
John Crebbin (IRL)
Andreas Lochbrunner (GER) Representatives of Group B – Central Europe
Alternate for Rolf Baehr (GER)
Georg Fundak (AUT)
Alternate for Marian Hanžekovic (CRO)
Tomasz Chamera (POL) Representatives of Group C – East Europe
Kamen Fillyov (BUL)
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HM King Harald of Norway President of Honour
Marijan Hanžeković (CRO) Representative of Group B – Central Europe
Rolf Baehr (GER) Representatives of Group B – Central Europe
Georgy Shayduko (RUS) Representative of Group H – Euro-Asian
Khalifa M Al-Sewaidi (QAT) Representative of Group I – Middle East & West Asia
Karl C Kwok (HKG) Representative of Group J – East Asia
Kok Hua Loh (SIN) Representative of Group K – South and Central Asia
Pablo Masseroni (ARG) Representative of Group M – South & West South America
Harry Adler (BRA) Representative of Group N – Central & East South America

Also in Attendance

Richard Aspland Press Officer
Hugh Chambers Chief Commercial Officer
Massimo Dighe Para World Sailing Manager
Madeleine Dunn Race Officials Executive
Simon Forbes Technical and Offshore Manager
Alastair Fox Director of Events
Antonio Gonzalez de la Madrid Sailing World Cup Manager
Abbie Hewitt Training and Development Assistant
Katherine Mason Events Executive
Jon Napier Director of Legal Affairs and Governance
Malcolm Page Chief Marketing Officer
Daniel Smith Communications Manager
Jason Smithwick Head of Technical and Offshore
Rob Taylor Technical Specialist

1. Opening of the Meeting
   (a) Welcome by the World Sailing President

The President welcomed all present and thanked the Real Federacion Espanola de Vela for their invitation to host the conference in Barcelona.

Council noted the withdrawal of the following Submissions:
(b) Attendees, Alternates and Apologies
Council noted the apologies and alternates.

2. **Report by the World Sailing President, VPs and CEO**

(a) **President’s Report**

The President took the opportunity to update Council on the progress made in World Sailing:

He advised that there were over 1000 delegates registered to the 2016 World Sailing Annual Conference in Barcelona. The Annual Conference had a new format which in turn had brought new interest and resulted in a higher attendance.

The 2016 Olympic Games in Rio saw 66 nations in attendance with 18 nations receiving medals. The number of nations competing is also related to our Emerging Nations Program.

He recalled that two years ago, there was a lot negative press about the water quality in Rio. It was important for World Sailing to work closely with the Brazilians and World Health Organization to resolve the water pollution issues in the Marina de Gloria. Rio had a fantastic backdrop over five race courses with the event resulting in a huge success. The President thanked Alastair Fox, our staff and the Technical Officials for their hard work in Rio.

One of the areas in which the President and CEO have worked together is on the improvement of Governance which has fallen behind in recent years. Both the International Olympic Committee and the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations were clear that change and progress were needed in this area and good progress had been made in 2016.

World Sailing has launched a new corporate identity and a new vision & mission: ‘A world in which millions more people fall in love with sailing; inspired by the unique relationship between sport, technology and the forces of nature; we all work to protect the waters of the world.’

The President stressed also the importance of Para World Sailing. A new Para World Sailing Manager and strategy will help ensure it has the best chance of returning to the Paralympic Games in 2024.

The Emerging Nations Program (ENP) is very important for our sport and we have now seen sailors coming out of the ENP program and competing at the Olympic Games.

After four years the President reflected what it means to be the President of this wonderful sport. You need bold ambition, you need basic pragmatism and patience. It is perhaps the most complex of all sports, with so many classes, configurations, technologies and of course always working in an unstable natural environment. That all means that we need to be very careful how we manage the sport. Change should be evolutionary and rarely revolutionary. To steer this big ship takes the collaboration of everybody on board. It has taken longer than the President hoped to achieve a consensus and find the True North. The President believes we have done this, perhaps later than we had hoped. But we now have that and we need to keep on this course and not be deviated.

We also need to look after everyone in our sport, not just the wealthy nations, but those that dream of one day having an Olympic entry, let alone a medal. Our Emerging Nations Program is the spearhead for these initiatives and I firmly believe will inspire a broader and more democratic use of our resources around the world.

Whilst we must welcome fresh ideas, and even radical thoughts, what we need now more than anything is stability and an environment to allow these ideas and structures to grow to the benefit of us all.

(b) **Beppe Croce Trophy**
The Beppe Croce Trophy was awarded to George Andreadis (GRE), whose name will be added to the Trophy Role of Honour. Mr Andreadis has been a pillar of the World Sailing Governing Body for many years and a Vice President for 22 years.

On receiving the award George Andreadis expressed his gratitude to all commenting that it was a ‘very touching moment and the greatest honour to receive such a prestigious award.

(c) Each Vice-President gave a brief report on their areas of responsibilities. CEO Andy Hunt reviewed the progress of the priorities set from the last meeting and gave an update on governance and administration changes.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

(a) Council Minutes November 2015, May 2016
   (i) The minutes of the Council Meetings of 13 and 14 November 2015 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.
   (ii) The minutes of the Council Meetings of 7 May 2016 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.
   (iii) Matters Arising
        There were no matters arising from these minutes.

(b) Board Minutes

Council noted the minutes of the Board Meetings of 7, 8 and 13 November 2015 - 12, 13 and 14 February 2016 - 5 and 6 May 2016 - 2 and 3 September 2016.

4. Finance

(a) Management Accounts

The CEO presented the income and expenditure statement for the period 1 January to 30 September 2016.

(b) Four Year Financial Review

Scott Perry gave a presentation which summarised the financial review of the last four years (2012-2015).

