

World Sailing
Growth of Sailing Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: June 2 2026

Location: Teams Meeting

Commencement Time: 10:00 UTC

<u>Members Present:</u>	
Malav Shroff (IND) – Chair	Irina Pérez Leroux (DOM)
Inga Jakobson (LAT) – Vice Chair	Alain Alcindor (SEY)
John Philp (FIJ)	Mandiaye Diouf (SEN)
Sigrid Beckhmann (MEX)	Borka Bachrata (SVK)
Maciej Szafran (POL)	Raynor Haagh (NZL)
Albassel Ibrahim (EGY)	Jenny Trumble (VIN)
David Covo (CAN) - PANAM Sailing	Mengdi Zhang (CHN)
John Tierney (OSAF)	Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR) - EUROSAF
<u>VPs & Staff Attendance:</u>	
Tomasz Chamera (POL) – Vice President	Fiona Kidd – Head of International Development
Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX) – Vice President	Larisa Zejen – Development Assistant
Sophia Papadopoulou (CYP) – Vice President	
<u>Members Absent :</u>	
Mohamed Alobeidli (UAE)	Luis Velasco (ARG)
Emma Hallén (SWE) - Para Sailing	Jennifer Hall (CAN) - OOC
Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK) - ASAF	Stratis Andreadis (GRE)

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Action/Person</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> - Chair's Opening Remarks The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, Vice Presidents in attendance. - Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest Apologies were received from Captain Arshad & Jennifer Hall. - Minutes of the meetings held on May 5, 2026 The Minutes were circulated to the committee on May 27th. Pinar Coskuner Genc provided some corrections. The Minutes will be circulated to the Committee and approved by email. - Matters Arising There are no matters arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda. - Decisions by Email There were no Decisions by email since the last meeting.	MS

2. <u>Combined Summary of the Pillar 1 & 2 Execution Plans</u> Mengdi Zhang presented the Asian Working Group Pillar 1 & Pillar 2 Comparison as they did not present at the last meeting. Their vision is to build a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable Asian sailing ecosystem —cultivating world-class talent while making sailing an accessible lifestyle for all. The plan shares infrastructure, talent, and data across both pillars and, with a phased roadmap moving from foundation-building, through to activation to regional scaling over years 2–3. Fiona Kidd, presented the Combined Pillar 1 & Pillar 2 Summary Report that was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. Common themes across all Pillars were Regional Hubs, shared equipment, additional regional events, technical capacity building, and recycled equipment to name a few. FK explained the budget process and timing for the Participation & Development Department in Q4 as well as the requirements to complete the Development Plan in time for approval at the Annual Conference. This confirmed that the work on the Pillars needs to be completed by the end of August.	MS/IJ/WG
3. <u>2026 Work Plan</u> The 2026 Work Plan was accepted by the Board in their meeting on May 19th. It will now proceed to Council for final approval at their meeting on June 9th.	MS/IJ/FK
4. <u>ENP Definition</u> FK provided an overview of the January 2025 ENP Definition in an email to the committee members on May 31st. The ENP Definition was approved by the Regions & Development Committee at their November 2024 Meeting. There were two changes made between the 2021 to 2024 definition and the 2025 to 2028 definition. They are: 1. Due to confusion and disruption that resulted in modifying the definition half-way through the 2021 to 2024 quad, the committee decided that there would be one definition for the whole quad. This would enable MNA's to prepare for both the Youth and Senior ENP and, in particular , the qualification system that included the Emerging Nations quota. 2. To reduce the number of emerging nations that were performing well and had demonstrated development on the international stage, the committee decided to reduce the number of classes required to be defined as developed from 4 to 3 events that	

had sailors represented in the top 50% of the ranking list that included a minimum of one men's and one women's event. The effect of this change meant that 15 nations moved from Emerging to Developed and one Nation moved from Developed to Emerging for a net change of 14 nations.	
5. <u>2026 Development Webinar Series</u> This item was not discussed.	FK
6. <u>2026 Development Symposium</u> As reported in the last meeting, the Development Symposium time slots have been reduced significantly at the 2026 Annual Conference due to the Committee meeting Schedule. There are only 2 x 3 hour time slots available. This issue was discussed at the Mid-Year Board Meeting and is being re-considered by the Board.	FK
7. <u>Report from Executive Office</u> a. Report from the Board Representative(s) Vice President Beatriz Gonzalaz provide a summary of the Mid-Year Board Meeting. She commented that it was a productive meeting but very rushed due to the amount of topics that they had to discuss. She reported that the Board supported the Growth of Sailing Committee 2026 Work Plan and that the next step is for it to be approved by Council at their June 9th Council Meeting. Although the Work Plan was originally submitted to the Board on January 22nd for Council approval in February, there were some modifications that took longer to get resolved. Tomasz Chamera, suggested that the Committee might want to start work on the 2027 Work Plan by November so it is ready for approval at the first Council Meeting in 2027. Vice President, Sophia Papamichalopoulos was delayed attending the meeting and did not comment. b. Report from the Staff Fiona Kidd, circulated the Development Coach Scholarship and YOG Training Camp #3 reports to the Committee prior to the meeting. These two programs are funded by the IOC Olympic Solidarity Fund and are key programs delivered by World Sailing. Other current activity in the Development Department is as follows: Youth ENP – ILCA 6 selection – 16 sailors from 12 nations BAR, BER, EGY, ESA, FIJ, PUR, RSA, URU, SRI, URU USVI, ROM, TTO Youth ENP - IQFOIL – Selection of 6 Sailors from 5 Nations – URU, EGY, IND, MAS, FIJ Next Steps – Online Training Sessions to start at the end of June. Steering the Course – May 22 to 31st – Activity from PER, FIJ & HKG to name a few Performance Coach Scholarship - Applications Open – deadline June 25th – Decision July 3rd - Scholarship starts Sept 21 to Oct 17th YOG Camp #4 – September 14th to 19th - location TBD NROTP – Level 1 - ALG, VEN, PER, ISL, PAR, FIJ, TTO	BGL/TC/SP FK

NROTP- Level 2 – ALG, PER, OMA, MAS (to be confirmed – ANG, BIZ, EGY, SOL) TCC –OS Funded- PHI, ESA, MLT, EGY, TCC – STC - BRA & FIJ	
8. <u>AOB</u> For the next meeting, each Work Group is to combine Pillars 3 & 4. All work on the Pillars is to be completed by the end of August so that the 4 year Development Plan can be completed in September and Board to review in October. The Executive Office begins their budget process in late September /early October. The Development Plan and overall budgets are to be approved at the November Conference. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th at 11:00 UTC. The meeting concluded at 11:45 UTC.	MS/IJ