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Yugoslav Sailing Federation Application for Associate Membership

A submission from the Yugoslav Sailing Federation

Current Position

Presently YSF is a full member and has tried to secure funds for its fees (last payment of GBP £987.00 received by ISAF on 12th July 2001) from several different sources with limited successes.

Proposal

The Yugoslav Sailing Federation hereby applies for a three year Associate membership.

Reason

The ongoing ten-year war in the country and NATO's bombing in 1999 has affected our capacity to pay our fees in two ways. They have caused the economic collapse of institutions that sponsored our sport and the massive migration of professionals and other previously affluent families. Many sailors left the country. Of those who have remained, most have had to give up sailing temporarily or permanently in order to find supplementary sources of income. This led to closing some clubs. Remaining sailing clubs are trying to survive by volunteer work, various different fund raising projects and recruiting new membership through media campaigns. While some progress in Optimist class is visible, re-establishing substantial sailing will take many more years of concentrated effort of the few enthusiasts left. Therefore, the Associate membership, as described in Regulations 2.28-2.31, is our only option.