(c) 2017 Budget

The CEO Andy Hunt presented the 2017 budget that has been approved by the current Board. He noted it will need to come back to the new Board for ratification at their first meeting. The 2017 budget has been developed with a solid underpinning commercial plan for the next four years, which builds on a new commercial strategy and what has already been achieved during 2013-16.

(d) 4 Year Financial Plan

The CEO presented a four year financial plan which will be further developed with the next Board. The plan presented had a projected income of £30 million compared to £19 million in the current quad. The Commercial Strategy Update (see Item 7) would be presented on Saturday would provide further detail of how this would be achieved.
(e) Trust Reports
Scott Perry gave a verbal report on the World Sailing Trust in the Isle of Man and gave a briefing on the trusts, charities and foundations connected to World Sailing.

(f) Debtors List
The CEO noted that the debtors were now down to £2,100.

5. Activity Reports
(a) Each Committee Chairmen gave a brief highlight of their reports:
   (b) Audit Committee – Jan Dawson
   (c) Constitution Committee – Philip Tolhurst
   (d) Disabled Sailing Committee – Betsy Alison
   (e) Development and Youth Committee – Olivier Bovyn
   (f) Equipment Committee – Kim Andersen
   (g) Events Committee – Riccardo Simoneschi
   (h) ISAF Classes Committee – Jeff Martin
   (i) Match Racing Committee – Liz Baylis
   (j) Oceanic and Offshore Committee – Stan Honey
   (k) Race Officials Committee – Jan Stage
   (l) Racing Rules Committee – John Doerr
   (m) Regional Games Committee – David Covo
   (n) Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee – A written report will be circulated later
   (o) Report from the World Sailing Speed Record Council (WSSRC)
       Council received a hard copy report from the WSSRC
   (p) Report from the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA)
       Council received a hard copy report from the IRSA

6. Training and Development
Nazli Imre gave a presentation on Training and Development specifically the Emerging Nations Program (ENP, the Technical Courses for Coaches, Training Scholarship and other Training and Development initiatives.

7. Commercial Update
A presentation on the commercial progress of World Sailing was given by Hugh Chambers, Chief Commercial Officer. The Commercial Objectives for 2017 to 2020 were also outlined which had been presented and approved by the Board in Lausanne in May 2016.

8. Members
(a) Suspended Members
   Fédération Djiboutienne des Voiles et des Sports Nautique
   Federation Sénégalaise De Voile
Council noted the suspension of the two Member National Authorities.

9. Events

(a) 2016 Olympic & Paralympic Sailing Competition

A presentation was received from the Rio 2016 Sports Manager, Walter Boddener and the World Sailing Technical Delegate on the Olympic Sailing Competition. A recommendation was given that the number of coach boats used should be reduced wherever possible. The spectator area on Flamingo Beach had been highly successful. 380 athletes competed and quotas were filled; there were sailors from a record 66 nations and 17 NOCs won medals. The Technical Delegate thanked the MNAs, Team Leaders and Coaches for helping to overcome some of the challenges of Rio.

It was important to recognise the role of Bernard Bonneau who was appointed as the Chairman of the Jury, he attended both test events and did a lot of work behinds the scenes but ultimately could not attend the Olympic Games for health reasons.

In conclusion, although the lead-up was enormously challenging, it was an incredibly successful Games. We need to make sure we can strengthen the way we work with the broadcaster OBS to make sure we can showcase the sport. In line with some of the IOC Agenda 2020 recommendations, we need to make sure we can work closer with the host city organising committee and have more involvement with the delivery of the Olympic Games. We will send out a questionnaire to all MNAs and sailors who competed in the Olympic Games, as we do want to capture as much information and feedback as we can to help us make some key decisions for Tokyo 2020.

Carlo Croce thanked Walter for all his work on the Olympic Games and made a small presentation to him.

Paralympic Games – 22 Nations qualified. 34 MNAs were trying to qualify through qualification events in Canada and Australia. 5 National Olympic Committees won medals, 6 days of racing and racing took place every day. A strong race official team was appointed: David Staley as Technical Delegate and Wilfrid Klein as his assistant. John Doerr was the Jury Chairman, Tom Duggan was the Principal Race Officer and John Koopman was the Chairman of the Equipment Inspection Committee. A number of senior IPC members came to watch the sailing in Rio and maybe had not been to Weymouth or other sailing events and they showed a real commitment to work with World Sailing to help ensure that we have the best chance of re-instatement for 2024.

Rio was invaluable to showcase the sport.

In conclusion it is really important that World Sailing does as much as we can to integrate fully with Para World Sailing and their committee. We need to work to ensure in 2017 that we can get the right levels of participation around the world, particularly in the 2.4m.

(b) Agenda 2020

Andy Hunt sent Kit McConnell, the IOC Sports Director’s apologies, as he could not come to Barcelona owing to his commitments relating to Tokyo 2020 and Pyeongchang 2018. Andy Hunt introduced Pierre Fratter-Bardy, Head of Summer Sports and International Federations Relations at the International Olympic Committee to make a presentation regarding the IOC’s Agenda 2020:

Pierre Fratter-Bardy presented the IOC’s vision and ambition and highlighted some strategic topics that will impact the future of sailing at the Olympic Games:

Olympic Agenda 2020
The Olympic Program
The Development of Sailing
IF Engagement
Finally looking beyond sport, the International Federations and beyond the Field of Play the Olympic Games Delivery is now what the IOC are expecting. The IOC wants the International Federations to play a key role in the delivery of our respective events at the Games which will contribute to reducing cost and complexity of The Games. Off the Field of Play our athletes are the best ambassadors, they are the ones that young people will identify with.

(c) PWC Presentation
The CEO updated the Council on the work that PWC were commissioned to undertake in respect of both the class and MNA data to provide World Sailing and all our committees with a strong fact base about our sport. Some good work has been done both in data collection and in initial aggregation of the data and trying to make sense of the data over the last couple of months.

