

RS:X Class Format

A submission from the International RS:X Class Association

Proposal

In order to ensure that the RS:X Format of Racing used at the Olympic Regatta, The ISAF Sailing World Cup Events and Class championships evolves and is optimized to allow racing in windy conditions the following changes should be made;

Races

- Max number of Races per day in displacement or marginal conditions – **2**
- Max number of Races per day in planing conditions - **4**
4 races in one day may only be sailed if the event is behind schedule
- Max number of consecutive days where 3 or more races may be raced – **2**
- Maximum number of races in a series - **14**

Target Times

- Target Time for all races - **25** minutes
- Mark #1 Time Limit – **10** minutes
- Time Limit - **40** minutes

Note:

All other details of the format being currently used should remain unchanged for 2012 but further testing should take place at RS:X Youth Championships in 2011 and 2012 so that the format can take a further step forward in 2013

Current Position

The current format allows for an 11 race series including the medal races. RS:X Championships include 6 racing days so, whatever the wind conditions, it is impossible – unless the event is behind schedule and suitable conditions exist - to do more than 2 races per day over the 5 days leading up to the medal race on the final day.

Races

- Max number of Races per day in displacement or marginal conditions – **2**
 - Max number of Races per day in planing conditions - **2**
3 races in one day may only be sailed if the event is behind schedule
 - Maximum number of races in a series - **11**
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Target Times

<i>Conditions</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
Planing	50	15	35
Non-planing	50	15	30

The time limit and target time in minutes for the Medal Race are as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
30	10	20

Reason

The class believes that the RS:X Olympic Format should be subject to a process of evolution based on testing new ideas at its youth championships

The above proposals have been tested at the 2009 & 2010 RS:X Youth European Championships, the 2009 & 2010 RS:X Youth World Championships in a range of conditions.