

**2024 Olympic Sailing Competition**

Olympic Equipment

A submission from US Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To select equipment for 2024 Olympic Games

Proposal

Current Event & Equipment	2024 Events – May 2018	2024 Equipment Proposal
Men's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Retained	New Equipment
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Retained	New Equipment
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	New Event - Mixed One-Person Dinghy	Whatever equipment is chosen for the Women's Singlehanded Event or New Equipment
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	New Event - Mixed Two Person Dinghy	New Equipment
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	New Event Mixed Kite	New Equipment

*\* Note the equipment for this event is under Olympic Equipment Re-evaluation if retained.*

Equipment Criteria for Men and Women Windsurfer

**Criteria to be approved by Council through other submissions.**

Equipment Criteria for Mixed One-Person Dinghy:

Equipment: Whatever equipment is chosen for the Women's Singlehanded event, or new equipment.

Format proposal; Team Racing, either 2 on 2, 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 utilizing existing athletes otherwise qualified in other events. Provided boats.

Equipment Criteria for Mixed Two Person Dinghy:

**Criteria to be approved by Council through other submissions.**

Equipment Criteria for Mixed Kite:

**Criteria to be approved by Council through other submissions.**

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Current Position

As above.

Reasons

This submission is a format submission and unfortunately neither regulation 23 nor our current event titles deal with format. The template above is not particularly well suited for a format discussion either. However, it is absurd to go off and conduct selection trials without first considering the format for the event. Format is more important than equipment, particularly with an oddball event description such as Mixed Singlehanded Dinghy. Since our current regulation 23 is so poorly designed to consider formats, this submitter requests some leeway from the Constitution Committee and the President in determining the validity of this submission.

This submission proposes team racing for the mixed singlehanded event utilizing existing athletes that otherwise qualified in other events. The team racing to be conducted in provided boats. The competition could be either 2 on 2, 3 on 3 or 4 on 4.

In general, the team racing would be conducted as follows;

- Single round robin knock out competition between two teams.
- Seeding method to be determined at a future date.
- Target time for each race about ten minutes.
- Simplification of team racing rules and call book between now and 2020.
- Full graphic national flag sails.
- Winner is first to three points in each match.
- Gold medal determined in the final race.

The decision on whether the team racing would be 2 on 2, 3 on 3, or even 4 on 4 should be taken at a later date. This submitter recommends 3 on 3 as it provides the best team racing and would require that each team utilize at least one athlete from an event other than men's and women's singlehanded dinghy, and this guarantees a second medal opportunity to athletes other than the singlehanded sailors. Any nation that qualifies at least three athletes including at least one of the other gender would be eligible. Any nation that qualifies two athletes of each gender would be required to utilize two men and two women at some point in the competition. Exact details to be worked out in conjunction with IOC to ensure that 3 on 3 would meet the gender equity requirement. If the equipment for mixed singlehanded dinghy was the same as the provided equipment utilized for women's singlehanded dinghy (e.g. Laser Radial) then this proposal would be extremely low cost to the Olympic organizer. This event could easily be conducted at Sailing World Cup events in boats that are brought by competitors. An additional advantage of utilizing existing athletes is that the quotas for the other nine events could be substantially greater. Greater quotas in the universal classes is a huge incentive for emerging nations seeking to qualify for the Olympic Games in Sailing.

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An alternative equipment choice could be to utilize a provided boat that was also selected as Paralympic Games equipment. What if the host provided a sloop rigged dinghy such as the Hansa 303 to be used singlehanded in the Olympics as a second medal opportunity and then with minor rigging changes the same fleet was utilized as provided equipment in the Paralympic Games. Perhaps the Paralympic Games would adopt a team racing format as well. But in any case, this synergy could boost our chances of being selected for the Paralympic Games, reduce access barriers and costs to Paralympic sailors, and create opportunities for Olympic and Paralympic sailors to train together in the same boats. And low technology boats are great for team racing.

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