The methodology and some of the initial work was shared with both the Equipment and Events Committees. We are at an initial stage, we need to work with both of those committees to redefine the additional data that we need to collect, the key performance indicators that will helps us determine how we measure against some of the Agenda 2020 areas of focus. The classes and MNA were urged to help us collect further data so we have a really robust fact-base that will help with any recommendations and ultimately decisions on 2024 events and equipment.

(d) 2017 – 2020 Para World Sailing Strategy
The 2017-2020 Para World Sailing Strategy was not discussed. It is available here: www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ParaWorldSailingStrategicPlan-[21530].pdf

(e) Sailing World Cup 2017-2020 Strategy
The Sailing World Cup 2017-2020 Strategy was not discussed.

(f) 2018 Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires – 1-12 October 2018
Alastair Fox gave an update on preparations for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He reviewed the concepts that the working party had used to come to decisions to make recommendations to the Board for their implementation.

A goal is to inspire the youth of Buenos Aires, but it is challenging to find the right venue. San Isidro Yacht Club is under consideration, but we are still looking for a venue closer to the city centre. We have new exciting equipment and formats to showcase.

Age limits are 15 to 18 year-olds. Qualification will be by World Championships and Continental qualifiers. The qualification period will start on the 1 April 2017 and we are asking the classes to submit their qualification event proposals by the 1 December 2016.

The Techno 293+ from Bic has been selected, the format will be a mixture of course and slalom racing, there will be six separate continental qualifiers. Kiteboard - IKA Twin Tip Racing Class – ‘box’ rule, bring your own series-registered board and kites.

NACRA 15 catamaran – supplied equipment, standard boat as used for the Youth Worlds for qualification, flying low on foils for the Youth Olympic Games. Format to be confirmed, International/World Championship and Continental qualification events.
(g) **2016 Women’s Match Racing Championships**  
Adrienne Greenwood noted that Liz Baylis, Chairman of the Match Racing Committee, had already reported on the event. She thanked Michael Rollich and Martin Kay for compiling the World Match Racing Manual.

(h) **2016 Youth Match Racing World Championships**  
Adrienne Greenwood noted that Liz Baylis and Jon Napier had already reported on the event. She felt the match racing event calendar needed to be reassessed, as there are many competing events. For monohull and multihull match racing it is hard to see a clear pathway for a youth sailor.

(i) **2018 Sailing World Championships, Aarhus, Denmark**  
Alastair Fox noted that Aarhus 2018 will be the major qualification event on the road to Tokyo 2020. There is an event management team combining City of Aarhus, Sail Aarhus (Yacht Clubs), Danish Sailing Association and Sport Event Denmark. We have a coordination Commission including staff, Olympic Classes and Athletes Commission. There will be a test event in 2017. The quotas are capped at 50 per class, but all MNAs will be eligible.

The qualification system for 2018 will be published soon, there are ambitious quotas to be filled. 2017 sees Aarhus as the cultural capital of Europe and there is a lot of regeneration of the waterfront which should be good for spectators to get close to the medal races.

There could be as many as 1,000 boats, so a flexible schedule and 8 course racing area is planned to be tested. Emerging Nations Program is continuing, and expanding opportunities with six training camps in 2017-18.

(j) **Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**  
Alastair Fox reported that the Tokyo Olympic Games will be 24 July to 9 August 2020. The recent annual Enoshima Race Week has provided good feedback from some teams. It was used for the 1964 Olympic Regatta. Enoshima is 70km from Tokyo, situated on a deep-water bay which could provide some exciting sailing conditions. JSAF and Tokyo 2020 organisers have circulated a brochure including details of container storage and accommodation. At the 2017 November Conference the qualification system will be finalised.

Two Test Events are planned and also the development of Race Officials.

(k) **Update on Bidding cities for 2024 Olympics**  
Alastair Fox summarised the three cities bidding to host the 2024 Olympic Games.

**Budapest (Hungary)** – Lake Balaton, 130km from Budapest. Wind in August 6-8 knots in the afternoon, relatively small waves. Hungarian Yachting Association are developing a high-performance training centre to be used as a regional centre of excellence. Pros: Strong legacy, easier to get spectators on the water. Cons: Remote venue, light winds, small waves.

**Los Angeles, California (USA)** – Long Beach, the concept is to use Belmont Pier with a cluster of sports in the Long Beach Sport Park. Wind data 10-14 knots. Exciting venue but there are challenges. Pros: Venue is in the host city, potential for spectators, good
sailing conditions. Cons: Venue concept is extremely challenging; Test events would be challenging.

Paris (France) – Marseille. The Marina has been redeveloped, it is a remote venue 780km - 3 hours by train from Paris. Good wind condition data: 12-15 knots. Pros: the Federation Francaise de Voile already have a high performance sailing centre in place. Spectator engagement. Cons: Remote venue

The IOC are scheduled to decide the host city in September 2017.

10. Submissions Deferred from Previous Council Meetings

There were no deferred submissions.

11. Submissions

Please refer to the 2016 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings

(a) Submissions for which the Board is the Reporting Committee

Submission 001-16 – World Sailing Constitution – Article 91 – Accounting Records

Decision

On a proposal from Totos Theodosiou, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council rejected Submission 001-16 (4 in favour, 36 against, 1 abstain)

Submission 002-16 – World Sailing Constitution – Article 94 – Federation Accounts

Decision

On a proposal from Scott Perry, seconded by Stig Hvide Smith, Council approved Submission 002-16 with the following amendment (39 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain):

94. At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Board shall in accordance with the provisions of the Acts lay before the Federation an income and expenditure account of the Federation and each of its consolidated entities subsidiaries for the period since the last preceding accounting reference date together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Board and the auditors, and copies of such account, balance sheet and reports (all of which shall be framed in accordance with any statutory requirements for the time being in force) and of any other documents required by law to be annexed or attached thereto or to accompany the same shall, not less than twenty-one clear days before the date of the meeting at which they are to be laid, be delivered or sent by post to the auditors and to all other persons entitled to receive notice of General Meetings in accordance with section 11 Companies Act 1982 in the manner in which notices are hereinafter directed to be served. The auditors’ report shall be open to inspection and be read before the meeting as required by section 15 Companies Act 1982.

