The Women’s Forum met at 18:30 – 20:00 hours on Monday 29 October 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota

1. Welcome & Introductions
   Vice Chairperson Selma Altay Rodopman opened the Women’s Forum meeting by introducing herself and welcoming all attendees. Selma introduced Vice President Nadine Stegenwalner who welcomed all attendees and thanked them for last year’s support.
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2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
       The Women Forum noted and approved the minutes of the Women’s Forum meeting of 7 November 2017. 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. Reports on Women’s Issues on World Sailing Committees
   VP Nadine Stegenwalner gave a verbal report and raised three points:
   1. Governance Commission: structure currently reviewed
   2. Anti-Trust / Mixed 1 Men/Women Dinghy
   3. 2024 Decisions: Equipment/Events Urgent Submission from the Board

4. Submissions & Recommendations
   (a) There were no submissions to be considered
   (b) There were no other submissions as deemed important by the Women’s Forum

5. Short Presentations
   1. Nadine Stegenwalner: Helga Cup - A regatta just for women!
   2. Cathy MacAleavey: Volvo Ocean Race 2017/18
   3. Pinar Coscuner Genc: Women’s Keelboat and Centre Boat in Turkey

6. Round Tables

   **Round Table 1 – WS Forum Speaker / Facebook / Buddy System/Breakfast Table**
   Speaker: Elizabeth Baylis          **Subject: Forum Speaker**
   Point raised: Bringing in keynote speakers from the WF group
   Speaker: Annika Ekman.            **Subject: Buddy System/Breakfast**
   Points raised: Great for networking; safe harbour when being at the table / a better understanding of World Sailing
   Speaker: Cary Lee Byerley.        **Subject: Facebook Page**
   Points raised: Great way to connect creating a WF page however needs to be opened up to more sailors.
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**Round Table 2 – Relationship with Classes**
Speaker: Raema von Reiche
Points Raised: To have a link on WS website to women sailing where videos can be shared; the importance of role models in the way of women leadership, measurers, race officials and reporting back to the WF

**Round Table 3 – Promotion / Enhance Commercial Value**
Speaker: Andrew Pindar
Point raised: Increase comfort zones to in turn increase women participation, create pathways to the elite side of sport but first a plan is required with a WS secretariat in place

**Round Table 4 – Increasing women's participation/Empower women**
Speakers: Cathy Mac Aleavey / Julia Ormond
Points raised: Role models; the need of a sport strategy for women in sailing
Floor Speaker: Dawn Riley spoke about Gender Equality

**Round Table 5 – Governance**
Speaker: Betsy Alison
Point raised: Women to be more involved in committees and working parties; it helps progress and be more recognised within the sailing world

7. **Any Other Business**

1. Cory Sertl – NY Times Article
Nadine gave a brief review in Cory's absence. There are a number of strong personalities within WF and the female sailing community which encourages women sailors; together as a community change could be easier; the article is taken on board but could be avoided through support and networking within WF and the female sailing community.

2. Luissa Smith: discussed the need for a Women’s Sailing Strategy.

3. Selma Rodopman raised a point: a possible change to the WF Meeting schedule at the next Annual Conference. Should it be closer to the Council Meeting or leave it as it is? An email to be sent to collect votes.