

REPORT TO FINNISH SAILING AND BOATING FEDERATION

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The International Judges Sub-committee October 28th, 2018

Application Procedures and Requirements

Idea to make application procedure more efficient and professional. World Sailing uses Survey Monkey Apply (SAAS) a cloud-based system from 9th May 2018. This version is released for applications from 16th of July 2018.

The Roles, Qualifications and Competences of Race Officials is published and can be review at the World Sailing website

Roles, Qualifications and Competences of Race Officials

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSRaceOfficialsRolesQualificationsandCompetencesJuly201724095-\[24099\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSRaceOfficialsRolesQualificationsandCompetencesJuly201724095-[24099].pdf)

In November 2017 the World Sailing Race Officials Committee approved changes on requirements to become an IJ. These changes will take effect from 2019. Full application document, including changes, will be published by February 1st, 2019.

Guidance of changes to the Roles, Qualifications and Competences for 2019 applications

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/IJChanges20191-\[24507\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/IJChanges20191-[24507].pdf)

Databases

World Sailing has 36 databases, consisting of excel, pdf etc. It is the intention of World Sailing to link all these databases together. Paul Deacon Digital Re-platforming Project Manager has been hired to do this job.

Match Racing Gradings and Rankings October 28th, 2018 meeting with Liz Baylis (USA), Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS), Michael Röllich (FIN)

Youth Ranking

The Match Racing Rankings Working Group has discussed with World Sailing to introduce a Youth Ranking.

- The intention is to extract the Youth Ranking from the Open Ranking. The Sailor ID linked with age can be used to identify Youth sailors.
 - It is important to be able to extract Youth sailors U23 (under 23 years old) the year in discussion.
 - The Working Group will liaise with World Sailing IT Manager Paul Deacon to make this happen.
- World Sailing will introduce a “tick a box” on the grading form to identify an all Youth team (like an all Women team, which is in use already today).
 - This will be introduced by January 1st, 2019.
 - The Working Group will review the whole grading form and update among other things the World Sailing return mail-address.

Gradings and Ranking

The Working Group will prepare a submission next year to lift out the Gradings and Rankings out of World Sailing Regulations 27.2.

- The objective is to create a more living document that helps grow Match Racing and is reviewed and updated annually by the Match Racing Sub Committee.
 - The Terms of Reference of the Match Racing Sub Committee shall be updated to reflect this additional responsibility.
- The Working Group will liaise with the Constitution Committee
- The first draft submission will be created during 1st quarter 2019

Practicalities

- To make sure that all Events get into the World Sailing calendar
- To make sure that all Results are reflected in the Rankings
 - The Working Group will liaise with Madeleine Dunn and Pedro Rodrigues at World Sailing to check the process and underline that these aspects are of great importance.
 - World Sailing IT Manager Paul Deacon will be involved in the process.
- To find out the status of the Match Racing World Championships 2019 and 2020.
- To make sure that the history of World Sailing Match Racing World Championships (Women, Blind, Youth) and The Nations Cup are documented on the World Sailing Website.
 - The material will be sent to Daniel Smith World Sailing Digital and Communications Manager
 - Women & Blind – Liz Baylis
 - Nations Cup – Michael O’Connor
 - Youth – Michael Röllich

Match Racing Principal Event Guidelines Working Party October 28th, 2018 meeting with Kirk Brown (USA), Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS), Michael Röllich (FIN)

The World Sailing Principal Event Guidelines will be updated.

- The guidelines cover at the moment World Championships, Grade 1 and Grade 2 events.
- Kirk Brown has created a white paper to outline the need for change.
- Grading forms from grade 1 to grade 3 events will be sent to Kirk
 - Yana will ask World Sailing for these
- The Working Party will liaise with International Umpires Sub Committee (IUSC), the Match Racing Sub Committee (MRSC), event organizers and umpires.

The Match Racing Sub-committee October 29th, 2018

2018 Events

- Youth Match Racing World Championship – August - Lago di Ledro, Italy
 - Twelve (12) teams representing eleven (11) MNAs. Winner - Ettore Botticini (ITA)
- Women's Match Racing World Championship – August - Ekaterinburg, Russia
 - Eleven (11) teams representing six (6) MNAs. Winner - Lucy Macgregor (GBR)
- Blind Match Racing World Championship – September - Helensburgh, Scotland, GBR
 - Five (5) teams representing four (4) MNAs. Winner – Sharon Grennan (GBR).

