

Other Committees - Offshore, Oceanic

Study of Single-Handed Oceanic Racing

A submission from the Chairman of the Oceanic Sub-Committee

Proposal

To direct the Oceanic Sub-Committee to study single-handed oceanic racing and to report back to the Council at the 2002 Annual General Meeting.

Reason

Single-handed oceanic racing presents particular challenges, including design considerations, safety, and communications. At least since Joshua Slocum sailed alone around the world in "Spray", sailors have been involved with the challenges of single-handed passages. There are many single-handed racing events, with more and more sailors participating in them. As the world governing body and the spokespeople for sailing ISAF cannot ignore this phenomenon. The purpose of this Resolution is to gather information about the opportunities as well as the difficulties involved in such racing so that ISAF can better formulate its support of these events and also evaluate the parameters that might be advisable, given their inherent conditions.

