

19 OCTOBER 2026

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: 12PM EST

Location: Virtual

Chair: John

Recorder: John (draft minutes to be circulated)

Attendees

- John (Chair / Secretary)
- Bruce (Technical Committee)
- Fia
- Niko
- Mikael
- Daglig (Norway / Tonsberg planning representative)
- Jon (Norway)

Apologies / Absent

- Heiko

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

John opened the meeting after resolving connectivity issues by relocating to obtain internet access. Attendance was confirmed. Heiko was absent.

2. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (BRUCE)

Bruce reported that the Technical Committee (TC) had not been particularly busy over the summer. Activities included routine cleanup, updates to the management manual, Worlds information, and workflow processes following events. Peter has been active on documentation.

Limited rule changes are proposed at this stage, primarily related to buoyancy certificates and new boats. Several items will be advanced to the AGM.

People are stepping down from TC roles this year. Recruitment is required. Norway has been the most active on the TC side recently; Jon and Mikael were asked to approach Norwegian contacts about serving. Broader recruitment from National Class Associations (NCAs) is also needed.

AGM date: Confirmed as 6 February (as previously circulated). John will issue a formal notice to NCAs and post it on available pages, aiming for distribution by the following day.

The TC will meet on Wednesday and can address outstanding items, including jury and measurement matters.

3. NORWAY WORLDS HOSTING (TONSBERG NORWEGIAN ORGANIZERS)

Eric (daily manager of the Tönsberg planning group) presented an information folder/draft for the event (recently shared with the EC). Key points:

- Pre-race/training race likely Friday–Saturday (23–24).
- Registration and measurement commence on the 26th.
- Facilities are substantial (large land base, commerce, capacity for large dinners, ample dock space including guest areas; past fleets of ~42 boats accommodated with room remaining).
- Autonomous marks available.
- Snipes (junior event) will sail concurrently but are not expected in large numbers; main Snipe Europeans follow the week after.
- Preference is not to split the 2.4 fleet; organizers are prepared for a substantial entry.

Jury / Protest Committee: Concerns raised regarding the number of international jury members required. Organizers prefer a predominantly local jury with limited international members (citing cost and logistics; prior experience with Snipe and Melges 24 events). World Sailing rules generally require at least three international jury members, with the chairman typically from another country. Remote/off-site participation is possible under certain conditions (precedent exists from Italy). No formal request has yet been submitted to World Sailing. This will be discussed at the TC meeting on Wednesday for guidance. Organizers will clarify exact requirements and prepare a request.

Measurement: Primary concern is availability of experienced measurers if key individuals (Options include Norwegian personnel). Cross-checking between participating sailors was also discussed as a contingency. Time remains to coordinate; TC meeting on Wednesday will provide further input. Norwegian NCA meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

Charter Boats / Loaner Boats: Limited one-design boats available locally in Norway (mostly custom or open). Organizers are surveying non-participating owners. Potential sources include Finnish boats (possibly 4–6) and German boats (subject to availability and transport coordination, noting possible conflict if Tom is required in Poland). The class facilitates information exchange rather than directly organizing charters.

Registration, NOR, and Logistics:

- TC will respond promptly to 2.4mR World Championship 2027 Preliminary Notice and NOR documents
- Target for Notice of Race (NOR) is before Christmas. TC is prepared to review drafts promptly.
- Credit-card payment capability is planned (important for non-European participants).
- Registration should collect mobility-device / disability / assistant information to support dock planning.
- Dock assignment recommended (pre-assigned spaces) rather than free-for-all.
- Preference for wider, stable finger piers suitable for para sailors (experience in Portugal noted).
- Social program, camping options, ferry/tunnel routing (recommend tunnel for trailers), and trailer storage during extended stays should be clearly communicated.
- NCA membership verification required as part of registration (not consistently enforced since 2020).
- Courses: Preference for standard windward-leeward with offset and gate as per management manual; multiple areas available according to conditions.

Promotion and Funding: Opportunity for post-event tourism noted. Class funding may be available via bid to the ICA/NCA/ESI for items such as photography. Mikael (finance) can advise on the process.

Organizers will continue preparation, remain in contact with the TC, and welcome feedback on the information folder.

4. DATE OVERLAP WITH INCLUSIVE WORLDS (POLAND) AND WORLD SAILING / PARA MATTERS

Dates of the Norway Worlds and the Inclusive Worlds in Poland are identical.

Prior informal discussions (October 2025) were interpreted by World Sailing as lack of interest, which was incorrect. IPC decision on whether sailing returns to the Paralympics is pending (possibly May 2027).

Class position (consensus): Proceed with Norway as the class World Championship. Many sailors have already booked travel and accommodation. The class will continue to express interest in future Para equipment evaluation.

World Sailing's focus is currently on maximizing participating countries rather than specific classes.

5. OTHER CLASS MATTERS

- **Trophies:** The Queen Sylvia Cup (Para World Champion trophy) has been located in the United States and is in the process of being recovered.
- **AGM and Roles:** Positions up for election to be clarified in the forthcoming NCA notice. Recruitment for TC and other roles is a priority. New blood is considered healthy for the class.
- **Finance (Portugal / related event):** Michael is compiling reimbursement information (boat transport, travel). Incomplete data remains on some claims (number of boats transported, ownership, etc.). John will facilitate a single consolidated communication to participants to clarify outstanding items. Spreadsheet to be updated.

6. COMMUNICATION AND NCA ENGAGEMENT

Concern was expressed that information sent to NCAs is not always reaching individual members. John will request acknowledgements and will also post material on class pages. AGM-related communications are considered especially important.

7. NEXT MEETING AND ACTIONS

Next EC meeting: 2 November 2026 (preferred over a later date to close current open items).

Key Actions:

- John: Circulate AGM notice
- Bruce / TC: Discuss jury request process and measurement options on Wednesday; review NOR draft when available.
- Norway organizers: Prepare World Sailing jury request (with TC guidance); continue NOR drafting; collect mobility information in registration; provide feedback opportunity on information folder.
- Mikael: Continue finance compilation; advise on any class funding bids.
- All: Recruit for EC & TC roles.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Norwegian organizers for their preparation and attendance, and appreciation for open discussion on all topics. Participants were wished well, and Heiko was to be sent regards.

Recorded by: John Seepe, Class Secretary