The event hosts made rigorous media coverage and one challenge identified was in getting the material out for further international distribution through World Sailing channels. The Match Racing Nations Cup working party met with the World Sailing Communications & Digital Manager Daniel Smith immediately after the sub-committee meeting and agreed on actions to be taken to secure the international distribution of material to build the World Sailing brand in the 2019 events.

2019 Events

- Nations Cup Grand Final – April 9-14, 2019 - San Francisco, USA
 - Status: Host Contract Signed; NoR Published; Request for Invitations Sent; Awaiting Officials Appointments – Interest is very high as 33 MNAs requested invitations for the 16 available spaces (Open and Women) – 20 team limit - 17 teams across all 6 continents have accepted World Sailing Invitations.
- Women's Match Racing World Championship – August 5-10, 2019 – Lysekil, Sweden
 - Status: Awaiting Host Contract to be finalized within next two weeks, then Notice of Race can be published, and Race Officials appointed.
- Youth Match Racing World Championship – August 13-17, 2019 – Ekaterinburg, Russia
 - Status: Awaiting Host Contract to be finalized within next two weeks, then Notice of Race can be published, and Race Officials appointed.

Concerns were raised about delays in the Race Officials appointments to World Sailing Match Racing events and Events Appointment Working Party Chair Barry Johnson discussed the process with MRSC.

2020 Events

- Youth Match Racing World Championship – February – Auckland, New Zealand
 - Contract negotiation underway with hosts
- Women's Match Racing World Championship – September – Long Beach, USA
 - Contract negotiation are underway with hosts

2021 – 2022 Events

- Bidding will begin shortly for Youth Match Racing World Championship and Women's Match Racing World Championship.
 - Bid Documents are being prepared and will be published early in 2019
 - Bids will likely be due by 31 March 2019
 - Bid Evaluation Panels will be put in place to review bids and make recommendations to the WS Board by mid-2019.

World Match Racing Tour – Mathias Dahlström

The MRSC received reports that the World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) is going through a transition as the current owners, Aston Harald Sailing, are in negotiations to sell the Tour. The sale should be finalized shortly. The MRSC (through the World Match Racing Tour Advisory Committee) will liaise with the new owners of the WMRT when announce and to progress plans to run the Open World Match Racing Championship.

Race Officials – Barry Johsson

The chair of the Events Appointment Working Party Barry Johsson (AUS)

- The Working Party is appointed by the Board.
- Members: Ana Sanchez Vice President (ESP), Ewa Jodlowska (POL), Alan Baser (GBR), Nelson Horn Ilha (BRA).
- The Event Appointment Working Party makes the Race Officials appointments to World Sailing Events. The Communication and Correspondence is taken care of by Madeleine Dunn.
- Goal for 2018 is to get gender equality. The EAWP encourages organizers to consider this when they put their names forward to World Sailing. The EAWP relies on the Sub Committees (IUSC, IJSC, IMSC, IRSC) to give good quality people.
- The event appointments must to looked on very closely so that no one get too many appointments. To foster Race Officials they must be given the opportunity to serve on big events.

Match Racing Grading and Ranking – Yana Dobzhitskaya

- “World Sailing Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing Events” will be updated.
- Youth Match Racing ranking will be introduced for easy extraction from the Open ranking.
- The working party will create a submission for lifting the ranking out of Regulations for next year to achieve the objective of having a more living document.
- The working party will work with the World Sailing IT department as the new website and database systems are implemented.

Women’s Match Racing – Liz Baylis

- During 2018 there has been 4 events so far and the 5th will take place in St Thomas US Virgin Islands
 - During this year 140 sailors, 23 teams and 12 countries have competed in the WimSeries
- The Series lost one benefactor last year and have since that worked on getting new benefactors on board. Fareast Boats have made a five (5) year deal with WimSeries from 2019.
 - First event will be held in Shanghai and then spread around China.

