



International 49er Class Association 30th Annual Meeting of the World Council

The 30th annual meeting of the World Council of the International 49er Class Association was held in person, on 4th October, 2025 in Cagliari, Italy. The meeting commenced at 1900 hours.

Minutes

1. Apologies were received from Julian Bethwaite, David Campbell James, Annette Duetz, Helene Naess, and Chris Turner. Those in attendance are recorded at the bottom of these minutes. A quorum was recorded as met by having more than 18 members of the world council present.
2. Minutes of the last meeting of the 2024 World Council Meeting were accepted as previously circulated.
3. Verbal Reports of World Sailing and Executive Meetings held since the last World Council Meeting. The main discussion points were:
 - 3.1. Executive agreed to increase in Sail levy fee from \$100 per sail to 9% of MSRP per sail. Additional funds to finance additional staffing costs and additional programming (electronic starting, drone flying)
 - 3.2. WS to put 4 events up for review at the upcoming WS annual meeting. 49er and FX unlikely to be nominated, and were the only Events to receive 100% support from the MNA survey. The full report listed 49er/FX as the 5/6 top race events however, so some evolution may be requested during a likely anti-monopoly review initiated by WS.
 - 3.3. WS likely to approve a new format for LA2028 at the upcoming annual conference. The anticipated change is the reason this upcoming 2025 worlds has a different format from the past, and we hope our experience will help inform the WS community to make a sound set of choices.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. The financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024 were approved as presented
 - 4.2. The actual vs. budget for the year to end 31 December 2025 was presented and approved
 - 4.3. The budget for the year to end 31 December 2026 was approved
5. Ordinary Resolutions
 - Matt McGovern (IRL) – President, re-elected for another 2-year term to end at the AGM in 2027
 - Laura Harding (AUS) – Vice-President elected for a 2-year term to end at the AGM in 2027
 - Evie Haseldine (AUS) withdrew her nomination for VP
 - Maria Cantero (ESP) – Vice-President elected for a 2-year term to end at the AGM in 2027



- Max Paul (AUS) – VP of 49er elected unanimously for a 2-year term to AGM 2027

The class would like to extend our thanks to long serving vice presidents Annette Duetz, Helene Naess, and Jim Colley for their support over the years.

6. Special Resolutions

- 6.1. SR1 – Defeated unanimously – No to unlimited length forestay for FX, however the class members expressed interest in having a spec change to put an adjustable turnbuckle on the forestay so that teams can more easily meet the current length limit requirements.
 - 6.2. SR2 – Passed unanimously – Class to aim at getting best possible deal from Vakaros, and to facilitate rental availability for new teams entering the class.
 - 6.3. SR3 – Defeated unanimously – teams retain the ability to wear helmets when every they wish to, but it need not be mandatory
 - 6.4. SR4 – passed unanimously (9 votes for, the remaining were abstentions) – Cable ties to be allowed to secure batten pockets.
7. The 31st meeting of the International 49er Class World Council will be just ahead of the 2026 World Championship.
8. General Discussion and Any Other Business (no decisions can be made under this heading)
- 8.1. It was noted that a cool way to promote the class is by carrying a helmet cam or similar during racing, and then publishing cool edits of moments during competitions. To clarify, class rule C.5.2(e) allows this if it is in the NOR or SI. At the 2025 worlds and as part of the standard class NOR we already permit this, SI 33.2 at the 2025 Worlds.
 - 8.2.
9. In attendance: Matt McGovern (Pres), Emile Amoros (VP), John Clinton (CRH), Barry Johnson (Chairman of the Technical Committee), and delegates from: CAN, SUI, GBR, GER, BEL, AUS, NED, ITA, HKG, URU, NOR, EST, DEN, NZL, ESP, FIN, USA, POL, IRL, FRA, JPN