The Match Racing Sub-Committee met between 09:30 – 13:30 hrs on Monday 28 October 2019 at the Fairmount Southampton, Bermuda

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

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including observers.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Match Racing Committee meeting of 29 October 2018 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted and approved. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. 2019 Women’s Match Racing World Championship

A report from the World Sailing Technical Delegate (Elizabeth Baylis (USA)) was received. The event was well run event in Lysekil, Sweden with twelve (12) teams from eight (8) MNAs and won by Lucy Macgregor (GBR). A special note related to the delays on getting the contract finalised and consequently the delay on publishing the Notice of Race.

4. 2019 Youth Match Racing World Championship

Reports from the World Sailing Technical Delegate (Pedro Rodrigues (POR)) and from the event organizers (presented by Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS)) were

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Present: | In Attendance:
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Elizabeth Baylis (USA) – Chairman | Pedro Rodrigues – Events Manager
Michael Röllich (FIN) – Vice-Chairman | Apologies:
Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS) | Sungchul Jeong (KOR)
Russell Green (NZL) | Michael O’Connor (IRL)
received. The event was well run in Ekaterinburg, Russia with twelve (12) teams representing twelve (12) MNAs and won by Tom Grimes (AUS). An informal clinic was run by umpires on the practice day and good debriefs created good environment to learn.

5. **2020 Women's Match Racing World Championship**
   A progress report from the World Sailing Event Manager was noted. Contract to be finalised soon. Pending the contract approval, the event will be held in Auckland, New Zealand November 4-8 2020 in Elliott 7 boats with 4-5 crew.

6. **2020 Youth Match Racing World Championship**
   A progress report from the World Sailing Event Manager was noted. Notice of Race published. The event will be held in Auckland, New Zealand February 25 – March 1 2020 in Elliott 7 boats with 4-5 crew. To date, 11 countries have requested invitation for at least one team.

7. **2019 World Sailing Nations Cup**
   Reports from the Technical Delegate (David Campbell-James (GBR) and the Nations Cup Working Party (presented by Michael O’Connor (IRL)) were received. The 2019 event was well run in San Francisco, USA with ten (10) teams in the Women’s Division and nine (9) in the Open Division from a total of thirteen (13) nations with Pauline Courtois (FRA) and Maxime Mesnil (FRA) winning. The Working Party will develop a timeline in early 2020 for the next edition.

8. **2020-21 Blind Match Racing World Championship**
   A progress report was received from the World Sailing Para Sailing Manager reporting that there will be no 2020 Blind Match Racing World Championship and that the bid document will be published in early 2020 for the next event which will be in 2021 as a 3-year cycle has been adopted.

9. **2021-23 World Sailing Match Racing Events**
   Bidding process for 2021-23 events to start soon with hosts to be recommended to the Board in April. Bid Evaluation Panels to de Chaired by Elizabeth Baylis for the Women and Michael Röllich for the Youth.

10. **World Match Racing Tour**
    A report from the World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) Executive Director, James Pleasance (GBR) was received. The WMRT is under new ownership renewed the license agreement with World Sailing in July 2019 granting WMRT ‘Special Event’ status and exclusive rights to the annual open Match Racing World Championship for 10 years through 2028. A special note that the WMRT Advisory Committee and the Committee Chair were not consulted in this extension.

11. **Match Racing Gradings and Rankings**
    A report from the Chairman of the Match Race Rankings Working Group was received. Submission 089-19 was written which will, if passed, create a Youth Match Racing World Ranking for sailors under 23.

12. **Race Officials**
    A report from the Event Appointments Working Party Chairman, Barry Johnson (AUS), on the process for appointments of race officials was received. Late appointment of officials and gender equality were discussed.
13. Submissions

*Please refer to the 2019 Submissions details of all submissions available online at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings)*

(a) To consider and make a recommendation to the Events Committee on the following submissions:

i) Submission 006-19 - from Federation Francaise de Voile about the World Championships – Match Racing
   
   Decision: Reject. The Committee support the principals in the submission and recognise the value of monohull match racing but reject based on the reasons presented by the Board.

ii) Submission 089-19 – from the Chairman of the Events Committee about the Match Racing Youth Match Racing Rankings – regulation 27.2
   
   Decision: Approve. Including the friendly amendment by the submitter.

(b) To make recommendations on any other submissions.

The committee reviewed and supported the following submissions:

- 128-19
- 136-19
- 148-19
- 152-19
- 164-19
- 201-19
- 202-19
- 203-19
- 239-19
- 240-19
- 241-19
- 243-19
- 244-19
- 245-19
- 246-19

14. Reports from Working Groups

(a) Reports from the following working parties were received:

i) Women’s Match Racing

ii) Match Racing Rules

iii) Youth Match Racing

iv) Race Management and Organization

(b) To make any recommendations to Council

15. Any Other Business
A discussion was undertaken to investigate ways to reduce the cost of match racing both for the organizers and the competitors and growing youth involvement in the race management and umpiring roles.