The Events Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 on 17 May at the Chelsea Football Club, London, United Kingdom

1. Opening of the Meeting
   1.1 Update from the Committee Chair.
   1.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest.

2. Minutes
   2.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the Events Committee meeting of 1 November 2018 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.
   2.2 Matters Arising.

3. Update from the Board
3.1 The Committee noted the Board minutes from their meetings since last the Events Committee meeting.

3.2 The Committee received an update from the Events Committee Vice President.

4. **World Sailing Event Strategy: 2021 - 2028**

4.1 The Committee received and discussed a report from the Event Strategy Working Party including:
   - Calendar
   - 2024 & 2028 Olympic Games
   - World Cup
   - Rankings
   - Class World Championships
   - Continental Championships
   - Regional Games
   - Olympic Qualification
   - World Sailing Commercial Objectives
   - Submission 038-18

4.2 The Committee made the following recommendation on the Event Strategy to the Council:

**Recommendation**

The Events Committee approves in principle the World Sailing Event Strategy from 2021 onwards acknowledging that some amendments may be required as the detail and the other recommendations are worked through.

In addition, the Events Committee recommends that:

(a) The strategy should recognise the role of the Olympic Classes as key partners in delivering a successful event strategy and consideration should be given to supporting combined Class World Championships in the same way World Sailing may support ‘classic’ regattas as part of the strategy.

(b) The strategy must review the definition of a ‘classic’ regatta and how an existing or new regatta can receive recognition.

(c) The strategy should consider sustainability and cost issues.

5. **Paris 2024 Olympic Games**

5.1 The Committee received a report from the Equipment Committee on the Equipment recommendations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games including:
   - Mixed Kiteboarding
   - Men’s and Women’s Windsurfer
   - Men’s and Women’s One Person Dinghy
   - Mixed Two Person Dinghy

**Recommendation**

The Events Committee did not express an opinion on the equipment issues the Equipment Committee and Council will be considering. However, the Events Committee recommends that in considering these issues it is important for the Council to consider the impact of the
decisions taken as a whole on the following key factors that are important to ensure World Sailing achieves its objectives for a strong program of Olympic sailing events in 2024:

(a) Universality: The Events Committee has identified the One Person Dinghy events and the windsurfing events as the key events for sailing to meet its universality objectives. The equipment in these events and changes to equipment in these events can impact on universality both positively and negatively and a change in both events may have material impact.

(b) Youth Appeal: Equipment choice can impact youth appeal and the youth pathway.

(c) Media Appeal: Equipment choice can impact media appeal of an event.

(d) Sustainability: Any equipment change will have an impact on sustainability so decisions should be made to ensure that any equipment selected will ensure longevity for sailors and MNAs.

In addition, the Events Committee reminds Council that its recommendation for the Windsurfing events in the 2024 Sailing program was to have a new format to best showcase Windsurfing and help strengthen the future of Olympic sailing. The equipment choice may impact on the format options.

5.2 The Committee received an update on formats for the 2024 Olympic Games including:
- a possible format for the 2 Person Mixed Dinghy event from the 470 Class.
- the mixed kite relay format trialled recently.
- the ongoing work considering possible alternative formats for the medal race.

5.3 The Committee reviewed the report on the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event. The Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee gave a summary of the work done to date. Working Parties of the Events Committee will work on relevant aspects of this event going forward.

5.4 The Committee reviewed Submission M01-19 from The Board, about the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition – Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore / Regulation 23 and make a recommendation to the Council.

Opinion to Council: No Opinion

The Events Committee noted the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Working Report but gave no opinion on the M01-19 as the Equipment Committee and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee are the expert committees for this submission.

6. Youth Events Sub-committee

6.1 The Committee received and reviewed a report from the Chair of the Youth Events Sub-committee and the Director of Events on the Dakar, Senegal 2022 Youth Olympic Games including:
- The timeline for Events & Equipment decisions

A Working Party will be formed to consider and make recommendations to the Committee in November on the events and equipment for the 2022 Youth Olympic Games. In addition a Youth Olympic Games Working Party will also be formed.

6.2 The Committee received a report from the Events Manager on the Gdynia 2019 Youth Sailing World Championships.

6.3 The Committee received a report from the Events Manager on the bid process for the 2021 and 2022 Youth Sailing World Championships.

6.4 Discussion with the Chair of the Youth Events Sub-committee about key youth sailing events and future strategy including:
- Impact of 2024 Olympic decisions on youth pathway generally and on the Youth Worlds
- Objectives for sailing events at Youth Olympic Games in Senegal 2022
- Increasing female participation in youth sailing

The Committee contributed valuable input to the issues that will be considered by a Youth Event Sub-Committee Working Party for a report to the November meeting.

7. Policies at World Sailing Events

7.1 The Committee discussed policies at World Sailing Events including:
- Race Management Policies
- Discretionary and Standard Penalties

It was noted that a new Race Officials strategy was being worked on and would include a review of key policy documents. It was confirmed that the Race Management Policies for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games would be approved at the 2019 Annual Conference.

A Working Group made up of Guillaime Chiellino, Riccardo Simoneschi and Corinne Rolland-McKenzie was created to work on policy recommendations.

8. Tokyo 2020

8.1 The Committee received a report from the Director of Events on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games including:
- 2019 Test Event
- Olympic Qualification
- Tokyo 2020 Delivery of the Olympic Sailing Competition

9. The Hague 2022 Sailing World Championships

9.1 The Committee received a report from the Director of Events on the The Hague 2022 Sailing World Championships.

9.2 The Committee discussed quotas for the Championships. The Quotas and Qualification Working Party will make recommendations for a final decision on quotas at the 2019 Annual Conference.

10. World Cup

10.1 The Committee received a report from the Director of Events on the 2019 & 2020 World Cup.

Concerns were raised over the wind conditions at the Genoa World Cup Regatta in 2019 and over the implications of the 2020 Genoa World Cup Regatta given its status as an Olympic Qualification Event.

It was noted that the Board would review the Genoa World Cup Regatta. However, the Committee agreed that any Olympic Qualification Regatta could be adversely affected by weather conditions. It was agreed that a working group would review possible solutions, including a minimum number of races required to make an Olympic Qualification Regatta valid. If any rules were put in place it was noted that a change to the Tokyo 2020 Qualification System may be necessary and would require IOC approval. Guillaime Chiellino and John Derbyshire were appointed to the Working Group.

11. Match Racing Sub-committee
11.1 The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Match Racing Sub-committee.

12. **Team Racing Sub-committee**

12.1 The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Team Racing Sub-committee.

13. **Any Other Business**

   The Committee discussed the Governance Commission report.