Youth Match Racing – Michael Röllich

- The objective is to grow Youth Match Racing Worldwide together with local stakeholders and help sailors ages 15-22 to develop and learn skills that will be useful to them throughout their sailing lives and provide a pathway from youth dinghy racing into adult keelboat racing
- The working party was extended during 2018 from three (3) people to eight (8) people to get a better global presence and to secure input and development ideas.
- The working party has created a five (5) year plan with a one (1) year implementation plan.
- Next steps: To create a communication platform to be able to share resources more effectively. To introduce a clinic and coach at large at the World Championship.

Race Management and Organization – Michael Röllich

- This is a joint Working Party with Race Officials (ROC), Race Management Sub Committee (RMSC), International Umpire's Sub Committee (IUSC) and Match Racing Sub Committee (MRSC).
- The objective is to help develop and solve challenges in running Match Racing events.
- The working party is creating a "cook book" on how to run successful Match Racing events.
- The manual created, will be updated to reflect World Sailing guidelines and new material on hosting/ running successful Match Racing events will be introduced with credits to US Sailing and others.

Submissions :

Submission 048-18 – World Sailing Regulations – Nationality Requirements for Match Racing Events – Regulation 19.8

To update the Regulations to allow competitors competing in all match racing world championships (including blind match racing) to be exempt from the nationality criteria.

Open, Women and Youth are already exempt of the nationality criteria. This submission includes also Blind Match Racing.

Background: When women's match racing was in the Olympics there were nationality requirements. However, these requirements do not apply any more.

Submissions 161-18, 182-188-18, 205-207-18 submitted by the chairman of the Racing Rules Committee where all given support by the Match Racing Sub-Committee.

Any Other Business

World Sailing IT - Manager Paul Deacon

World Sailing has a fairly antiquated website. Embedded with the website are internal processes. Therefore, World Sailing cannot get a new website. World Sailing has to create a new website with a new tool, which is easier to search. The target is to end up with a website, which will adapt and a one place database, which can be shared on demand.

The project will start with the embedded ones first. Then with new processes. It is a big project. The technology partners are picked, Salesforce and Drupal and the discovery phase to understand the requirements is on. Project will be kicked off in January 2019, with a 9-month time scale. This includes also a sponsorship. Delivery of first bit, new website and ranking engine will be September 2019.

World Sailing Calendar and Grading forms

Grading forms will be less manual. Now there is a challenge with lost events, names and contact info.

The International Umpires Sub-committee October 29th, 2018

IU-Seminar

- Separate out what shall be in an IU seminar
- Richard Slater has checked existing seminars and focus points have been National Umpire, World Sailing Clinic, World Sailing IU Seminar.
- The suggestion is to separate the exam from the seminar to maintain focus.
 - Different steps:
 - maintain focus
 - Maintaining focus as an umpire
 - Maintaining focus for the umpire team
- Suggestion is that the seminar is carried out the following way
 - Classes: 2 days
 - On the water: 4 days
- Should look on how people learn
 - By reading
 - By putting things in to practice
 - By learning through experience
- There is a lot of video and drone footage available nowadays
 - Make this material available for people to study for themselves to develop umpire talk
 - The video can be run with or without sound to practice umpire talk
- Instructors: The Sub Committee is looking at expanding the number of instructors who can give feedback to increase learning and developing opportunities

World Sailing Media Daniel Smith October 29th, 2018 – Liz Baylis (USA), Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS), Michael Röllich (FIN)

International distribution of media material through World Sailing channels

Background:

Based on the experiences during the Match Racing World Championships in year 2018 the event hosts made rigorous media coverage and the challenge was in getting the material out for further international distribution through World Sailing channels.

The objective is to secure the international distribution of material to build the World Sailing brand in the 2019 events.

