

Selection of Events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition

Women's Keelboat – Match Racing

A submission from the Bermuda Sailing Association

Proposal:

That the Women's Keelboat discipline for the 2012 Olympic Games be held in a Match Race format held in supplied equipment. The equipment would not be selected until six months before the Games.

Current Position:

The women's keelboat discipline is currently a fleet racing format in a technical Class

Reason:

The match race discipline is portable and is more affordable to those who do not need to own and ship boats to and from regattas. Match Racing has a much stronger spectator attraction and is more easily televised and commentated than fleet racing. Local, regional, national, continental and world level regattas can be held in Classes which are strong in a given area, necessitating only the movement of the sailors to and from regattas.

The match race format will encourage the development of the sport of sailing as it removes, to a great extent, one of the great hurdles in our sport, money.

2007 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2007

Council received Submission 110-07 from the Bermuda Sailing Association.

Decision

Council deferred Submission 110-07 as it is an equipment issue. (34 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstain)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPINIONS – NOVEMBER 2007

Events Committee Recommendation

The Events Committee considered submission 110-07 from the Bermuda Sailing Association about Selection of Events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Opinion: Defer

Match Racing Committee Opinion

The Committee noted Submission 110-07 from the Bermuda Sailing Association about Selection of Events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Opinion: Defer

Women's Sailing Committee Opinion

The Women's Sailing Committee considered submissions 073-06 through 076-07, 078-07, 080-07 through 096-07, 099-07 through 121-07 about the Selection of Events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

There was considerable debate around the table on events suitable for women around the world, including discussion on the sailing pathway, weight ranges, equipment suitability, universality and media appeal.

The Committee firmly concluded that there should not be any open events.

The Committee subsequently noted that Submission 075-07 had been withdrawn.

The outcome of the considerable and varied debate and protocol was the recommendation as follows:

Recommendation

Opinion: That if Council selects 5:5, the women's events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition are:

Windsurfer

1 person dinghy

2 person dinghy

2 person dinghy (high performance)

Keelboat match

That if Council selects 6:4, the women's events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition are:

Windsurfer

1 person dinghy

2 person dinghy

Keelboat match