Submission 003-16 – World Sailing Regulations – New Regulation 7.2.3 – Distribution of Papers

Decision

On a proposal from Hector Duval, seconded by Ross Robson, Council approved Submission 003-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain):
7.2.3 Supporting and other position papers relevant to any agenda item or submission should be circulated a minimum of two weeks in advance of the start of the meeting.

Submission 004-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 8.9.2 – Athletes’ Commission Membership
Submission 004-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 005-16 – World Sailing Regulations – New Regulation 8.8 – Sustainability Commission
Decision
On a proposal from Betsy Alison, seconded by Peter Hall, Council approved Submission 005-16 (39 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstain).

Submission 006-16 – World Sailing Regulations – New Regulation – Men’s Forum
There was no seconder for the submission, which was therefore not discussed.

Submission 007-16 – World Sailing Regulations – New Regulation 25.8.13 – Special Events
Submission 007-16 was withdrawn.(see Item 12(a))

Submission 008-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 25.6 – Other World Championships – Special Events
Submission 008-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 009-16 – World Sailing Regulations – New Regulation – List of Special, Major and Recognized Events
Submission 009-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 010-16 – 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition – Review of Events and Equipment
(b) Further to Council’s decision of June 2016 concerning the review of events and equipment for 2020, the submission was not put to the vote.

(c) On a proposal from Cory Sertl, seconded by Kurt Lönqvist, Council discussed a non-binding and indicative motion to endorse the principle of gender equality for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.
Decision
Council endorsed the principle of 50:50 gender equality across all athletes for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition (35 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstain)

Submission 011-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 20 – Manufacturer and Sailmaker Marks
Decision
On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Stan Honey, Council approved Submission 011-16 (39 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain).

Submission 012-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 20.4.1 – Event Advertising
Decision
On a proposal from Cory Sertl, seconded by Hector Duval, Council approved Submission 012-16 (41 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain).
Submission 013-16 – Monohull World Match Racing Tour
There was no proposer or seconder for the submission, which was therefore not discussed.

Submission 014-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 23 - Olympic Sailing Competition – Selection of Events and Equipment
There was no proposer or seconder for the submission, which was therefore not discussed.

Submission 015-16 – World Sailing Constitution – Article 67
Decision
On a proposal from Ross Robson, seconded by Hector Duval, Council approved Submission 015-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain):

67.1 The Board may pass a resolution in writing which shall be valid and effective as if it had been passed at a duly convened and held meeting of the Board provided that it is sent to all directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting and 50% plus one more than half of all the directors them have signified their agreement to it.

Submission 016-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 8.12 – Information Technology & Tracking Commission
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 016-16 (39 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain)

Submission 019-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Deletion of Event Measurer Definition
Decision
On a proposal from Dick Batt, seconded by John Crebbin, Council approved Submission 019-16 (39 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

Submission 020-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 35
Decision
On a proposal from John Crebbin, seconded by Peter Hall, Council approved Submission 020-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain):

35.5.4 When a report is received by a National Authority under Regulation 35.5.3, it shall review the report and may conduct a further investigation in relation to the matters in the report. However, the Judicial Board may direct that the report shall be transferred and conducted to World Sailing under Regulation 35.6.12.

35.6.4 The National Authority shall review the complaint and may conduct an investigation in relation to the matters in the complaint. However, the Judicial Board may direct that the complaint shall be transferred and conducted to World Sailing under Regulation 35.6.12.

(c) to the Judicial Board if the Chief Executive Officer considers that the decision of the National Authority is unduly lenient.
Submissions for which the Equipment Committee is the Reporting Committee

Submission 023-16 – World Sailing Regulations - New Regulations 23.1.10 & 24.2.3 - Antimonopoly and Antitrust policy

Submission 023-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 024-16 – Olympic Equipment - Against the Monopolisation of Production of Boats of Olympic Classes

The Reporting Committee was the Equipment Committee and their recommendation was to reject the submission. The Equipment Committee recommends to set up a working party to secure quality, service and supply of Olympic Equipment.

Kim Andersen clarified that the Equipment Committee considered that if they had voted to approve, they could not see how the submission could be practically adopted.

Oleg Ilyin noted that Olympic campaigns become more and more expensive and not tolerable for many MNAs. In the past we have approved new Olympic Classes that were not ready. If we say to the world, that we reject this submission, normal people will think that we are in favour of monopolies.

Chris Atkins advised that the Board’s opinion was to reject, on the basis that there is no proposal to implement. The Board agrees that World Sailing should develop an anti-monopoly policy.

Riccardo Simmoneschi advised that the Events Committee’s opinion was to approve the submission as we believe that going against monopolies will help the sport in the smallest countries. The Events Committee also recommend a working party with the Equipment Committee on this matter.

Kamen Filov felt that there cannot be Olympic Class with monopoly. If some class want to become Olympic status then they have to sign a contract to give the intellectual properties or the license to World Sailing, which has to give the rights to all the countries to produce these kind of equipment.

Peter Hall asked if the Board could consider to defer this submission until February, and come back with professional advice and a draft anti-monopoly policy that might clarify what people are voting on.

Carlo Croce agreed and felt it is priority one to be addressed. To defer it is a good idea, in order to get more information on how to tackle this.