- World Sailing will produce a generic media plan from start to finish with goals, fundamentals, phases and target-audience.
- It will be tried and tested to establish a better framework
- The contract between World Sailing and World Championship event hosts will be strengthened, including roles, responsibilities, duties, specifications etc.
- Next events:
 - Nations Cup April 2019
 - Women's World Championship August 2019
 - Youth World Championship August 2019
- Results should be distributed and shared through www.matchracingresults.com

Next Steps:

- Daniel will come back within one month from the Annula Conference with a generic media plan to be tested at the 2019 events

Website History

Nations Cup and the World Championships (Youth, Women, Blind) lack history on World Sailing website

Next steps:

World Sailing uses photoshelter. Send images what we have.

Provide content

- Women's and Blind – Liz Baylis
- Youth – Michael Röllich
 - Speech from Italy – includes history of event
 - Backlog history – Who participated, who won etc.
- Nations Cup – Michael O'Connor

Race Management and Organisation Working Party

October 29th, 2018 – Annika Ekman (SWE), Tatiana Ermakova (RUS), Michael Röllich (FIN)

1. Tania:

- Send out existing manual to all – **one week** after the Annual Conference

2. Annika, Flavio, Mike, Russell:

- Review within **one month** after receiving according to WS standard, make recommendations and work on appendixes (Appendixes will be assigned to working party members by Tania)
 - Appendix 1: Grading criteria of the events – Tania
 - Appendix 2: Competition format – Mike and Flavio
 - Appendix 3: Entry form – Annika
 - Appendix 4: Damage penalties – Russell
 - Appendix 5: Damage list – Tania and Annika

3. Flavio & Tania:

- To make a structure and recommendation for the whole manual. Send out for review to working party **latest at the end of January 2019**
- Skype conference will be scheduled by Tania **within one week** from sending the proposed structure
- Writing next parts of the manual according to the agreed structure (decide on timing):
 - Include one-page Kirk Brown grade 5
 - Include section T from Race Management
 - Include section H from IU manual
 - Include US Sailing hosting / running a match racing event
 - Include presentation with timing
 - Include pairing lists from program
 - Include US Sailing PRO training material
 - Include the possibility of using English on-line results system

4. Russell & Mike:

- Get input on PRO training form Bill Canfield – **within one week** from the Annual Conference
- Distribute material to working party
- Include why Match Racing is very important discipline for sailors

5. Annika, Taina, Flavio, Russell, Mike:

- Review material from Youth point of view and include recommendations especially for Youth Match Racing
- Check especially: Social, interaction, procedures

The Race Officials Committee October 30th, 2018

Reports from chairs

Race Management Sub Committee – Tom Duggan

- World Sailing needs properly functioning IT systems to record activities, events. People in the office now work manually to extract info from several different places.
- Have had a meeting with Eurosaf for race official exchange program.
- The Sub Committee continually evaluates talent.
 - There is a white board to keep track of who is going where.
 - On the board there is a section of new names recommended by classes, sailors and MNAs
 - Try to fit in these people, while balancing gender and grouping.
 - Challenge: Classes and organisers don't want to take a chance with new people

International Measurers Sub Committee – Jurgen Cluytmans

- Seminars have been run in North America and Europe
- Have had a meeting with Eurosaf for race officials exchange program
- Aim at bringing in U25
- Will create E-learning possibilities
- Will work with the test events in 2020 and 2022

International Umpires Sub Committee – Sally Burnett

- Activity has been Europe centered. Will now extend clinics and seminars by going to US and South America.
- There has been a lack of opportunities for performance assessments. There is a need for more performance assessors. The Sub Committee will recruit and train new people. Existing instructors are on the older side. Will try to identify new people through existing umpires.
- Good quality video now available.
 - These videos have been included in fleet racing seminars.
 - RRS 42 is also available
- The Sub Committee is talking about gender equality. The question is how it will be done.
 - There are no new applications from women.
 - The Sub Committee will work together with other Sub Committees to

International Classifiers – Rut Subniran

- How to become the classifier.
 - The manual is re-written.
 - Clinics have been done in: Germany, Scotland, USA, Italy and Japan
 - At present there are 12 international classifiers

Cost and payment of Race Officials – Bill O’Hara

- If not provided, then the following should apply
 - Breakfast 10€
 - Lunch 20€
 - Dinner 30€
 - Three-star hotel, single accommodation, with WIFI
- Andrus Poksi
 - The Race Officials Committee should provide a guideline or manual for the travel costs, equipment, accommodation, payment for Race Officials
 - One organizer we can push is World Sailing
 - These definitions should be included in the bid guidelines and then inserted into the Regulation
 - World Sailing shall adopt
 - Organizers shall adopt

Education and training

- International Umpires Sub Committee
 - 4 clinics
 - 2 seminars
- International Race Management Sub Committee
 - 4 clinics
 - 2 seminars
- International Race Officers Sub Committee
 - 5 clinics
 - 5 seminars
- International Judges Sub Committee
 - 4 clinics
 - 4 seminars

The number is more than the total budget. We will have to prioritize.

