

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Regulation 24.4.9

A submission from the Chairman of the SL16 International Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To assist MNAs in developing their Youth Multihull programs by specifying a single multihull class for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 24.4.9 as follows:

The Classes for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships are:

Boy's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
Girl's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
Boy's Two Person Dinghy - 420
Girl's Two Person Dinghy - 420
Boy's Windsurfer - RS:X with the 8.5m rig
Girl's Windsurfer - RS:X with the 8.5m rig
Open High Performance Dinghy - 29er
Open Multihull - ~~Hobie 16 with spinnaker or~~ Sirena SL16

Pursuant to Regulation 24.1.2, no class shall remain on the approved list for more than four years without obtaining ISAF Class status.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. With a new multihull support, the Nacra 17, at the Olympic Games from 2016, it is crucial to keep a multihull at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
 2. Currently, the multihull is the least well supported event within the ISAF Youth World Championships; its average fleet size (2006-2014) is 15 boats whereas the average across all fleet is 27 boats. With the current regulation the equipment for the multihull event can change from 2017. The SL16 International Class Association and the SL16 retailer Sirena Voile wish to increase the size of the multihull fleet. The lack of long term visibility may discourage MNA investment in youth multihull equipment or programs. Whereas if the SL16 is chosen as unique and official multihull to at least 2020, MNAs will have a greater certainty of the class to be used at these championships in future years, and will therefore be more
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likely to invest in youth multihull sailing in their country and region. The short term program may also reduce the investment for the equipment manufacturer Sirena Voile.

3. Furthermore, the SL 16 Class Association has shown its ability by the past to organize clinics in France, or abroad, with coaches.
 4. An under 19 years old multihull support must stay accessible to teenager's physical characteristics. The gap may be high between any kind of multihull specially developed for youth sailors and a Nacra 17 but it would be very dangerous to youth sailors and to the youth multihull development to select a boat that do not fit to teenagers under 19 years old. A multihull without daggerboards is highly recommended by sports doctors and experts and also supported by many youth sailors and coaches.
 5. It is a well-known fact that to quickly develop a multihull support for youth sailors around the world, it is vital to use a boat that already has a second hand fleet and a market of spare parts. Today, around 850 SL16 have been sold around the world (mostly in France, Dubai, Switzerland, United States of America, Belgium, Turkey, Ireland, Cyprus and Spain). Those boats can be sold at preferential price to create the first fleets.
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