# 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Submission: M19-18

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the International RS:One Class Association

## Purpose or Objective

To propose a slate of Events for the 2024 Olympic Games that complies with the recommendations of the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020, particularly the recommendations that relate to: gender equality, universality, youth appeal and an Event (rather than Sport) based focus. The slate showcases the wide diversity of sailing while keeping within athlete quotas and the medal allocation.

## Proposal

Current Event & Equipment	2024 Event Proposal	2024 Equipment Proposal
Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser *	Retained	Retained *
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial *	Retained	Retained *
Men's Skiff - 49er	Retained	Retained
Women's Skiff – 49erFX	Retained	Retained
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17	Retained	Retained
Men's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Retain	Retain
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Retain	Retain
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	Mixed Two Person Keelboat	New Equipment
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Two Person Dingy - 470	Retain 470
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Kiteboard	New Equipment

<sup>\*</sup> Note the equipment for this event is under antitrust review

#### **Keelboat - Two Person/Mixed**

Trailerable, fits 40-foot container, high performance (Asymmetric kite etc.), reasonable cost, simple restricted sail inventory, reasonable base electronics package, one design, global distribution. Format – "offshore" – long distance and/or "in –port" series

#### Kiteboard - Two Person Team

Twin tip or foiling, suitable for multiple disciplines/ formats (slalom/ tricks/ course racing etc), Reasonable cost, restricted number of kites.

#### **Current Position**

As above.

### Reasons

- 1. WS Regulation 23.1.2 clearly states that the Olympic Events and Equipment shall demonstrate the various type of sailing Windsurfing is different from other forms of sailing and has a very unique signature.
- 2. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Agenda 2020 goals are clearly stated, and include gender equality, universality, innovation and engagement with Youth; all these goals are met through Windsurfing.
- 3. Men's and Women's Windsurfing have been major and successful events in the Olympic Sailing Competition since 1984 (Women 1992), enabling global participation. Continuity of Events is essential for the sustainability of the sport, shaping the development of youth sailing and the accessibility of Olympic sailing.
- 4. Gender equality and mixed events are key recommendations of the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020. The above slate moves from 1 mixed event in 2020 to 4 events in 2024. We also move sailing to full gender equality in both athlete participation and event options. This slates sees the inclusion of kiteboarding which broadens the various types of sailing on display.
- 5. The Mixed teams will not only mean gender equality at the Olympic Games, but should also drive more female participation in Sailing particularly in the pathway to Olympic events.
- 6. Keelboat offers greater variety in formats of Olympic Racing; and represents a large group within the sailing community.