Very fast boats

- There is a panel for fast boats. GC32 has been the most dangerous boat to sail. Sailors have become better. They do high speed drills and understand the safety better. Ribs have become better, but there is a need for faster ribs.
- There is no document describing all this. People working with the fast boats is a very small group. Concerns especially GC32, Nacra
- International Umpires Sub Committee has requested safety and positioning

Publications

- International Judges manual is updated with the new racing rules. Major changes has been inserted RRS69. The manual will be further updated.
- International Race Management manual has gone through a complete re-write. Sections have been added, including fast boats.
- International Race Officer manual will be done during next year
- International Umpires Manual is up to date. Team Racing manual has been updated by Chris Atkins and Fleet Racing by Chris Lindsay.

Madeleine Dunn – Documents will get out. The common sections of the manuals will be ready to the end of the year.

Question from the 49er class

- The idea is to introduce a third kind of penalty, which is different from the Discretionary Penalty.
- IJSC
 - All agree that money penalty is not a solution. For some competitor's money matters and for others not.
 - Like the idea to find a way for non-racing infringements. The spirit is good to find a different kind of penalty. However, money is not a solution.
- Athletes
 - Athletes are after consistency. Having one system would be the best solution. Agree with the idea, with a different kind of penalty when it does not concern racing.

Discretionary Penalties are maintained by the International Judges Sub Committee. Forward the input to this committee. There is one document on jury policies. Guidelines apply to every event, however they can be enforced a little bit different from time to time. Currently there is work in progress concerning Discretionary Penalty guidelines. This guideline will be within the jury policies. This guideline will be ready at the end of the year. Discretionary Penalties for support persons will be included in this document.

The Nations Cup Working Group October 30th, 2018 – Pedro Rodrigues (World Sailing), Liz Baylis (USA), Michael O'Connor (IRL), Michael Röllich (FIN)

Entry discussion

- Agreed activities
- Reminder with deadline will be sent to AUS
- Next in line is EST/ NED/ FIN on the open side and GBR/ NZL/ IRL on Women's side

We have consulted with the WS Nations Cup Working Party in regard to the two declined invitations. It is our interpretation that NOR 4.4 paragraph 3 is fulfilled when Nicole Breault and Allie Blecher (from Women's Division) and Pearson Potts (from Men's Division) have accepted their invitations.

It is our interpretation that NOR 4.5 which allows the MNA to substitute skippers only applies to invitations issued under NOR 4.1. Therefore, it is our decision to use the waiting list to issue invitations for the open spots in each division.

The Racing Rules Committee October 31st, 2018

Submissions discussion

- 137-18 World Sailing Regulations – Callbooks instead of dedicated call books
- 138-18 When Rule 18 applies – rule 18 is finished, when a boat has been given the room and the mark no longer influences the course
- 139-18 Proposal 1-4, proposal 5 shows the influence
- 140-18 & 141-18 Definition party
- 151-18 to create a test rule to delete RRS 17. This has been done already in Match Racing, High Speed Rules, 2K Keelboat, Boards => “only through the NOR”
- 155-18 Additional requirements for hail 20.4, hails may not be heard
- 162-18 RRS 42.3(c) this is the minimum that all the classes want. Classes can then regulate in class rules
- 150-18 Test rule delete RRS 13 requires other work to be done it's not like deleting 17. Want to keep the project on the table. Reject.

