

**World Sailing**  
**Growth of Sailing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday 11 June @ 1100 UTC

**Location:** Online via Microsoft Teams

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	
Malav Shroff (IND) – Chair	John Philp (FIJ)
Inga Jakobsone (LAT) – Vice Chair	Raynor Haagh (NZL)
Mengdi Zhang (CHN)	Irina Pérez Lerou (DOM)
Emma Hallén (SWE)	Maciej Szafran (POL)
David Covo (CAN)	Pınar Coşkuner Genç (TUR)
Barbora Bachrata (SVK)	Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)
Mohamed Alobeidli (UAE)	Albassel Ebrahim (EGY)
Luis Velasco (ARG)	
<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Sigrid Beckmann (MEX)
Mandiaye Diouf (SEN)	
<b><u>Also in Attendance:</u></b>	
Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX) – Vice President	Tomasz Chamera (POL) – Vice President
Catherine Duncan – WS Development Manager	Fiona Kidd – WS Head of International Development

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

- a. Opening Remarks – Chair  
Malav welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- b. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Alain Alcindor, Sigrid Beckmann and Mandiaye Diouf.

**2. Working Group Recommendations**

Each Regional working group presented their review of competitive and leisure sailing.

**Europe**

Barbora presented for Europe, detailing their recommendations from the first 2 topics, noting the recommendations were based on areas that World Sailing could influence:

**Competitive Sailing**

- Encouraging and supporting mentoring programmes, from MNAs and experts who are more experienced.
- Recognising and supporting Regional Games – supporting MNAs get sailing into regional games.
- Create space for and organise Cross-Committee meetings on selected topics such as reducing costs of participation in international regattas.

**Leisure Sailing**

- Seek and encourage regional cooperations including cross-border programmes and camps
- Support to market sailing locally, including exploring new pathways and how to attend sports events/fairs

- Continue providing programmes to develop local structures and sailing professionals.

### **Africa**

Albassel shared the recommendations from Africa:

#### **Competitive Sailing**

- Events and Competitions – support for events from local regattas and school sailing to regional and international level events and exposure
- Partnerships and Funding – support for finding funding through public-private partnerships, corporate sponsorship and grants.
- Tourism and Blue Economy Integration – how sailing can support tourism and job creation.

#### **Leisure Sailing**

- Infrastructure Development – access to equipment and support for clubs and boat building facilities
- Education & Training – coach and instructor training and support to establish sailing programmes.
- Community Engagement – water safety education and inclusive campaign support

### **Oceania**

Raynor presented the recommendations from Oceania, focusing on impact World Sailing could have:

#### **Competitive Sailing**

- Tailor a programme to address gap – expand the Emerging Nations Programme and set up regional training hubs
- Support High Performance Programmes – leverage strengths in the region and help neighbouring countries work together
- Work with Olympic/Youth Classes – ensure affordable equipment is available so more nations can take part.

#### **Leisure Sailing**

- Influence classes to improve access - work with manufacturers to reduce costs
- WS Strategy around Special Events – support to leverage special events to support countries and leave lasting impacts
- Encourage local identities – promote regional sailing traditions through events and initiatives.

### **Americas**

Luis and David presented on the recommendations from the Americas:

#### **Competitive Sailing**

- Building a Pan-American talent development network – including centres of excellence for training
- Development a sustainable regatta circuit for regional high-quality competition
- Invest in Inclusive Access and maritime heritage

#### **Leisure Sailing**

- Training for those who run programmes to help increase the number of coaches.

- Build coastal access through sailing infrastructure and tourism – including exploring sailing in resorts.
- Create an ‘Open Waters’ Public participation campaign
- Integrate cultural heritage and climate awareness into leisure sailing
- Engaging participants through digital communication and social media.

Luis noted the importance of having regional events.

David also added importance of sharing best practise with programmes from different regions and identifying opportunities in new programmes and initiatives and funding that might be available.

#### **Asia**

Mohamed presented the recommendations from Asia:

##### **Competitive Sailing**

- Equipment Strategy – explore equipment pricing options and options for different body types and shapes.
- Para Sailing Programmes – increase the outreach of para sailing programmes within Asia
- Increase the outreach of Optimist sailing

##### **Leisure Sailing**

- Establish Para Sailing Programmes – full integration if para sailing programmes in society
- Organising family and community sailing events
- Integration of sailing in the school curriculum

### **3. Discussion of the recommendations**

Malav summarised the common themes from each of the regions in these recommendations:

##### **Competitive Sailing**

- Leverage regional events more to create low-cost competitions, especially for youth
- Reduce costs of equipment to buy and rent
- Change equipment in Olympic where 80% of MNAs must be able to access and participate in at least east 60-80% of events in Olympics
- Create funding opportunities to fund training in developing countries for sailing pathways
- Parasailing should be a part of sailing across the MNAs

##### **Leisure Sailing**

- Create a pathway for sailing in each continent to create new entrants at grassroots and retain current ones
- Create access to second hand boats for developing countries
- Create grassroot hubs and programs through community engagement at clubs, schools, hotel/resorts and other access points
- MNAs must Leverage major events in their countries and regions to promote the sport
- MNAs to involve governments through Blue Economic and tourism initiatives across the world

Discussion then moved to different experiences and programmes to support some of the key topics discussed, for example equipment manufacturers offering free equipment when a certain amount of boats are purchased and MNAs who are already offering mentoring programmes.

<p>Malav then challenged the group to ensure the recommendations were actionable and something World Sailing could help with.</p>
<p><b>4. <u>Sailing Activity Definitions</u></b></p> <p>Catherine, Raynor and Borka presented the sailing activity definitions which have been created to guide the discussions between the committee and to help guide answers to the proposed survey.</p> <p>The documents included activity name, a description of the activity and the inclusion of the Long-Term Athlete Development Model to ensure Age and stage appropriateness. It was also clarified the stages aren't linear, people don't have to move to the next section, they can stay where they are.</p> <p>It was agreed the definitions of each activity are confirmed and the final decision on the names would be made in the July meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. <u>Survey Discussion</u></b></p> <p>Discussion then moved to the draft of the survey. Beatriz asked if the survey was collecting data over two periods so a comparison could be made. Catherine clarified this survey was only for a year period to collect the baseline data, so that comparison could be made in the future.</p> <p><b>Action: Malav asked for the survey to be sent on 30<sup>th</sup> June and for the committee members to provide one final piece of feedback so it could be finalised.</b></p>
<p><b>6. <u>Development Symposium</u></b></p> <p>Fiona gave an update on the proposed schedule for the Development Symposium in November outlining the symposium sessions within the conference schedule.</p> <p>Malav noted the committee meeting on 9 July will be dedicated to discussion on the content of the Development Symposium Sessions,</p>
<p><b>7. <u>Date and Time for the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 9 July at 1100 UTC.</p>