

Meeting Minutes

EC Meeting Date: 2 June 2026 | **Time:** 12:00 EST

Attendees

All EC members were present, as was Bruce Millar for the Technical Committee.

1. New Boat Production (Ontario Yachts)

Bruce reported limited recent communication from Ontario Yachts. Boat 1 is saleable and in use, while Boat 2 is not yet fully rigged. Communication has been minimal, with John Finch providing updates. John Seepe is on scene in Ontario to sail it after the meeting concludes.

3. Communication with Rafa and Related Events

Limited updates were available on boat building efforts associated with Rafa (Spain / Portugal context). Questions from the Russians regarding charter boats were redirected to Rafa, with no response received to date. Discussions with Hannah and related parties continue.

4. Netherlands Worlds (Sneek) Preparations

Heiko provided updates following conversations with Frank and Maria:

- **Media and promotion (photographer, drone footage):** a request for €2,250 support was reviewed. The committee unanimously approved covering the full amount or the funding gap, depending on the organisers' existing budget. Heiko will follow up with Maria for clarification.
- **Trophies:** organisers will proceed with available trophies; no team trophy is required.
- **Social events:** opening ceremony, midweek party, closing ceremony, and a potential boat ride / city event are anticipated. Further details to be requested from Maria.
- **Registrations:** approximately 79 registered, with 56 paid. Unpaid registrations remain.

Peter Russell is coordinating with the SIs, with updates expected shortly.

5. Portugal and Future Events

Discussion covered Portugal event logistics, including registration and refund policies. The committee noted the importance of clear refund policies in Notices of Race to provide transparency for sailors while supporting organisers' planning needs. Further dialogue with Hannah is planned, particularly regarding promotion of the upcoming Poland event at this year's Worlds.

6. Technical Committee (TC) Matters

- **Carbon fibre components:** Heiko raised experiences with small carbon parts (e.g. profiles, levers) and their practical advantages over alternatives such as stainless steel or GRP. The committee acknowledged ongoing discussions, including World Sailing approvals for certain carbon elements (e.g. cleat boards). Emphasis was placed on clear rule descriptions, size limitations, and non-structural applications. Members are encouraged to submit photos and details of encountered items to the TC for review.
- Other TC items, including judges and event arrangements (end of July / start of August), will be addressed in the upcoming TC meeting.

7. Membership Dues (NCAS)

Michael was requested to provide an updated list of paid and unpaid members to support follow-up communications.

8. Meeting Schedule

No formal EC meeting is scheduled before the Worlds, given members' travel and summer schedules. Urgent matters will be handled via email. The next meeting date will be determined during in-person discussions at the Worlds in Sneek. Most EC and TC members plan to attend.

Decisions and Motions

- **Motion:** approve support of up to €2,250 for media and promotional activities (photography and drone footage) for the Netherlands Worlds, covering the full amount or the gap as needed after confirmation with organisers. **Vote:** unanimous approval.

Action Items

- **Heiko:** follow up with Maria on media budget and social events details.
- **John / Heiko:** coordinate with Hannah on Portugal / Poland information for sharing at Worlds.
- **Michael:** prepare membership dues status report.
- **TC:** address SIs updates, carbon rules clarifications, and other technical items.
- **All:** provide any urgent items via email prior to Worlds.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded amicably, with participants looking forward to in-person discussions at the Worlds.