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A submission from the International Raceboard Class Association (RAC)

Purpose or Objective

To amend the provisional slate of the Olympic Events as stated in 23.1.4

Proposal

Men's ~~Board or Kite Board~~ **Windsurfer** - Evaluation
Women's ~~Board or Kite Board~~ **Windsurfer** - Evaluation
Men's 1P Dinghy – Laser
Women's 1P Dinghy - Laser Radial
Men's 2nd 1P Dinghy - Finn
Men's Skiff - 49er
Women's Skiff - Evaluation
Women's Keelboat - Elliott 6m
Mixed Multihull - Evaluation
Mixed 2P Dinghy (Spinnaker) – 470

Current Position

Men's Board or kite Board - Evaluation
Women's Board or kite Board- Evaluation
Men's 1P Dinghy – Laser
Women's 1P Dinghy - Laser Radial
Men's 2nd 1P Dinghy - Finn
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Reasons

1. The IOC recognises that Windsurfing and Kiteboarding are two distinct and different disciplines-
 2. Combining two such distinct and different disciplines in one event will confuse the spectators and the media.
 3. A Combined discipline event of both kiteboards and windsurfers would increase costs to MNA's, and significantly reduce one of the main attractions of windsurfing as a single discipline event.
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4. Windsurfing must retain two medals as it is the most cost effective option available to men and women.
 5. Windsurfing is an athletic, attractive and universally popular sailing discipline.
 6. Windsurfing has an established, clear and universally accepted pathway from junior and youth to Olympic level.
 7. Windsurfing is one of the most popular sailing disciplines, among - MNA's, the media and the competitors.
 8. The RAC strongly supports the inclusion of Kiteboarding in the Olympic Regatta and requests that ISAF asks the IOC for an additional event/medal.
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