Race Officials Committee – Jan Stage

- 143-18 Definition Start, Finish => go for hull and delete crew and equipment
- 148-18 Fair sailing RRS 2 guidance on what the penalty shall be, DNE or DSQ, will do a case
- 147-18 Fair sailing RRS 2 want to put in ... and responsible ... sailing,
- 168-18 challenges with redress, a principle submission, support to the idea. Coaches and athletes don't want any change. Reject.
- 170-18 Only get redress if somebody was penalized.
- 172-18 Include support person into RRS 62.1(d)
- 203-18 One boat was going into an area where one chart showed a reef and the other that there was no reef. Control warned the boat about the reef and the boat changed course.

Addendum Q report of 7 pages - Mats Björklund

- Approve the changes documents. Target time end of the year for ready Addendum Q. Integrated version will be submitted.
- Increasing number of events which use addendum Q. There are now two ways to make changes. One is to ask World Sailing about permission the other is to ask the MNA for permission on changes.
 - Example: Flag color. To change red to Y-flag. Redress.
- Solution take Addendum Q and make into an Appendix Q = were changes can be done more easily. Try out will be done in 2019.

Call book for umpired Fleet Racing

- A call book for umpired Fleet Racing will be done.
- The Umpired Fleet Racing working group have made a PowerPoint presentation. Fifty-eight (58) calls from Team and Match Racing will be included in to this call book.
- Now there are ten (10) more specific calls that can be introduced to the call book.
- In total there will be seventy (70) calls.
- At the time being a Test Call Book can be introduced. Finally, a submission must be prepared to the whole call book approved.

Rapid Response System

- The Rapid Response System is not limited anymore to Match and Team Racing. It now includes several disciplines.

World Sailing Trust, World Youth Sailing Trust November 1st, 2018 - Meeting with Rob Holden Training Delivery Manager World Sailing, Michael Röllich

Youth Development – Proposed Clinic & Coach at Large at the Youth Match Racing World Championship

More about the Mission and work of the Trust can be read here <https://site-isaf.soticcloud.net/about/wyst/index.php>

Next Step:

Michael Röllich will send the material on growing Youth Match Racing World Wide to Rob Holden and Rob will discuss the proposed Clinic and the Coach at Large with Hannah Goldie from World Sailing Trust

The Events Committee November 1st, 2018

World Sailing Event Strategy 2021 - 2028

How can we do events in a different way. Event strategy working party has been appointed by the board. Focus on the positive on how to contribute to the development of the events.

Paris Marseille 2024

One key area is what do with the World Cup. Shall we keep the World Cup series final, but no other events. It should be a stand-alone event, which is a World Sailing event with World Sailing partners.

Includes Olympic games and a class world championship every year. Sailing world championship every 4 years. Must check existing regattas, which have been struggling. Non-European events have struggled the most because of calendar issues.

The Ranking System was changed fundamentally 6 years ago. The question is, is it delivering? World Sailing has been able to invest in big regattas. We have a partnership with SAP. The key recommendation is that no single person is responsible for the calendar. There is a need to appoint a working party to help to develop the calendar. Much work will be done from now on until May 2019 to set the path what we will be doing from 2021 and forward.

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Current position sailing world cup is failing. The competition calendar is chaotic for all stakeholders. World sailing is struggling to obtain commercial partners. We lack universality in the strategy. Therefore, propose to boost universality.

RSX, 470, 49er, 49er FX, Laser,

Commercialize the world championships. Now they are given away for free to the classes. Buy them back and then you will have "property" to sell.

North America and Southern Hemisphere is colliding

Need to decide how often are we going out of Europe. Try to get out of Europe once a year. When combined worlds is in year two, then it forces the classes to have the worlds. When it is in year 3 there is no worlds throughout October to January. A lot of countries are happy to go to Europe. So, if we go for once in a year to go outside, it should work.

Use the Sailing World Cup to spread sailing to all corners of the world and make it accessible. Main objective of the Sailing World Cup has been originally to create hero's and introducing prize money to the sailors. The Super Final must come from the commercial side, otherwise it won't work. The M32 Cup is finishing and therefore they have a commercial organization/ platform that could give the structure. The idea is to use existing events and bring in technology, media and tracking. The strongest reason for doing the World Cup is because World Sailing needs their own event that they own and can promote to sponsors. What is the value for athlete's, media profiling and prize money. Promotion. What is going to bring the best sailors, if it's in the right time and the right spot then the best sailors will come.