Decision

On a proposal from Peter Hall, seconded by Carlo Croce, Council deferred Submission 024-16 to the Board and the Equipment Committee to be re-presented at its next meeting in February 2017 (37 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain).

Submission 025-16 – Equipment Rules of Sailing – ERS Definitions F.1.4(c)(i) – Hull Spars

Submission 025-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 026-16 – Equipment Rules of Sailing – ERS Definitions F.1.5 – Spreader

Submission 026-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 027-16 – Equipment Rules of Sailing – ERS Definitions G.1.3 – Sail Types

Submission 027-16 was withdrawn.


Submission 028-16 was withdrawn.
(f) Submissions for which the Events Committee is the Reporting Committee

Submission 034-16 – Olympic Sailing Competition – Media and Fan Friendly Formats for the 2020 Olympic Games

Decision

On a proposal from Kamen Filloy, seconded by Gary Bodie, Council approved Submission 034-16 (32 in favour, 7 against, 0 abstain).

Submission 035-16 – Olympic Sailing Competition – New Race Format to meet the Requirement of “Winner Gets Gold”

Decision

On a proposal from Kamen Filloy, seconded by Stig Hvide Smith, Council deferred Submission 035-16 to the Events Committee to be re-presented to Council at its next meeting in February 2017 (35 in favour, 4 against, 0 abstain).

Submission 036-16 – Olympic Sailing Competition – Ensure Gender and Olympic Fleet Size Equity in Doublehanded Classes

There was no seconder for the submission, which was therefore not discussed.

Submission 037-16 – 2018 Sailing World Championships – Ensure the Entry Quota for the 2018 Sailing World Championships is Fully Utilised

There was no seconder for the submission, which was therefore not discussed.

Submission 038-16 – 2018 Sailing World Championships

There was no proposer or seconder for the submission, which was therefore not discussed.

Submission 039-16 - Allow Multinational teams at Sailing World Cup in Exceptional Cases

Decision

On a proposal from Kurt Lonnqvist, seconded by Jeff Martin, Council approved Submission 039-16 (33 in favour, 5 against, 0 abstain).

This policy applies to crew substitution in exceptional circumstances only and does not apply to Olympic qualification events.

Submission 040-16 – Coach Boat Restrictions – Sailing World Cup, World Sailing Classes Worlds and Olympic Games

There was no proposer or seconder for the submission, which was therefore not discussed.

Submission 041-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 24.5.3(b) – Youth Worlds Equipment

Submission 041-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 042-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 25.2.6 – Kiteboarding Expression World Championships

Submission 042-16 was withdrawn.

(g) Submissions for which the Match Racing Committee is the Reporting Committee

There were no relevant submissions.
(h) Submissions for which the Oceanic and Offshore Committee is the Reporting Committee
Submission 045-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 25.5 – Rating Systems
World Championships

Decision
On a proposal from Stan Honey, seconded by Stig Hvide Smith, Council approved Submission 045-16 with the following amendment (36 in favour, 2 against, 0 abstain)

25.5.3 Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders and/or World Sailing.

Council noted that IRC and ORC agree to acknowledge that sailors competing under all international rating systems have the same rights to compete in a world championship.

Council further noted that ORC and IRC have committed to work jointly towards the following combined events:
1. Starting in 2018 and subsequent years a jointly scored World Championship
2. Starting in 2018 a team World Championship based on the same event.
3. A new combined Offshore World championship based on existing offshore events

(i) Submissions for which the Para World Sailing Committee is the Reporting Committee
Submission 049-16 – World Sailing Committees – Terms of Reference – Para World Sailing Committee
Submission 049-16 was withdrawn.

(j) Submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee
Submission 053-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 31 – World Sailing Race Officials

Decision
On a proposal from Dick Batt, seconded by Adrienne Cahalan, Council approved Submission 053-16 with the following amendment (37 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain):

31.3 A candidate who
(a) attends a World Sailing race official seminar,
(b) takes a World Sailing examination, or
(c) participates in any other World Sailing activity required for appointment
agrees to be bound by the provisions of the World Sailing Regulations for a period of four years. Notice of this fact shall be given to the candidate in advance.

31.13 The Race Officials Committee shall decide whether to appoint a World Sailing Race Official after considering the recommendations of the following committee, sub-committee or working party that is responsible for the discipline concerned:
(k) the International Judges Subcommittee World Sailing Classes Committee for
International Expression Judges;
Submission 054-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 31.23.1 – International
Expression Judges
Submission 054-16 was withdrawn.
Submission 055-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulations 6.10.16 & 34 – Conflicts
of Interest
Decision
On a proposal from Ross Robson, seconded by Peter Hall, Council approved
Submission 055-16 (37 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 056-16 – World Sailing Regulations – New Regulation 34.5 – Conflicts
of Interest for World Sailing Employees
Submission 056-16 was withdrawn.
Submission 057-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 23.2 – Olympic Jury
Decision
On a proposal from John Crebbin, seconded by Stig Hvide Smith, Council approved
Submission 057-17 (40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 058-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 25.9 – Technical
Delegates
Decision
On a proposal from Adrienne Cahalan, seconded by Peter Hall, Council approved
Submission 058-17 (40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)
(l) Submissions for which the Racing Rules Committee is the Reporting Committee
Submission 060-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 3.1(b)
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected
Submission 060-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 061-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 29.1
Decision
On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved
Submission 061-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):
(m) Subject to editing by the RRC WP.
Submission 062-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rules 30.3, 30.4 and A11
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected
Submission 062-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 063-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 36
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected
Submission 063-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 064-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 50.1
Submission 064-16 was withdrawn.
Submission 065-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 61.1(a)
Decision
On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 065-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Subject to editing by the RRC WP.
Submission 066-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 61.1(c)
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 066-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 067-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 64.2
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 067-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 068-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 87
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 068-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 069-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Obstruction and Rule F20.1(a)
Decision
On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 069-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Proposal 1
Amend the first sentence of Appendix F Definitions – Obstruction as follows:

“An object that a kiteboard could not pass without substantially changing her course or the position of her kite substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and 10 metres from it.”

