

World Sailing#3 Match Racing Committee Meeting Minutes**Meeting Date:** 28.4.2025**Location:** Online – link is [here](#)**Commencement Time:** UTC 18.30**Members Present:**

Anne Malledant	Michael Röllich	Betsy Alison
Leatrice Oatley	Ute Monnin-Wagner	Michael O'Connor
Marios Zisimatos	Cory Sertl	Jim Morris
Corinne McKenzie		

Member Excused:

Annika Carlunger

Members Absent :

Nelson Horn Ilha, Luigi Bertini, Russell Green

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Chair's Opening Remarks

The Committee will not present any Working Group at the moment. Each area will be addressed by the Committee Teams.

b. Apologies for Absence

c. Minutes of the meeting 26.3.2025 approved.

d. Jim Morris – Director of Events

Introduction of Jim Morris, keen to learn about Match Racing and listened to key issues to drive MR forward.

e. Matters Arising

- Ute mentioned the suggestion to add a MR sailor on the Athlete Commission

2. Match Racing Committee Working Plan

a. Brief presentation of plan (pre-reading for everybody)

- the deadline for fixing the ranking might be tight as dependant on WS partnership with Stadion.

- Jim Morris went back to the history behind the issues. They are all linked to the partnership with Stadion and dependant to this. WS is on the topic and will endeavour to fix it in a timely manner but setting a deadline might prove difficult.

- Betsy raised the question to find existing videos to use during bids. CRM will ask the media team to point out the areas where the videos are stored.

- Michael O'Connor : the benefit of data is essential for events organisers, media and sailors. We need to centralise it.
- Ute mentioned that the Congressional Cup is organising their 60th edition and need to be celebrated on the WS website. This leads to the question of promotion of the event and also profiling the sailors, what is their role on the boat as an individual and as a team.
- Michael O'Connor some events have different initiatives that proved successful.
- Corinne RM recommends that the MRC list the different media operations to be included in a MR media manual for Hosts. WS Media team to relay the information when and where practicable.

b. Review of plan and updates

3. Working (Groups) Teams plans

a. Brief presentation of plans

- Grading and Rankings presented by Anne Malledant: the issues are not yet solved. Bugs in the scoring are new, 0 penalties, extracting by age and search functionalities. To list issues Youth events hosts need to comply with.
- Lettie would like to engage with Scott Dougal to discuss MR media and promotion. Corinne to set up a meeting with Lettie and Scott. That Hosts make available quality media output for WS to use and disseminate.
- Betsy : Blind MR : Betsy engaged with the Para Manager to outsource members in the Blind MR Team to form the Team with knowledgeable members in order to make the events plan.
- Youth events: The Youth MR Worlds will go to tender in the next few months for 2027, 2028, 2029.
- Nations Cup: Michael O'Connor : Focus on going to bid for the Nations Cup. Review of the bid document to raise interest of future bidders. Cory : it would be good to outline why this event is so compelling and has value. To make a Board paper to announce the next NC in 2027 or at the very earlier late 2026.
- what is WS involvement in selection per region? How do we guarantee that teams from developing nations will be invited. Important to show the board that this event will reach out to developing nations to enlarge the reach of MR. Michael = there is a wild card that can invite up and coming teams from underserved areas. And invitations per continent.
- Ute: the NC is for 100% nationals only. It is difficult to form the team in all the nations. It is a good opportunity for sailors to get to this level of competition. It is a challenge.
- Special Events : Special Events : there is another circuit in Ireland, then the finals in china,

b. Possible updates and decisions

4. Practical things

- a. Teams WhatsApp groups for easy communication with inclusion of Chair and VC.
- b. Team plans to be saved in Dropbox
- c. Processes : Teams report to the MRC, the MRC report to Council and to the Board
- d. To recommend that a member of the AC is from MR. Cory : this needs to go to Governance Committee. There is a working group working on the topic. Need to discuss how to identify

the sailor as rep.

- e. To find out the timelines that the CM needs to fulfil within the year. Corinne to find out.
- f. MR race management policies document. Not online. Check if it is. To post
- g. Ute inform about the training programmes
- h. Ute ask that we address the weight for women /

5. Any Other Business

- a. Possible things lifted up in matters arising
- b. Any other business
- c. Next meeting Tuesday 27 May 2025