

World Sailing**Race Officials Committee Mid-Year Meeting Minutes****Meeting Date:** 14th May**Location:** Virtual**Commencement Time:** 12.00 UTC**Attendees:**

Chair - Ricardo Navarro (BRA)	Vice-Chair Elena Papazoglou (CYP)	
Andrus Poksi (EST) – IJSC Vice Chair	Chris Lindsay (IRL) – IUSC Chair	Miguel Amaral (POR)
Bence Borocz – RRC Representative	David Brookes (AUS)	Lynne Beal (CAN)
Dimitris Dimou (GRE)	Giorgio Davanzo (ITA)	Christophe Gaumont (FRA)
Sandy Grosvenor (USA)	Francisco Jauregui (MEX)	Nino Shmueli (ISR)
Vice President – Tomasz Chamera	Vice President – Cory Sertl	

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

- a. Chair, Ricardo Navarro welcomed all committee members to the meeting.
VP Tomasz Chamera, Vice President, addressed the Committee thanking for availability and appreciation for the committee's work. TC highlighted the importance of technical developments and EROC initiatives and advised that relevant matters would also be addressed at the upcoming Board meeting in London.
- b. Apologies received from Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK), Aileen Loo (SGP), Alan Baser (GBR), Anne Malledant (FRA), Liang Chou (CHN)
- c. The Committee noted the declarations made in the Conflicts of Interest register with no further matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. The minutes of the previous Race Officials Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2026

were reviewed, with no matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.

3. Working Group Updates

a. To receive an update from the Race Official Committee Working Groups:

a. Conflict of Interest

Timo Haß (Hass) reported on progress made to revise the Conflict of Interest Guidelines, including the development of a shorter, clearer document with Appendix A setting out defined levels and conditions of conflict. Timo advised a short questionnaire would be circulated to Race Officials Committee members by the end of May to gather feedback, with the aim of finalising the document by the end of June. Timo also outlined a proposal to establish a small ad hoc panel to provide timely, event-specific conflict of interest decisions where urgent clarification is required. During discussion, members expressed concern about potential implications for governance, specifically whether decision-making authority might shift from the Race Officials Committee to working groups or ad hoc panels. Members requested clarification on how the proposed approach aligns with the World Sailing Constitution and current regulations.

The Race Officials Committee approved the document in principle, with a seven-day review period for ROC members to review and submit critical comments for further discussion.

ACTION – WS Executive Office to seek legal and constitutional clarification and report back to the Committee

b. Rule 42

Bence Böröcz reported that the Working Group is reviewing seven key topics through a dedicated discussion platform, with topics arising from race submissions, rule opinions, and event-specific matters. The Working Group intends to submit proposals for amendments to Rule 42 or its interpretations where appropriate.

Concern was raised that the published Rule 42 interpretations continue to reference the period “2021–2024”, which may cause confusion regarding their current applicability, with the proposal to update the document dates.

c. Digital Officiating

Identifying the Chair was unable to attend this meeting, a future update would be given at the next meeting.

d. Race Officials Development

Elena advised the previous report from the office on the development program pilot has been circulated to members of the working group. A meeting will be held by the end of the month to review the report, following which feedback and suggestions will be submitted to the Committee in June.

4. Any Other Business

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Lynne Beal asked whether members appointed to investigation panels could receive feedback on case outcomes to support learning and consistency. Megan Griggs acknowledged that this had not been done consistently and confirmed that outcome feedback will be shared once Race Officials Committee decisions are finalised, alongside improved communication processes.

It was also suggested that maintaining a record or database of prior investigation decisions would support consistency when considering similar cases in the future.

ACTION – Executive Office to implement a formal feedback process for investigation panel members once decisions are finalised.

Executive Office to explore the creation of a log of investigation decisions for reference and consistency.

5. Closed Session – Race Official Applications

- a. The committee reviewed and confirmed the final decisions regarding the appointment of new World Sailing Race Officials.