Proposal 2
Change Rule 20.1.(a) as follows:

“she can avoid the obstruction safely without making a substantial change of her course or the position of her kite”

Subject to editing by the RRC WP.
Submission 070-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule G1.2(a)
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 070-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 071-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule G1.3(d)
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 071-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 072-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule G1.3(e)

Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 072-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 073-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule J1.2(3) and Appendix K, Paragraph 4

Decision
On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 073-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain): Subject to editing by the RRC WP and as follows:

Proposal 1

Amend rule J1.2(3) as follows:

(3) any sailor classification requirements, or functional classification requirements for Para World Sailing events, that some or all competitors must satisfy (for sailor classification, see rule 79 and World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code; for functional classification see Para World Sailing Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual);

(3) any classification requirements that some or all competitors must satisfy:

(a) for sailor classification (see rule 79 and World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code), or

(b) for functional classification for Para World Sailing events (see Para World Sailing Functional Classification & Procedures Manual)

Proposal 2

Amend Appendix K, paragraph 4 as follows:

CLASSIFICATION

The following [sailor classification requirements will apply (see RRS 79)] [functional classification requirements will apply.]

Insert any [sailor classification requirements will apply (see RRS 79)] [functional classification requirements will apply.]

CLASSIFICATION

Insert any [sailor classification requirements will apply (see RRS 79)] [functional classification requirements will apply.]

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4.1 The following sailor classification requirements of rule 79 and World Sailing Regulation 22 will apply:

4.2 The following functional classification requirements for Para World Sailing events will apply:

Council did not approve urgent implementation under Regulation 28.1.2
Submission 074-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule L9.6
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 074-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 075-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule L12.1
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 075-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 076-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule L18.2
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 076-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 077-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule L19.1
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 077-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 078-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule L27
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 078-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 079-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule P2.1
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 079-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 080-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule P4
Decision
On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 080-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)
Submission 081-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing
Submission 081-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 082-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Case 10

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 082-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

Subject to editing by the Case Book WP. Change the abstract to:

When If a boat hails for room to tack and when she is neither approaching an obstruction nor sailing close-hauled or above, she breaks rule 20.1. The hailed boat is required to respond even if the hail breaks rule 20.1.

Submission 083-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Case 54

Decision

On a proposal from Kurt Lonnqvist, seconded by John Crebbin, Council approved Submission 083-16 with the following amendment (39 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

Subject to editing by the Case Book WP. Amended as per Addendum A to the minutes of the Racing Rules Committee.

Submission 084-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Decision

On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 084-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)

Submission 085-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Decision

On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 085-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)

Submission 086-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 086-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

Assumed Facts

Keelboats were starting on a 300 metres start line between the masts of two committee vessels. At the starting signal, the race officer judged three boats to be over the line. Flag X was promptly displayed with a sound signal. The assistant race officer, at the other end of the line in the other committee vessel, confirmed the identity of the three boats and that they had not returned and restarted correctly. All three boats were scored OCS. One of these three boats completed the course and finished first. On learning that she had been scored OCS, she requested redress, maintaining that she had returned and started correctly. She called as witnesses two other competitors who had been close by and who believed that she had returned and started correctly.

…

Answer 1

Yes, if the protest committee is satisfied on the weight of the evidence that the race officer was not watching while the boat was crossing the starting line or
carrying out the returning manoeuvre, or was mistaken as to the identity of the boat.

…

**Answer 2**

The evidence of the race officer, who is in the best position to judge, is *usually* more reliable.

Subject to editing by the Case Book WP.

The Committee supports this submission as a Case now, but recommends that future amendments are considered to Appendix M to cover these areas.

Submission 087-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

**Decision**

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 087-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Subject to editing by the Case Book WP and RRC WP.

Submission 088-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

**Decision**

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 088-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

**Answer 1**

…

**In amplification of rule 69.1(a)**, the following actions should be considered as examples of misconduct, but they are not exclusive examples and not a definitive list:

…

**Answer 2**

A boat *may be protested* or race committee may protest a boat for a breach of rule 2, and the protest committee *is* required to hear and decide the protest. To uphold a protest for an alleged breach of rule 2, the protest committee *is* required to clearly establish that a boat has not competed in compliance with the recognised principles of sportsmanship and fair play. It follows that the action must directly involve affect the competition for a breach of rule 2 to be established.

…

**Question 4**

When does misconduct become gross misconduct?

**Answer 4**

The definition of gross misconduct is set out in World Sailing Regulation 35, Disciplinary Code. Rule 69 does not refer to gross misconduct, only misconduct.
The question of which term applies is only relevant to MNAs and World Sailing when considering reports and deciding the appropriate action.

Subject to further editing by the Case Book WP and RRC WP.

Submission 089-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 089-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Subject to editing by the Case Book WP and the RRC WP and amended as follows:

Preamble

*It is appropriate to report a breach of rule 69 to an MNA or World Sailing when the case may constitute gross misconduct and further sanction beyond the jurisdiction of the protest committee may be appropriate.*

Answer 2

The report is only sent to World Sailing when the breach occurs at specific international events as listed in World Sailing Regulation 35, Disciplinary Code. Otherwise the report is to be sent to the MNA of the person(s) found to have breached rule 69. *(not necessarily to the MNA of the boat owner or venue)*.

Submission 090-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 090-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Subject to editing by the Case Book WP.

