

ISAF Committees

Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To integrate windsurfing and kiteboarding fully into the ISAF committee structure in the same way that other mainstream classes and equipment are.

Proposal

The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee should be discontinued.

Current Position

The Terms of Reference of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee are to:

- (a) consider and make recommendations to the Council on matters affecting the ISAF kiteboarding and windsurfing classes;
- (b) liaise with the Equipment Control Sub-committee and other committees on matters affecting windsurfing and kiteboarding classes;
- (c) propose changes to the Windsurfing or kiteboarding Competition Rules to the Racing Rules Committee when appropriate; and
- (d) monitor and develop all technical aspects of windsurfing and kiteboarding in conjunction with relevant ISAF Committees.

Reasons

1. Windsurfing and Kiteboarding are now mainstream elements of the sport of sailing. ISAF policy and activities for these classes are already managed across ISAF committees in the same way that other dinghy and keel-boat activities are.
 - Events Committee is responsible for windsurfing and kiteboarding events beyond those run by the classes;
 - Equipment Committee and the Equipment Control Sub-committee are responsible for equipment control;
 - Class Rules Sub-committee is responsible for windsurfer and kiteboard equipment rules;
 - Race Officials Committee trains race officials in all events and for all equipment types;
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- Racing Rules addresses racing rules, and already liaises with windsurfing and kiteboarding experts in the same way as it does with others such as Radio Control classes;
- Classes Committee represents the classes and can make representations to Council.

No changes to the terms of reference of these other committees is required as they already have these responsibilities.

2. The Windsurfer and Kiteboarding Committee is therefore currently a committee of Council, but with no policy responsibility. Maintaining a committee for this element of the sport of sailing is also inconsistent with how other elements of the sport are governed. For instance there is no multi-hull, dinghy or keel-boat committee, or radio-controlled committee.
 3. In common with other ISAF classes, windsurfing and kiteboarding classes can make submissions on matters affecting them, and are represented on Council through the chairman of the ISAF Classes committee.
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