

Para World Sailing Committee

The Para World Sailing Committee met at 09:30 on
Sunday 6 November 2016 at the Renaissance Barcelona
Fira Hotel, Barcelona, Spain



Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

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Present:

Betsy Alison (Chairman)	Wilfried Klein
Brian Todd	Henry Sleutel
Bernard Destrube	David Staley
Andrew Clouston	
Masakazu Suto	

Also in attendance:

Alastair Fox (Director of Events)	Massimo Dighe (Para World Sailing Manager)
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1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed committee members.

(b) Attendees and Apologies.

2. Para World Sailing Membership

- (a) To note that from the 1 January 2017 all Para World Sailing members will be the World Sailing Member National Authorities.

Massimo Dighe commented on the progress toward disabled sailing affiliation exclusively through ISAF MNAs with a completion date on January 1, 2017. It was noted that only 7 RNA haven't completed the merge with the correspondent MNA (ARM, BRA, CHN, HUN, KOR, TUR, SIN)

- (b) To discuss a final communication to RNAs which haven't merged with

It was proposed to send a final letter to the remaining MNA requesting an update about the merge

3. Para World Sailing Committees and Working Parties

(a) To note the members of the Working Parties;

Classification WP

Bernard Destrube

Jenny Molson

Sue Parry

Jurgen Schwittai

Development:

Andrew Clousten

Emma Halen

Wilfried Klein

Brian Todd

Events and Scheduling:

Peter Wood

Giulio Combini

Walter Mielke

Fundraising:

Yury Knapp

Sailors Advisory:

Daniel Fitzgibbons

Heiko Kroeger

Technical - Bill Abbott

*suggestion made to include in technical WP Henry Sleutel for all Blind sailing information

Equipment Evaluation:

Andrew Clousten

Bernard Destrube

Brian Todd

(b) To discuss the working relationship with World Sailing Committees.

The Committee received an update by Betsy Alison regarding members of PWS Committee in other Ws Committees:

- Brian Todd: Equipment Committee
- Brian Todd: Equipment Control Sub Committee
- Bernard Destrube: Medical Commission
- Betsy Alison – Regional Games Sub-Committee

4. To discuss the 2016-2018 Para World Sailing Plan

The committee receive an update about the Strategic Plan for this quadrennial that is in line with World Sailing and IPC strategies. Goals include increasing numbers of participating MNAs; increasing competition opportunities; more effective marketing and communication; and continued attention to governance and rules. The plan will be presented during the Para World Sailing Forum on November 8th.

5. 2024 Paralympic Games

The committee receive an update from David Staley and Massimo Dighe regarding the IPC Sport Debrief they attended in Bonn from 4 to 5 November, with Amaranta Acosta, Xavi Gonzalez and Juergen Padberg.

DS noted strong support of para sailing by World Sailing evidenced by the great inclusion of Paralympic representative in WS committees and Council and by the great support received from World Sailing in all the activities and events planned in last year.

Xavi Gonzalez noted the good communication link with WS President and WS CEO Andy Hunt, the great satisfaction with PDP activities and the great effort put by World Sailing. He also noted that he wants to ensure that additional effort by World Sailing will be ongoing and is not just to get the sport reinstated.

Regarding a possible 2024 proposal, main points highlighted are:

- Aim for 50/50 gender balance in the proposal
- Aim to reflect the diversity of athletes, disability types & severity, nations etc, so provision for FCS1 & 2 is important
- Athletes with intellectual disability are one of the 10 impairment groups that are included in Paralympic competition, so would be encouraged but not mandated at this time
- IPC can assist with comments on the mix of disciplines and which athlete groups they provide for

6. Events

(a) Sailing World Cup

Alastair Fox, Worlds Sailing Head of Events, give an update about the new Sailing World Cup format and the inclusion of 2.4mR class in the event for the quadrennium 2017-2020. Other Para equipment to be added to SWC after 2017 series as it is selected.