Submission 091-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Decision

On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 091-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain):

Subject to editing by the Case Book WP and as amended as per Addendum B to the minutes of the Racing Rules Committee.

Submission 092-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Decision

On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Jan Dawson, Council rejected Submission 092-16 (1 in favour, 39 against, 0 abstain)

Submission 093-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case

Submission 093-16 was withdrawn.

Submission 094-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Call

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 094-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):
Subject to editing by the Match Racing Rules WP.

Submission 095-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Call

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 095-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Subject to editing by the Match Racing Rules WP. Amend Answer 1 as follows:

Display the green and white flag.
Blue is entitled to mark-room. Mark-room for Blue is to sail her proper course to pass the mark (rule 18.2(a)(12)). While Blue’s course to take her penalty is not a proper course (rule C2.23), once Blue has taken her penalty, she is entitled to sail her proper course from that point until she has finished. Blue breaks rule 10, but is exonerated under rule 21.

Submission 096-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Call

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 096-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Submission 097-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Call

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 097-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Submission 098-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – TR Call C3

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 098-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Question

After the start B is sailing on port tack from the course side of the starting line without having started. Boat Y has started correctly and bears away below her proper course onto a collision course with B. B protests. What should the call be?

Submission 099-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – TR Call D2

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 099-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):

Submission 100-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – TR Call J7

Decision

On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 100-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):
Add to diagram: boat identifiers (B, Y, A) and dotted line in existing call from Y at position 6 to the mark.

Change italicized paragraph to read:

A boat entitled to mark-room is exonerated under rule 21 for breaking rule 16.1 when her change of course is consistent with rounding the mark in a seamanlike manner sailing within the mark-room to which she is entitled or, if rule 18.2(c) applies, when it is consistent with sailing her proper course.

Subject to editing by the Team Racing Rules WP.

Submission 101-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Call
Submission 101-16 was withdrawn.

(p) Submission 102-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing
Decision
On a proposal from Stig Hvide Smith, seconded by Kurt Lonnqvist, Council approved Submission 102-16 with the following amendment (40 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain):
Subject to editing by the Team Racing Rules WP.

Submission 103-16 – Racing Rules of Sailing
Submission 103-16 was withdrawn.

(q) Submissions for which the Regional Games Committee is the Reporting Committee
Submission 107-16 – World Sailing Committees – Terms of Reference – Regional Games Sub-committee and Para World Sailing Committee
Decision
On a proposal from Betsy Alison, seconded by Ross Robson, Council approved Submission 107-16 (40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

(r) Submissions for which the Women’s Forum is the Reporting Committee
Submission 111-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Regulation 9.6 – Objectives of Women’s Forum
Decision
On a proposal from Adrienne Cahalan, seconded by Cary Lee Byerley, Council approved Submission 111-16 (39 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

12. **Recommendations**

(a) Recommendations from the Board.
Council received a recommendation from the Board concerning Special Events. The Board accepted the proposed amendment from the World Sailing Classes Commission

**Decision**
On a proposal from Jeff Martin, seconded by Kamen Fillyov, Council approved the Special Event Status Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes (36 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstain)

(b) Recommendations from the Audit Committee
There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Audit Committee.

(c) Recommendations from the Constitution Committee
There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Constitution Committee.

(d) Recommendations from the Development and Youth Committee
There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Development and Youth Committee.

(e) Recommendations from the Equipment Committee
Council received recommendations from the Equipment Committee concerning applications for World Sailing Class status.

Viper 640 Class Application
Decision
Council approved the application subject to signing a contract and resolving class rule concerns (39 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

International One Design Class Application
Decision
Council approved the application subject to signing a contract (39 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

Nacra 15 Class Application
Decision
Council authorised the Equipment Committee to approve the Nacra 15 Class application at the Equipment Committee 2017 Mid-Year Meeting once the worldwide distribution of boats has been met and subject to signing a contract (38 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain).

Neil Pryde CR:X Class Application
Decision
Council authorised the Equipment Committee to approve the CR:X Class application at the Equipment Committee 2017 Mid-Year Meeting once the worldwide distribution of boats has been met and subject to signing a contract (38 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain).

(f) Recommendations from the Events Committee.

Agenda 2020

(g) Council received a recommendation from the Events Committee concerning the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition

Decision
The Events Committee shall make recommendations to Council on the Tokyo 2020 event program including, recommendations on events, any additional events, showcase events, format, gender equity and quotas before the 28 February 2017 IOC deadline (39 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

Anti-discrimination Policy

(h) Council received a recommendation from the Events Committee concerning anti-discrimination.

Decision

Council supports the Classes intention for the World Sailing anti-discrimination policy to include Class events and it is to be applied at all World Sailing ranked events (38 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

(i) Recommendations from the Match Racing Committee.

There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Match Racing Committee.

(j) Recommendations from the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Oceanic and offshore Committee.

(k) Recommendations from the Para World Sailing Committee.

There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Para World Sailing Committee.

(l) Recommendations from the Race Officials Committee.

Council received a recommendation from the Race Officials Committee concerning the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition

Decision

World Sailing should ensure that race officials are provided with facilities to use video and tracking information to support their officiating in the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The Race Officials Committee and the Director of Events should co-operate during 2017 to define the requirements to these facilities in sufficient time that they can be trialled and tested well before the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

(40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

(m) Recommendations from the Racing Rules Committee.

Council received recommendations from the Racing Rules Committee:

Call Book for Team Racing

Decision

TR Call E8 is withdrawn.

Sportsmanship and Fair Sailing

Decision

The Board is to establish a working party to consider Case 78, the principles of sportsmanship and their effect on qualification systems, particularly for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
The working party shall have representation from sailors, coaches, race officials and the Racing Rules Committee.

