

World Sailing
International Measurers Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 5th May 2026

Location: Virtual

Commencement Time: 9.00 UTC

<u>Agenda Items</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Aileen Loo opened the meeting by welcoming all members. VP Tomasz Chamera welcomed all members b. Apologies were recorded for Dina Kowalyshyn.
2. <u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> a. The minutes of the previous International Measurers Sub-Committee meeting held on 4th November were approved with no further matters arising.
3. <u>Work Plans</u> a. The sub-committee reviewed the activity of the 2026 workplan.
4. <u>Working Group Updates</u> a. To receive updates from the Internal Work Teams: i) IM Manual Alistair Deaves confirmed the project of updating the IM Manual was underway and 2 chapters had been finalised with drafts ready for further chapters. Alex Finsterbusch and Dimitris Dimou will continue to support Alistair in reviewing drafts and providing feedback. Jaime Navarro proposed expanding the IM Manual to include guidance on foil measurement (including scanning and jig use) and on-board technology, particularly competitor-owned devices. Dimitris confirmed that related content already exists within the Measurement Guide and could be developed further. The committee agreed that any additional material should be formally submitted for review and that expansion beyond the current guide is acceptable where clearly

justified.

It was highlighted the approach will remain incremental and staged, with ambition to ensure all sections are ready for the full document to be published ahead of the Annual Conference.

ii) IM Mentorship

The committee discussed the potential introduction of a mentorship approach for International Measurers. Barry Johnson (BJ) strongly advocated for mentorship, highlighting the practical risks and negative consequences that can arise from insufficient guidance. Dimitris emphasised that any effective mentorship must be formally driven by the Race Officials Committee, noting that informal or ad hoc mentoring does not amount to a structured programme. It was recognised a flexible, relationship-based model may be more realistic and achievable than a rigid, formal scheme.

ACTION – To discuss with Race Officials Committee ahead of the mid-year meeting being held next week.

iii) Digital Reform (Education)

Jurgen Cluytmans reported that there has been limited activity on this initiative to date. The Executive Office has held initial discussions on the proposal in parallel with US Sailing, identifying their ambition to develop a similar approach. A meeting is scheduled for this week between the Executive Office and Jurgen Cluytmans, in his role as IMSC representative, to explore what actions may be feasible to progress during the current year.

5. Education

a. Clinics and Seminars

The following education was confirmed to have been finalised for 2026:

Seminars

Argentina – 17-20 September

Portugal 2-4 October

Clinics

Colombia – 31 October - 1 November

USA – In review

It was recognised the initial application deadline for registering for the above seminars is next week and it was highlighted with the seminars in Q3 of the year, the registration period should be extended until August for participants to continue to register.

b. New IM instructors

Megan Griggs (WS) confirmed a process document for appointing new instructors exists within

the Race Officials Committee. Chair Aileen highlighted a requirement to train some more instructors to support future evolution of education and this work task is to be added to this years workplan.

MG highlighted other disciplines have successfully developed new instructors recently and cautioned against creating unnecessary barriers to become an instructor identifying pool of candidates will all be qualified IMs.

- c. The committee discussed the proposal for an IM Townhall for newly qualified International Measurers. Agreement was made to develop IM Town Hall plan aligned to November 2026 application outcome for January 2027 delivery, with a proposal of the structure for the townhall to be identified at the annual conference.

6. Digital Officiating

The sub committee discussed digital and remote officiating primarily in the context of increasing travel costs and situations where International Measurers (IMs) are unable to attend events in person. Barry Johnson (BJ) led the discussion by highlighting that escalating international travel costs and personal circumstances can prevent IMs from travelling, even where they are formally appointed, noting in practice, IMs are often asked to provide substantial remote support, drafting documentation and advising organising authorities during pre-event measurement, yet this work is not formally recognised or credited under existing IM requirements. BJ highlighted remote involvement makes a meaningful contribution to event delivery and compliance, the committee should consider mechanisms to acknowledge such contributions.

Alex Finsturbusch expressed support for exploring a structured framework, noting that other officiating disciplines (such as juries) experimented with remote participation during the pandemic and that a carefully defined system could be developed. Dimitris Dimou (DD) cautioned that remote support is not equivalent to on-site officiating, particularly for IM roles where physical presence and observation are often critical, and emphasised that any approach would need to be limited and carefully controlled given the already small pool of recognised principal events. Jaime Navarro (WS) suggested a pragmatic alternative: allowing exceptional circumstances to be assessed on a case-by-case basis, rather than establishing a rigid written policy that could be misapplied. The sub-committee will review this discussion ahead of the annual conference where proposal's will be required for RQC document updates.

7. Rules Opinions

- a. Jaime Navarro (WS) reported on the updated Q&A process for technical queries.

8. Any Other Business

- a. No other business to discuss.

9. Closed Session - Race Official Applications

The International Measurers Sub-Committee reviewed the applications received for International Measurer status and finalised the recommendations to take forward for review by the Race Officials Committee.