

The Oceanic and Offshore Committee met virtually at 1000 UTC on 16 July 2025

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Committee Members Present:

Matt Allen - Chair	Charlie Enright	Katrin Adloff
Corinne Migraine – Vice-Chair	Johan Tuvstedt	Orhan Ref K Gorbon
Bruno Finzi	Denise Caffari	Tatiana Almeida
Thomas Nilsson	Alan Massey – Int Regs Chair	Glen Stanaway – Sailor Categorisation Chair

Others Present:

Katrina Ham - WS Offshore & Safety Manager	Jaime Navarro – Director of Technical & Offshore	Joseph M Pla - Vice-President
James Dadd – SRSC Chair	Richard Hinterhoeller – SREC Vice Chair	

Apologies:

Yasutaka Funazawa	David Hughes - Vice-President	Lee Pilsung
Mariana Douka	Jennifer Hall	Damian Foxall

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Chair's Opening Remarks

Matt Allen welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their time and contributions to the Committee. In addition to welcoming Vice-President Joseph M Pla, he noted two changes to the agenda. It was noted that the Major Oceanic Event Organisers would be covered as part of item 4v regarding the Oceanic Panel and that item 3b would be held until the end of the meeting to allow more discussion time.

b. Apologies for Absence

c. Minutes of the meeting on 8 April 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 8th of April were noted as approved.

d. Matters Arising

No matters arising were raised.

2. Executive Office Update

a. An update from the Executive Office

Katrina Ham and Jaime Navarro provided an update from the Executive Office including noting that the proposal portal had been launched. While outlining the portal, it was noted that

templates and deadlines are available online. Katrina Ham also outlined the differences regarding changes to the Offshore Special Regulations and welcomed members contact the Executive Office if they have any questions.

An update was provided regarding the annual conference, noting that the Oceanic and Offshore meeting would take place on the 6th of November.

b. Offshore Strategy

Katrina Ham outlined the background of the project, noting the links to the Olympic Vision and the World Sailing Strategy – Ready for the future. Emphasising the objective aligning expectations as well as raising awareness and advocacy within the other Committees and structures at World Sailing Katrina Ham noted the desire to creating a document that the entire federation could get behind. Noting the importance bring others within the World Sailing structure as well as the wider offshore community into the process, Katrina Ham detailed the plan for consultation. Noting the importance of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee, she welcomed feedback from members. When offering feedback, Alan Massey questioned the focus on racing, questioning the potential to including racing. The importance of keelboat racing was also highlighted. Joseph M Pla highlighted the importance of this work, noting the need to be inclusive while Jaime Navarro reported on the additional objectives of the document to engage with other departments within the Executive Office. Katrina Ham encouraged members to review the document and welcomed feedback be sent via email by the 20th of July.

c. Classes on review

Glen Stanaway provided an update on the work of the Equipment Committee. Referencing regulations and policies, Glen Stanaway detailed the process undertaken by the Working Group to make the recommendation to the Board to review the International Windsurfer Class Association, International Melges 20 Class Association, International Fireball Class Association, X-35 International Class Association, International Tasar Association, International 505 Class Yacht Racing Association, International Micro Copper Class Association, International B14 Class Association, International Dart 18 Class Association, International Kiteboarding Association - Open Class, International Melges 32 Class Association and International RS500 Class Association. It was noted that the reasons for being placed in review varied and that all Classes were being the opportunity to resolve the outstanding issues ahead of the Annual Conference. Joseph M Pla emphasised the importance of supporting participation and inclusivity.

3. Special Regulations Sub-Committee

James Dadd provided an update on the work of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, noting the contributions of Richard Hinterhoeller and Glen Stanaway.

a. [Minutes of the meeting on 4 April 2025](#)

b. [Minutes of the meeting on 9 June 2025](#)

c. Proposals

James Dadd reported that several proposals have been received to date and would start to be

considered at the upcoming meeting on the 25th of July. He outlined the potential challenges of the new governance model, noting that the Oceanic and Offshore Committee may be asked to consider proposals after the Annual Conference to allow proposals to be included in the next edition of the Offshore Special Regulations.

4. Work Plan

a. To review the work plan

Matt Allen provided an update on the work plan, noting that the Board has approved Stan Honey and Jeremy Wilton to be added to the Technology Working Party. It was clarified that the Stability Working Party and the Offshore Advisory Panel from the previous quad have developed into the new working groups in the plan. The need for working parties to work proactively with minimal reliance on the Executive Office was also highlighted.

b. To receive updates from the working groups:

i. Stability Working Group

Richard Hinterhoeller provided an update on the Stability Working Group. Outlining the research into the Recreational Craft Directive markings and the application of the ISO standard, he noted that a report is expected in the coming weeks and would be shared with the Committee.

ii. Advocacy Working Group

Denise Caffari thanked the members of the working group and outlined the ambitions for advocacy going forward to include advocacy on safety, technology and sustainability.

iii. Offshore Advisory Group / Double Handed Working Group

Matt Allen provided an update, noting the potential of two groups with separate focus areas. He noted the desire to expand the group looking to design a potential event for Brisbane 2032, with the potential for a second group looking at co-ordinating a double-handed calendar.

iv. Technology/Offshore event organisers forum

Noting the editions of Stan Honey and Jeremy Wilton, Matt Allen provide an update on progress. He outlined the plans to hold a meeting with Organising Authorities (cat 1-3 races), MNA's and other stakeholders on the afternoon of the 7th of November. He noted that the ambition would be to have remote attendees from around the world and welcomed participation from OOC members. Technology, AI, Outside Assistance and the Offshore Special Regulations were noted as potential agenda topics. Bruno Finzi noted that these plans should be promoted soon as many people will have or be in the process of booking travel arrangements.

v. Oceanic Panel

Corinne Migraine outlined ambitions for the working group, noting the opportunity to build on the Major Oceanic Event Organisers meetings of previous years.

5. 2025 Offshore Double Handed World Championship

Katrina Ham provided an update on the preparations for the 2025 event. It was noted that 23 teams have confirmed their entry, with a potential 24th team. These 24 teams would represent 15 MNA's from 6 continents, with approximately 50% of participants coming from outside Europe. It was also noted that Johan Tuvstedt would be Chair of the Technical Committee at the event.

The sharing the details known to date regarding the 2026 event, Katrina Ham noted that there was some uncertainty over the number of boats that would be available, and potentially not 20 as expected. Katrina Ham noted that more information would be shared as it becomes available. It was noted that the expected location would be Marseille in either September or October.

While discussing the longer-term ambitions for the event, the decision to not include an offshore double handed event at the 2027 Sailing World Championships was noted. Jaime Navarro emphasised that this decision was taken noting that the selection panel noted that there was already a track record of World Championships events and that inclusion in a Sailing World Championship would not be a criteria for consideration as a potential Olympic event. Noting the increased understanding of the challenges and opportunities following the recent editions, Katrina Ham noted how this would influence the tender process going forward. She also highlighted the need for the event to be sustainable without the same level of support from the Executive Office. She also welcomed feedback from the Committee on success criteria for the event going forward. Bruno Finzi highlighted the importance to start to work toward a tender process for 2027 as soon as possible.

6. AOB

Bruno Finzi highlighted the work of the Universal Measurement System in the development of a UMS sail sticker. It was agreed that it is a great development for owners and should be celebrated. Noting the potential need to consider proposals ahead of the Annual Conference as required by the governance reforms, it was noted that a meeting would be planned for 0900-1030UTC on the 8th of October. The meeting closed at 1130UTC.