World Sailing

International Umpires Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday 19th November 2026

Location: Qingdao, CHN

Commencement Time: 09:30 – 17:30

CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only SP = Supporting Paper

Presenters:

Chris Lindsay IRL – Chair (CL)	Christina Ortendahl SWE – Vice Chair (CO)	Alina Stratigiou GRE (AS)
Craig Mitchell (CM)	Kathy Lindgren (KL)	Juuso Valtteri Leivonen (JL)
Richard Slater (RS)		

Agenda Items	Action/Person
1. Closed Meeting	
(a) To receive a report on performance investigations	**WS**
(b) Seminar Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors	**CL**
(i) To note the current list	
(ii) To consider any changes to the list	
(c) International Umpire Appointments To consider applications for International Umpire status and finalise recommendation for the Race Officials Committee.	**CL**
2. Open Session - Opening of the Meeting	
a. Welcome by the Chair	**CL**
b. Attendees and Apologies	**CL**
c. Conflict of Interest	**CL**
d. Obituaries	**WS**
3. Minutes and Agenda To note the minutes of the previous International Umpires Sub-Committee meeting, and to consider and matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.	**CL**

4. <u>Education, Training and Development</u>	
a. Seminars and Clinics	
(i) To review the 2026 program	**CL**
(ii) To discuss the 2027 program	**(SP)**
b. Development of Education	
(i) To discuss the development of education including the use of internet-based continuous training materials and mentorship.	**CL**
(ii) To discuss the development of the WS NU Course	**CL**
(iii) To review the IU performance assessment criteria (inc. physical fitness)	**RS**
c. Assessors and Instructors	
(i) To consider whether there is a need for new assessors and instructors	**CL**
(ii) To review the assessor training programme	
d. Race Officials Qualifications & Competencies Document (RQC)	**RS**
To review and suggest changes to ROC on behalf of Umpires.	**CL**
5. <u>Work Plan</u>	
a. To review the 2026 International Umpires Sub-Committee work plan.	**CL**
b. To receive reports from the following working groups:	
(i) Digital Umpiring	**CM**
(ii) Umpire Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	**AS**
(iii) Umpire Documents	**KL**
c. To finalise the International Umpires Sub-Committee 2027 work plan.	**CL**
6. <u>Digitial Umpiring</u>	
a) To receive an update on the progress made regarding digitial officiating developments.	**WS**
b) To discuss best practice regarding digitial umpiring of Kites and iQFoil classes and consider next steps for Olympic training officials.	**CL**
7. <u>Event Appointments</u>	
To receive an update on Event Appointments from 2026.	**WS**
8. <u>International Umpire Manuals</u>	
To receive a report and discuss future updates on the umpire manuals:	
a. Match Racing Manual	**KL**
b. Team Racing Manual	

c. Umpired Fleet Racing/Medal Racing Manual	
9. <u>International Umpire Test</u> (i) To receive a report on the status of the IU test in all disciplines. (ii) To identify a plan for creating new tests if required. (iii) To consider what reasonable accomodations are required for taking the IU test, and alignment of the time limit for native and non-native speakers.	**JL** **JL** **CL**
10. <u>Racing Rules</u> a. To discuss the need for a fleet racing or common call book b. To discuss best practice regarding signalling completion of a penalty in match racing. c. To provide a recommendation to ROC and RRC on pending racing rules submissions: i. RRC-2026-020 US Appeal 130A ii. RRC-2026-021 US Appeal 130B iii. RRC-2026-022 US Appeal 130C iv. RRC-2026-030 New Case - Markroom	**SG** **RS** **RS**
11. <u>Any Other Business</u> To discuss any other business	