(b) 2017 Para World Sailing Championship

Massimo Dighe update the Committee in regard to next year PWS World Championship. After a mail exchange with Norway organizers, due to fact that dates were the same of 2017 Delta Lloyd Regatta in Medemblik. After a discussion with Oslo Yacht Club, the decision has been made to reopen the bid process for the 2017 World Championship, with an official communication sent to MNAs with deadline of November 18.

(c) 2018 Para World Sailing Championship

The committee receive an update about the venue hosting 2018 PWS World Championship. The Championship is planned in Sheboygan (USA), in the usual venue well known to host Blind World Sailing.

(d) 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition Report

The committee receive a complete written report from David Staley, TD at Rio 2016 Paralympic Sailing competition, held from September 12-17 at Marina da Gloria, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with all racing conducted on Guanabara Bay.

80 athletes from 23 nations qualified for the 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition through two qualification events – the 2014 IFDS World Championships in Halifax, Canada and the 2015 Para World Sailing Championships in Melbourne, Australia. 7 nations achieved entries in all 3 disciplines, 4 nations were entered in 2 disciplines and 12 nations were entered in a single discipline.

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The qualified nations were ARG, AUS, AUT, BRA, CAN, CZE, ESP, FIN, FRA, GER, GBR, GRE, IRL, ISR, ITA, MAS, NED, NZL, NOR, POL, SIN, SWE & USA. Nations participating unsuccessfully in qualification events were EST, GUA, HKG, ISV, JPN, KOR, POR, PUR & RUS (total 32 nations).

The full scheduled program of 11 races was conducted for each of the 3 fleets over 6 days, with all racing conducted on the Guanabara Bay course areas.

The 5 medal winning nations were Australia (2 Gold & 1 Silver), France (1 Gold), Canada (1 Silver & 1 Bronze), United States of America (1 Silver) and Great Britain (2 Bronze).

A special thanks to Jury Chairman John Doerr who undertook an enormous task in coordinating the Olympic and Paralympic documentation.

(e) 2016 Para World Sailing Worlds – Blind Match Race Worlds

The Committee receive a complete written report about two events:

- Henry Sleutel : The 2016 Delta Lloyd Para Worlds Sailing Championships were held in Medemblik, the Netherlands, 21th – 28th May at the IJsselmeer, with the participation of a total of 20 countries, 32 2.4mR, 15 SKUD 18 and 20 Sonars. Great appreciation has been awarded to all the organizers for the management of the event.
- Bernard Destrupe : The 2016 PWS Blind Match Racing World Championships were held at Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, Wisconsin USA from 19th to 25th September 2016. Entries were received by the following 4 Nations: CAN, GBR, ISR and USA. A total of 5 teams athletes: with a total of 15 competitors. The regatta was held to coincide with the Woman Match Race World Championship, and this offered the opportunity to share different experiences and during one foggy day to experiment the Blind format to women sailors of MR.

7. Ranking

Massimo Dighe update the Committee with the decision to change the Ranking calculation method. Actually the Paralympic classes sailing ranking is based on a two year period, whereas the Olympic classes is based on a one year period, calculated on a rolling basis (from today's date to the same date one year previously). Regattas meeting the criteria are awarded a grade by the Sail Rankings Sub-committee. The grades are either a 200-point event, 100-point event or a 50-point event. Complete information about the Criteria for Ranked Events is defined in ISAF Regulation 27.1.

8. Submissions

(a) Submission 049/16

The committee noted that the submission has two points that needed to be clarified

~~(a) be responsible for the Paralympic Sailing Programme including events and equipment selection~~ **recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) including the selection of events and equipment for the Paralympic Sailing programme**

~~(d) provide one of its members to~~ **liaise directly with World Sailing staff on** ~~be a representative on the International Paralympic Committee~~ **matters**;

Reasons for this clarification are:

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Point (a): the responsibility of the PWS Committee in regards to the equipment and event selection was a keypoint in negotiation about the IFDS-ISAF merge and change that is not acceptable

Point (d): this is redundant point

Unanimously decision was to amend point (a) to the original wording and remove point (d), but only after these proposals had been discussed with the Constitution Committee.

