

ISAF Sailing World Championships

A submission from the Executive Committee

Proposal:

That ISAF hold the ISAF Sailing World Championships biennially (every two years).

Current Position:

The ISAF Sailing World Championships is currently held every four years.

Reason:

The ISAF Sailing World Championships has now been held two times, in 2002 and 2007, and proven to be successful.

The Championships has proven media appeal, with an increase in focus by holding eleven World Championships at the same time in one venue, and streams media value to the sport as a whole. The Championships adds clarity and focus to the competition structure for Olympic classes.

Holding the ISAF Sailing World Championships every two years will provide an increased focus on Olympic sailing throughout the Olympic quadrennial.

The sailors are supportive of the combined Championship and have indicated their support to hold the ISAF Sailing World Championships ever two years.

The Championships has proven economic value to the host city and sponsors alongside financial value to ISAF and the sport.

2007 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2007

Council received Submission 123-07 from the Executive Committee.

The recommendation from the Events Committee was noted.

Vice-President David Irish advised that Submissions 123-07 and 126-07 should be considered together as they were equivalent proposals.

Decision

Council deferred Submission 123-07. (29 in favour, 6 against, 0 abstain)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPINIONS – NOVEMBER 2007

Executive Committee Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommended to approve submission 123-07.

ISAF Classes Committee Opinion

The ISAF Classes Committee considered submission 123-07 from the Executive Committee about the ISAF Sailing World Championships.

Opinion: Approve

Subject to concerns over the following issues being clarified:

- (a) quality of venues
- (b) the quality of organisation
- (c) the class funding and finances
- (d) Star Class qualification issues
- (e) the opportunity for smaller venues to host championship events