World Sailing

OCSC Meeting #2 Minutes

Meeting Date: November 14, 2025

Location: Remote

Commencement Time: 1 – 4pm UTC

Agenda Items
1. Opening of the Meeting **a.** Introduction from the OCSC Vice Chairman who announced the chairman resignation. b. VP Tomasz Chamera apologised for missing the first meeting at conference due to agenda conflict. He acknowledged the resignation of Markus Schwendtner as Chairman and commanded his high commitment and work with the Olympic Classes business over the years and welcomed Spyros in the group as IKA representative. Tomasz Chamera explained that due to Markus Schwendtner's resignation, Eric Faust, as vice chair, would act as interim chair until a new chair is elected. The subcommittee will continue to function under Eric's leadership, with Corinne serving as the main contact from the Executive Office. c. The Legal Counsel detailed the upcoming election process, emphasizing adherence to the new governance framework and Constitution. The office will solicit nominations, set an election date (likely early December), communicate nominations, and use a Nemo vote link for a straightforward, transparent vote.
2. Neutral athletes The Legal Counsel clarified that at World Sailing events, AINs must be allowed to compete, while for other events (as listed in policy E5), it is recommended but not required, leaving discretion to event organizers and classes. The Competition Manager explained that only the office can create AIN Sailor IDs, and a database of approved AINs is being finalized. Support staff follow the same process, and the office will ensure the database is comprehensive and accessible. The Legal Counsel offered to discuss further offline if needed.

3. **Sustainability**

The Head of Sustainability presented updates on World Sailing's sustainability agenda, including progress on Agenda 2030, event requirements for clean regattas, coach boat and race management restrictions, carbon footprint reporting, and the ongoing life cycle assessment project.

a. **Agenda 2030 Progress and Reporting:** Alexandra summarized progress on sustainability objectives, highlighted the importance of the impact report, and emphasized the need for clarity and consolidation in sustainability goals. She encouraged classes to review the impact report and provide feedback.

b. **Event Requirements and Compliance:** Alexandra outlined requirements for major class championships, including achieving Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas Gold level, compliance with local regulations, nature and biodiversity action plans, and pollution control measures. She requested feedback on defining 'major class championship' and offered support for implementation.

c. **Coach Boat and Race Management Restrictions:** A detailed discussion took place on coach boat restrictions, balancing safety and sustainability. Spyros and others shared experiences from recent events, highlighting administrative challenges and the need for flexible, class- and venue-specific policies. Alexandra proposed forming a working group to develop practical recommendations.

d. **Carbon Footprint and Reporting Tools:** Alexandra discussed the development of a carbon footprint reporting tool, aiming for implementation by 2026, and offered interim support using Excel templates. Ben suggested integrating the carbon assessment form with existing event management software, and Alexandra agreed to explore this with relevant staff.

e. **Life Cycle Assessment Project and Billing:** Alexandra updated the group on the life cycle assessment project, noting progress with manufacturers and the plan for in-house campaign impact analysis. Ben raised concerns about unpaid invoices for the project, and Alexandra agreed to address billing issues individually with each class.

4. **Development**

a. **World Sailing Academy and Online Resources:** The Head of Development introduced the World Sailing Academy, an online platform for courses and resource hubs, inviting classes to contribute content such as tuning guides and training materials. She explained the platform's features and encouraged exploration and collaboration.

b. **Official and Coach Training Programs:** Fiona described new national race officer and coaching programs, including hybrid learning and performance scholarships, with a focus on emerging nations and gender balance. She highlighted the success of recent cohorts and the potential for collaboration with Olympic classes.

c. **Regional Development and Event Collaboration:** Ben and Gonzalo suggested targeting regional events (e.g., in Miami, Asia, South America) for capacity building, especially in race official development. Fiona agreed and identified upcoming events, such as the South American Championship in Peru, as opportunities for joint training initiatives.

d. **Regional Games and Olympic Qualification:** Fiona presented survey data on the importance of regional games for development and Olympic qualification, emphasizing their role in engaging National Olympic Committees, increasing participation, and supporting funding. The group discussed the need for flexible qualification models and maximizing participation.

e. **Youth Olympic Games and Legacy Building:** Fiona shared updates on Youth Olympic Games training camps, highlighting the IOC's financial support, capacity building in Africa, and the importance of connecting youth participants to Olympic classes for sustained development.

5. <u>Media</u>

Scott proposed presenting Class World Championships as a coherent package on World Sailing TV, retaining class branding while adding overarching World Sailing branding to build a narrative from 2026 through the Olympics.

a. **Content Sharing and Social Media:** Ben and Gonzalo emphasized the importance of capturing key moments during live broadcasts for use on social media, noting that post-event content often achieves greater engagement. The group agreed on the need for coordinated content sharing and pre-promotion.

b. **Planning and Coordination:** Scott requested that classes nominate communications leads and share event dates and broadcast plans well in advance. The group agreed to meet in early 2026 to develop a joint strategy and calendar, with World Sailing staff supporting event coverage.

c. **Cost and Resource Sharing:** Ben and Mirco discussed the high costs of live streaming and the benefits of collaborating with other events (e.g., Kiel Week) to maximize reach and minimize expenses, suggesting joint efforts to secure English-language coverage and share best practices.

7. **Safety**

To note the proposal from the Medical Commission for high-risk sailing events.

a. Fanny Mevellec from the Medical Commission presented a new initiative to collect data and develop harmonized safety and medical recommendations for high-risk Olympic classes, with the Olympic classes representatives discussing the importance of coach training, first aid protocols, and sharing best practices.

b. **Questionnaire and Data Collection:** Fanny introduced a questionnaire to gather information on class-specific risks, safety organization, incident response times, and existing safety measures, aiming to inform practical and realistic recommendations.

c. **Coach Training and First Response:** Ben, Gonzalo, and others highlighted that coaches are often the first responders in incidents due to their proximity and expertise, advocating for targeted first aid and safety training for coaches, and suggesting that sailors themselves could also benefit from such training

d. **Medical Support and Event Practices:** The group discussed the limitations of relying on medical personnel to reach athletes quickly in challenging conditions, emphasizing the need for protocols that empower coaches and sailors to provide immediate assistance, with medical staff providing backup support.

e. **Implementation and Collaboration:** Fanny and Corinne encouraged classes to share existing safety guidelines and best practices, and to consider integrating safety training into event requirements, potentially using the World Sailing Academy as a platform for online courses and resources.

8. **Any other business**

a. **Committee and Event Representation:** Michael noted the need to review and fill representative roles for upcoming World Championships and organizing committees, especially following Markus's departure.

b. **Future Meetings and Planning:** The group agreed to coordinate future meetings via email, with Scott organizing a communications planning session in January and February, and Ben suggesting that boat classes meet separately to discuss format changes before reporting back to World Sailing.