After the discussion with the Constitution Committee the Chairman decided to withdraw the Submission

Decision: Submission 049/16 was unanimously withdrawn.

(b) Submission 073/16

Decision: Submission 073/16 was unanimously approved.

(c) Submission 107/16

Decision: Submission 107/16 was unanimously approved

9. Working Parties

Brian Todd update the committee with the actual composition of the working parties:

Classification: Bernard Destrube, Jenny Molson, Sue Parry, Jurgen Schwittai

Development: Andrew Clouston, Emma Halen, Wilfried Klein, Brian Todd

Events and Scheduling: Peter Wood, Giulio Comboni, Walter Mielke

Fundraising: Yury Knapp

Sailors Advisory: Daniel Fitzgibbons, Heiko Kroeger

Technical - Bill Abbott

Equipment Evaluation: Andrew Clouston, Bernard Destrube, Brian Todd.

(a) Sailors Council Working Party

Sailors working party conducted 2 forum involving all the sailors during the 2016 PWS World Championship in Medemblik, the receive feedback and to understand the feeling of the sailors. Committee noted that a female representative is needed in this Working Party

(b) Equipment and Format Evaluation Working Party

Bernard update all the Committee regarding the work done about Equipment and Format evaluation, with two test event (Malcesine and Medemblik) and a skype meeting and discussion between the members. A complete report regarding the equipment proposal will be made later at point 12.

(c) Events and Scheduling Working Party

WP Chairman Peter Wood is not at the meeting, so the Committee Chairman update the Committee: regarding 2017 the bid to find another venue is open, 2018 (Sheboygan) and 2019 (Riva del Garda) application are in process and Japan is waiting to define a project before presenting a bid for the 2020.

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(d) Classification Working Party

WP Chairman Bernard Destrube update the Committee about the work of the WP, regarding the work on the classification manual that need to be released, and based on the new equipment the 7 levels classification manual needs to be reviewed. The WP is working on how to include intellectual disabilities in the manual.

Committee noted that groups similar to Oceania WP needs to be established in other parts of the world, with opportunity to include sailors of working party.

Committee decide to create a WP responsible for new classes rule and appointed David Staley as a chairman.

10. Annual Report

Committee Chairman Betsy Alison presented a written report regarding the annual work of PWS Committee, highlighting how 2016 has been an active year for the PWSC. With the primary focus of getting Para Sailing reintroduced to the Paralympic Games, much of the work done by the Committee supported those efforts and changes internally within World Sailing also helped support this efforts.

11. Paralympic Development Program

The Committee received a report from Andrew Clouston. The aim of PDP is to help to establish sailing programs in emerging nations, and the programs are held with the close support of WS staff, with the aim to align it to the ENP closing the gap. Andrew presented a power point to show how the PDP works in Oceania.

12. Equipment Evaluation

Bernard Destrube, Chairman of the Equipment and Format Evaluation WP present a report of all the work done by the WP. The decision to start the evaluation process was taken during the last year's AGM in Sanya and 5 boats has been evaluated in two test events on Malcesine during the Garda Trentino Olympic Week and in Medemblik immediately after the PWS World Championship. The boats evaluated are:

- Hansa 303
- Hansa Liberty
- Rs Venture
- Weta Trimaran
- Windrider AS1

After the two test the working party collected feedbacks with an online survey, and a long series of online meeting have been conducted within the members of the Working Party.

The final decision regarding the recommendation about the boats to be used for next year events indicated Hansa 303 and Weta Trimaran as the proposed boats

13. Technical Officials

Massimo Dighe noted that in 2016 was not possible to present the submissions regarding the appointment of International Technical Delegates. Brian Todd, David Staley and Henry Sleutel sent a letter with his references and requestion to become ITD to World Sailing and letters are in charge of Technical Department, that will provide to evaluate it when the submission terms will be reopened.

14. Any other Business

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

