

World Sailing**Race Management Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes****Meeting Date:** 26th February 2026**Location:** Virtual**Commencement Time:** 06.00 UTC**Attendees:**

<i>Chair – Anne Malledant (FRA)</i>	<i>Vice-Chair David Brookes (AUS)</i>	<i>Fabian Bach (GER)</i>
<i>Ines Cabrer Carvajal (ESP)</i>	<i>Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)</i>	<i>Benedek Fluck (HUN)</i>
<i>Michal Jodlowski (POL)</i>	<i>Tony Lu (CHN)</i>	
<i>Vice President – Tomasz Chamera</i>	<i>WS Staff – Megan Griggs</i>	<i>WS Staff – Michael Downing</i>
<i>WS Staff – Tim Hancock</i>		

Agenda Items**1. Opening of the Meeting**

- a. Chair, Anne Malledant welcomed all committee members to the meeting.
Tomasz Chamera (TC) shared an updated from attending the Winter Olympic Games and warned of realistic reductions in sailors and events after Los Angeles and highlighted essential need to prioritise format and digitalisation to strengthen technical presentations of the sport.
- b. Apologies were received from Francisco Jauregui (MEX) and Jeff Johnson (USA)
- c. The Sub-Committee noted the declarations made in the Conflicts of Interest register with no further matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous Race Management Sub-Committee meeting held on 5th November 2025 were reviewed, with no matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.

3. Work Plans

- a. To report on the work plan for Race Management Sub-Committee submitted to the Board.
- b. To receive reports from the following RMSC working teams:

- (i) Policies

Pinar Coskuner Genc (PCG) confirmed the proposal to explore splitting the policies document to create a general policies document for all events and then a policies document with focus on the Olympic Games. PCG confirmed the next step to contact each Olympic Class to receive guidance on their format updates to bring these changes within the policy.

- (ii) Document/Rules

Michal Jodlowski (MJ) shared an update from the working team and confirmed the task of updating the manual was larger than their capacity, suggesting additional office resource should be provided for this task. AM confirmed they would review opportunity to add additional support to assist with the workload but the task will remain on a volunteer base

- (iii) IT and Digital

David Brookes confirmed that progress is underway on the digital race office project, with a direct link established with Tim Hancock in the WS office.

4. Education and Development

- a. Fabian Bach (FB) reported on behalf of the education working team confirming a seminar was approaching in March in Rotterdam, NED. The course is anticipated to reach capacity of 20 participants. FB further advised the priorities of the working team to review the existing exams and create new questions to ensure the exam continues to relate to the role of an IRO.

- b. Megan Griggs (MG) shared a report from the Executive Office on the MNA application process for 2026 Race Official education courses, including Seminars, Clinics, and the National Race Officer Training Program, aiming to improve transparency, streamline administration, and support strategic education delivery.

A total of 40 applications from 29 MNAs across all continents were received. Applications are now under review in collaboration with Sub-Committee Chairs, with course approvals, instructor appointments, and online publication to follow. To receive an update from the executive office on the pilot development program.

- c. To discuss the opportunities of mentorship within race management

Benedek Fluck (BF) presented a proposal to introduce mentorship in race management,

outlining a brief overview of the requirements to consider to select mentors and the need for a suitable feedback and reporting processes required for quality assurance.

AM thanked BF for the work to date and highlighted how the ambition for a mentorship program to connect to current development program being piloted this year.

5. Competition Technology

- a. To receive an update on the digital race office project.

Tim Hancock confirmed this project was continuing and had recently connected with David Brookes for RMSC input.

- b. To receive an update on the use of competition technology

Tim Hancock provided an update on the use of competition technology, focusing on start and finish line systems. He noted that there are a limited number of suppliers able to provide sufficient equipment to trial across multiple classes, and overall supplier capacity remains constrained. He confirmed that a trial at the Youth Worlds was successful.

Alongside ongoing trials to familiarise Race Officials with the technology, Tim emphasised the importance of establishing a reliable structure and service that athletes can trust. Progress is being made, with the aim of implementing the technology across all Olympic classes by the end of 2026.

He also confirmed that drone usage to support digital umpiring will be introduced in Palma on the final series day, contributing to the project's development. It was acknowledged that the key remaining challenge is determining how best to communicate with athletes.

6. Any Other Business

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Michael Downing (MD) shared a update on feedback received from the athlete community on the new format.