

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Delete Hobie 16 - Regulation 24.4.9

A submission from the SL 16 International Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To assist MNAs in developing Youth Multihull Program by specifying a single Multihull class for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.

Proposal

24.4.9 The Classes for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship are:

Boy's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial

Girl's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial

Boy's Two Persons Dinghy – 420

Girl's Two Persons 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 SL 16

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. Currently the multihull is the least well-supported event within the ISAF Youth World Championships; its average fleet size is 15 boats (2006-2012) whereas the average across all other fleets is more important. Choosing clearly a Class, without any doubt of any possible switching from one year to the next, could give the insurance to MNAs to make efficient investment.
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2. With the Multihull back for 2016 Olympics Games, it is now time to establish the Catamaran for the Youth program, **with all modern equipment**: rotation, spreaders, new generation of hulls and sails.
 3. Since ISAF has selected the SL 16 in 2005 (after an evaluation of multihull equipment), the choice of the organizers has been: SL 16 in **2008, 2010, 2011, 2012 and now selected for 2013 and 2014**. Furthermore, the SL 16 International Class Association is now powerful enough to help the MNAs to start Youth Cat Programs: with three International trainings per year, and with **13 nations and 6 continents** at the last SL 16 Open World Championship in July 2012.
 4. With the economic crisis, all the ISAF partners need to have the keys to make **efficient strategic choices and investments** for the future: ISAF, MNAs, and Builder. A clear choice is one of the most important keys, and would perfectly comply with the new regulation 24.4.8, which requires long-term agreement between ISAF and Boat Builder.
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