

## **2024 Olympic Sailing Competition**

### Windsurfing Format

A submission from the International Raceboard Class Association

#### Purpose or Objective

To propose format for the Olympic windsurfing events Medal Race. Same format to be considered for other events which culminate in a medal race (ie rather than knockout rounds)

#### Proposal

*1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed in Medal Race should be Gold, Silver and Bronze medal*

*To have multiple parallel starting lines with higher placed sailors (1 to 3) from earlier races on starting line closer to wind. Sailors placed 4-10 on starting line further away from wind. Downwind distance between the two lines determined by wind intensity.*

*Medal Race course design to disincentivize lower placed sailors from gambling on corners.*

#### Current Position

Current Medal race is confusing for viewers with winner not necessarily ending up with a medal let alone the gold medal.

#### Reasons

Viewers expect first three past the line to be gold, silver and bronze medal.

Grid system provides natural advantage to top three sailors. Extraordinary performance from sailors 4-10 would allow them to compete for a medal making it exciting viewing where catch up takes place.