

Olympic Sailing Competition Scoring System

A submission from the International RS:X Class Association

Proposal

In the light of the ISAF Olympic Commission report, which highlighted the urgent need for sailing to attract more TV coverage, the ISAF should conduct an urgent study in order to identify a new scoring system for use at the Olympic regatta which potential sailing fans could more easily understand

Current Position

The low points scoring system is used at the Olympic Regatta with the final race of the series – the medal race - counting double points and not discard-able.

Reason

The medal race is not necessarily delivering the 'winner is the gold medallist' concept and is still causing confusion. In order for the sport to develop its base of National Sailing Federations, it has to attract more sports fans worldwide, who may currently know nothing about sailing. We have to grab their attention and hold it. One way of doing this is to make our scoring system quick and easy to understand by ensuring that it includes concepts widely used in other sports.