(41 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

(n) Recommendations from the Regional Games Committee.
Council noted the request from the Regional Games Committee to have a representative of the World Sailing Classes Committee added to the Development and Regions Committee or Regional Games Sub-committee, and for a representative of the Regional Games Committee to be added to the Events and Race Officials Committees.
The Chairman of the Constitution Committee advised that a submission was required to achieve the intention. The Constitution Committee would prepare submissions for the next meeting.

(o) Recommendations from the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee.
Council noted the recommendations from the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee had been dealt with under other items of the agenda.

(p) Recommendations from the Women’s Forum.
Adrienne Cahalan highlighted the small number of women nominated on the 2017-2020 Committee Nominations list, the Regulation 5.2.1 guidelines and in particular; “(c) not less than 25% of the members of each committee shall be drawn from each gender; ”. She proposed that a mechanism be put in place to re-open nominations for Women. She urged MNAs to address the gender balance.
Cary Lee Byerley recommended that a letter be sent to the MNAs drawing attention that not enough women had been nominated to be committee members.
Council noted the Women’s Forum concern on MNAs compliance with Regulation 5.2.1.
The Board indicated that an urgent submission would be made to Council to extend the nomination period for additional female candidates.

(q) Recommendations from the World Sailing Classes Committee.
Council noted the recommendation from the World Sailing Classes Committee had been dealt with under other items of the agenda.

(r) Recommendations from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee.
There are no recommendations not based on submissions from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee.

13. **Any other Business**

(a) Athletes Commission
Yann Rocherieux highlighted that six members of the Athletes Commission were present this week in many meetings.
Going forward Athlete Commission members are on the following working parties: Tokyo 2020 Event Program, Coach Boat Regulations, Olympic Games Manual, Arhus 2018 World Championships, Racing Rule 78.
We will also prepare a submission so that the Athletes Commission representative can vote at Committee meetings.
Marco Aurelio thanked World Sailing for the partnership in executing the successful Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition. In particular the Technical Delegates Alastair Fox and Scott Perry and CEO Andy Hunt. He thanked the Team Leaders, and the Brazilian volunteers, plus Nino Shmueli, Ricardo Novarro, Walter Boddener and Carlo Croce and wished Tokyo the best and good winds.

Race Officials

Rodney Tan highlighted the choice of Race Officials and in particular Jury Members advising that in the Rio Olympics that there were only two Asians invited. In the Beijing 2008 Olympics there were only two Asian race officials.

Chris Atkins commented that in the Events Appointment Working Party, within the policies of the working party, there is an explicit goal to bring on new continents.

Carlo Croce thanked all present, he hoped that they had enjoyed the week. He also thanked the staff.
World Sailing Special Event Status

14. Introduction

14.1 Special Event status originated in the Advertising Code, but is no longer referenced there. It has since been used on occasion to give recognition to specific non-World Sailing events, or to approve exceptions permitted within the Regulations or the Racing Rules of Sailing.

14.2 However this usage has not been consistent, and there are no specific policy guidelines.

14.3 Today there is also the opportunity to grow the sport and its profile through events that do not originate within the traditional MNA / club / class structure. These events require the approval of World Sailing. It is believed that Special Event status provides a better model for World Sailing’s approval and oversight of such events than, for instance, establishing a formal relationship with the organisers.

14.4 World Sailing should take this opportunity to establish policy guidelines for Special Events that reflect the emerging events in sailing today, and World Sailing’s responsibilities within the sport.

15. Purpose of Special Event Status

15.1 The purpose of Special Event status should be to enable World Sailing to:
   (a) encourage, support and promote high profile events in the professional era;
   (b) exercise consistently its control and oversight responsibilities towards events that are exceptionally permitted under the RRS and other various Regulations.

16. Recommendations to Council

16.1 Events that require World Sailing approval under the RRS, or have exceptions approved in accordance with other Regulations, should be categorised as Special Events and meet the associated requirements. Other OAs may apply for their events to be granted Special Event status.

16.2 Approved exceptions that should trigger Special Event status include:
   (a) Regulation 25.1: inclusion of word “World” in the title of the event (except for class world championships authorised under Regulation 25.2).
   (b) Regulation 25.5.2: rating system world championships.
   (c) Regulation 25.6: other World Championships.
   (d) Regulation 28.1.3 & RRS 86.2: international event changing the RRS.
   (e) Regulation 20.2.3.1: amendment to the Advertising Code.
   (f) Regulation 20.2.3.1(b, c, d): Oceanic events; series of events in more than one country; international series of events with the same sponsor.

16.3 Approved Special Events should be reported by the CEO to the Board.

16.4 Therefore Special Events range from major event properties (such as the Volvo Ocean Race that are clearly seen as “World” and “Elite”, that are professionally managed, have a high level of advertising or sponsorship, and have a high global profile and attract the world’s very best sailors), to lower scale events where a small change to RRS or the Advertising Code has been approved. The Board will categorise Special Events into two tiers on the recommendation of the CEO – “Major” and “Standard”.

16.5 Major Special Events should pay a sanction fee to World Sailing, include appropriate World Sailing branding, and be promoted by World Sailing, all as mutually agreed. As agreed with
the organisers or as required by the Regulations, World Sailing appoints or approves the race officials and other expertise to support the event.

16.6 Standard Special Events should pay a sanction fee in recognition of the exception approval(s) granted by World Sailing.

16.7 Regulation 25.12.2 (approval fee, prize money) will be applied to all Special Events.

16.8 Special event status will be documented in a contractual agreement with the Special Event organizer.

16.9 When World Sailing Classes’ Equipment is used for World Sailing Special Events, the following standards shall be in place, unless written approval of the class:

(a) Protection of the Class Calendar
(b) Protection of World title or perception of World title whether it is for stand-alone event or for a series of events.