World sailing have been using existing events and creating new ones. Discuss with the sailors which they consider to be the best events and then start promoting these events. Change the concept of doing. It's not creating events, but bring in best practices, technology, media and good stuff into it. Sailors go to events which are more sustainable to their campagnas. Sailors choose regatta according to Olympic Committee, Worlds, Europeans and Olympics are going to these events. The sailors go if somebody pays. 8 regattas are about 60.000€ only top sailors take this money and do it. MNAs get support from their Olympic Committees to go to regattas. The national Olympic Committee will not recognize this event (super final). Sailors want to do Olympic campaigns and they get funding for doing this. Not a super final.

Taking more transportable events keeps costs down and increase universality. Laser, boards, ... can. Class worlds is on every team's calendar and through this they are getting to the Olympics. The question is how World Sailing will partner to commercialize. Why not World Sailing to take charge of the World Championships. Good media and fancy sponsors will be at other events.

Would the classes be prepared to partner with World Sailing? There should be a deal to be done. Ideal is World Sailing & the classes. The Europeans are from the budgets from the MNAs. Kill the sailing world cup all together. We should go to the classes and suggest or discuss. Here is a window of opportunity. What do you want to do? Years 2019 and 2020 we will crush. Can we come away with some principals before deferring to the working parties and hold them to a timeline.

Electronic officiating

Try to set out what we are going to do in the future. Key goals in 2024 we have moved to use all kind of electronics information to make decisions. Race Officials and Racing Rules Officials should start to think how it will be used in the future. Trigger the philosophical decisions already now, then the technical components come in.

111-18 on board technology, broadcasting technology, positioning technology, on board audio and biometric technology deck and spar arrangements will be defined by World Sailing. Helmets are the obvious place, maybe sails.

Match Racing Vice Chair – Michael Röllich

The report from the Match Racing Sub Committee meeting was presented. Kindly see page 5.

Team Racing Chair – Peter Barclay

We lose the 15-22-year old at the moment and team racing is one possibility to keep them in the loop. Team racing in keelboats. Aim for a World championship and Global Team Racing championship.

Phil the commodore from New York Yacht Club.

Madam Chair

New York Yacht Club Newport hosted a Team Racing event in October 2018. With 12 teams from 10 different countries. The experience created a trust for the event. Australia and Argentina are bid Team Racing countries. Should the invitations go to MNAs or yacht clubs. Best is a mixture of MNAs/ yacht clubs and individual teams and to start moving closer to a MNA.

The challenge after the optimist class is that we lose a lot of young sailors. This is a difficult question. On the MNA level there is not a lot of interest to develop Team Racing. Team Racing was included with the Youth Worlds and the kids loved it. Some countries have it in college, for instance Japan and the US.

Kids are falling out of the sport. Try to capture the university drop out. College of 4 fleets and 28 boats in South Africa. The decline is not the interest in Team Racing but the bureaucracy of the contracts with World Sailing.

Youth Sub-Committee

Youth Olympic games

The Youth Olympic Games will be in Dakar, Senegal in 2020. The Youth Olympic Games should be a laboratory for developing new and exciting formats. Gender equality is mandatory and mixed country events are possible. Kiteboarding was very easy to follow and understand. These youths come from 29ers, 49ers and Nacras.

012-18 World Sailing should be more involved when a new class is running an event which is new. The best solutions would be that World Sailing takes an oversight role to make sure that everything goes according to plan

Eurosaf Meeting November 1st, 2018

Next AGM

- Istanbul, Turkey April 12-14th, 2019

European Championships

- Para 27.5 - 2.6.2019
- Women's 26.6 – 3.7.2019 Lago di Ledro, Italy
- Youth 3.7 – 6.7.2019 Lago di Ledro, Italy
- Open 29.8 – 1.9.2019 Croatia
- Bids are open for Women's, Youth and Open for 2020 and 2021

Race Officials Exchange

- Meeting January 12-13th, 2019, Athens, Greece

European Sailing Academy (ESA)

There is a lot of research made about sailing in the universities. However, this information does not reach out to the sailors.

