

World Sailing#12 Match Racing Committee Meeting Minutes**Meeting Date:** 23.2.2026**Location:** Open ([link](#))**Commencement Time:** UTC 19.00

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Action/Person</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Chair's Opening Remarks We have a tight and interesting agenda b. Apologies for Absence Betsy Alison. Annika Carlunger and Russell Green c. Minutes of the meetings on 19.1.2026 approved d. No matter arising	MR MR All All
2. <u>Board greetings</u> a. Greetings and advice Cory Sertl noted the change of the Annual Conference schedule 16-21.11.2026	CM/CS
3. <u>Match Racing Committee</u> The Match Racing Committee annual work plan for 2026-2028 has 6 objectives for 2026. The 3 first one's (objectives 1-3) concern Match Racing Ranking and the World Sailing webpage. All 3 are still ongoing topics, which are heavily dependant on how World Sailing IT platform and IT provider. The server is being updated and changes will be enabled after Q1. Scott Dougal presented the first draft of the Match Racing webpage during the annual conference and now the Match Racing Committee has given input. Objective 4 concerns running the bidprocesses for the 2027-2029 Youth and Women Worlds. The Match Race Committee Working Plan 2026-2028 – actions were noted.	MR

4. Team Working Plans 2026

- a. Actions planned for 2026: 1-3 most important

Youth Team: Luigi: Work is smooth towards preparation of the upcoming world championship in 2026, 11 entry requests received so far / MNA.

A proposal to make it easier to spread match racing to new venues and nations, especially match racing circuits and to change the ranking system to support this aim has been worked on.

A proposal will be submitted to the Match Racing Ranking and Grading Team, for discussion and decision, with the aim for approval at next conference.

Liz Baylitz gave an update on the WWMRT dates. It was complicated to set dates this year especially in nov and dec. Many teams interested to participate incl a team from China.

Nations Cup Team: the Hosting agreement to be signed by the host. Start to work on the NoR. Luigi will work on it. Announcement as soon as agreement is signed. Notice of race distributed with inclusion of the timing for national and regional selection. The aim is to publish before summer.

Media & Communication Team: Lettie has gathered an excel with events dates looking forward, longer into the future than what the events published on the World Sailing website. The aim is to avoid event clashes by having a better view into the future.

Ranking & Grading Team: Anne: Ranking and grading, touched upon in the Match Racing Committee Annual Work Plan 2026 objectives 1 and 2 is still under development. Due to World Sailing updating the IT infrastructure.

Sailors Experience Team: Ute: to develop an evaluation questionnaire for sailors, and find a good way to circulate it directly and at events (during and before by contacting the host and through the whatsapp groups ran by each event. Practicalities still to come: How to distribute questions.

Ute, Annika and Anne interview sailors regularly during events.

Team Chairs

Race Management Team: Marios: Manual done. Need to check all the online documents to update.	
5. <u>Update from World Sailing</u> Nations Cup: preparing the announcement ahead of signature Youth Worlds: invitations will be sent this week Women's worlds: waiting feedback from Women Working Team ASCON to engage and see what steps can be taken	CMK
6. <u>Any Other Business</u> a. Matters arising – identified in opening of the meeting b. Any other business c. Next meeting: 22.4.2026	All All All