

## **2016 Olympic Sailing Competition**

### **Events and Equipment**

A submission from the Irish Sailing Association

#### **Purpose or Objective**

To amend the provisional slate of the Olympic Events as stated in 23.1.4 and in Regulation 23.1.9.

#### **Proposal**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 1P Dinghy – Finn  
Men's Skiff- 49er  
Women's Skiff- Evaluation  
Men's Multihull- Tornado  
Men's Keelboat- Evaluation  
Women's Keelboat- Elliot 6m

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 1P Dinghy – Finn  
Men's Skiff- 49er  
Women's Skiff- Evaluation  
Women's Keelboat- Elliot 6m  
Mixed Multihull- Evaluation  
Mixed 2P Dinghy (Spinnaker) - 470

#### **Reasons**

Our submission is in support of Regulation 23.1.2.

It is time to modernise the dinghy section of Olympic Sailing. Introducing a Women's Skiff will assist in this aim and will improve gender balance. Men will have a broad weight range in which to compete. There will be choices of one person and two person's sailing.

Mixed sailing will fail due to:

Extra costs of housing.

Athlete resistance because of relationship difficulties.

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Cultural resistance.

Therefore it should not be included.

Keel boat racing is a huge part of our sport it represents:

Part of the diversity of the sport

It does not overlap with any other events.

It particularly addresses Regulation 23.1.2 as it provides for continuity of events for athletes emerging from other sailing disciplines.

Men's keelboat racing should stay in the existing format with possible evaluation of equipment.

Women's keelboat racing should be evaluated for 2016 to determine whether the costs and penetration of match racing are appropriate to longer term inclusion in the Olympic Games.

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