The idea is to gather researchers and sailors for one month a year to interact and create new knowledge. The beneficiaries are: MNAs, researchers, sailors, coaches and industry.

The setup: Four hour of classes in the morning, for about 30-40 people. Workshops in the afternoon. This will go on for one week. The classes will be visited by different industries for one day. In one month, there will be in total 28 classes. Accommodation, meals and tuition will be covered. Industry covers the travel costs.

Next step is to identify the people. Eurosaf needs input from the MNAs. For this to work Eurosaf has estimated the needs for a permanent structure of 3-5 people who will take care of the project. The intended budget for this project is round 200.000€. There is more to read about this inaugural project at the Eurosaf webpage <http://www.eurosaf.org/esa-west>

Nordic Sailing Federation, Group G Meeting November 1st, 2018 Chair Line Markert (DEN)

Final submissions discussion within Group G before council. Latest information from the Group G Council members Hans Natorp (DEN) and Ulfur Hrobjartsson (ISL) and guidance on how they should present their points of views in Council.

It was agreed that unless Group G has a significantly weighing reason to do otherwise then the Council members shall follow the opinions of expert committees.

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event Submission 037-18

Background and motivation by Group G Council Members Hans Natorp (DEN) and Ulfur Hrobjartsson (ISL)

Monopoly issue.

According to World Sailing lawyers World Sailing has to make sure that **no class is locked in** and that there is a **clear process on how equipment is selected** and **regularly evaluated**. In this way all boats can become Olympic Equipment if they fulfil these criteria.

Part two of the monopoly is the question of **manufacture** if there is only one manufacturer or not. This of course has to do with the owner of the design rather than World Sailing, but in order to make sure that there is **not a monopoly on Olympic Equipment**, then future Olympic agreement will state that the design should be **open for other manufactures**.

Gender equality

International Olympic Committee has made it clear **it wants gender equality** and **World Sailing** has **committed** to this in **November 2017**. This means not only the **same number of competitors** but also the **same number of events for each gender**. In **November 2017** it was decided that we would have **2 or 4 mixed events in Paris 2024**. In **May 2018** we saw a lot of ideas on how to solve that and ended up with **submission M22 18** that had **four mixed events** and **one of them being mixed single handed dinghy**. This was a very **slim majority in council 22-19** over keelboat. It was a vote where people were trying to save the Finn without knowing what kind of an event single handed mixed could be. We have had **time since May** to come up with a **solution on what** kind of an event **singlehanded mixed could be** and to be honest there has been no solution that looks like a proper event. The **best ideas** on that event **call for the same boat for men and women** and that then not be the Finn.

Submission 037-17

We also have to be very clear that the **vote for submission 37** was not about the Finn **it was about if we thought that a mixed offshore keelboat race would be better than a mixed singlehanded dinghy race**. Bearing in mind that the **event had to fulfil the International Olympic Committee agenda** and be **relevant in the Olympics**. As a consequence the Finn dinghy will lose its Olympics status in 2024.

The Keelboat solution was **supported by all expert committees (Equipment Committee, Events Committee, Athletes Committee, Constitution Committee)** and we have always thought we should listen to the experts. Councils decision was to support the Keelboat solution. Although council itself has sometimes gone the other way. There are a lot of emotions around the Finn with are very understandable but in my mind the choice was very clear and event where we have a known format and what is involved or an event where we have no clue what it is about. If we look at the Single-handed mixed submissions that where on the table then there was only one that could fit in the Finn and that was the **submission from the Finn class submission 047-18**. The problem with that submission was that it was not very precise, very open and unclear on what kind of an event this could be.

Regarding the cost of the equipment then there is a lot of unknown both with the single handed mixed and the keelboat. The **Finn duo mix solution called for a two-boat type campaign** and was not clear on what kind of training was involved. At the time the Cost question was not relevant in another way than that we hope that the event will not be too expensive.

And I just want to emphasize that the vote was not about the Finn but about an event that could make sense. We gave it half a year to come up with a solution that would keep the Finn in, but that solution did not show up.