

**REPORTING COMMITTEE - EVENTS**

**OTHER COMMITTEE - WINDSURFING, WOMEN'S SAILING**

**Selection of Events for the Olympic Regatta 2008**

This paper details eleven similar but separate submissions that have been merged:

1. A submission from the Estonian Yachting Union
2. A submission from the Federation Tunisienne de Voile
3. A submission from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation
4. A submission from the Chinese Yachting Association
5. A submission from the Romanian Sailing Federation
6. A submission from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation
7. A submission from the International Raceboard Class Association
8. A submission from the International Mistral Class Association
9. A submission from the International Formula Windsurfing Class Association
10. A submission from the Fiji Yachting Association
11. A submission from the International Funboard Class Association

**PROPOSAL:**

That 'windsurfing men' and 'windsurfing women' will be two events included in the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

**CURRENT POSITION:**

[None]

**REASON:**

1. Windsurfing is a global egalitarian sport practiced by many men and women
2. The characteristics of windsurfing are sufficiently different from the other sailing events to justify two separate events
3. Windsurfing stays one of the most popular events in the Olympic Regatta thanks to its affordability; suitability for younger athletes; ability to allow all races to compete at high level, and ability to compete in a wide range of conditions
4. Inclusion will allow poorer countries access to the Olympic Regatta; to compete at high level with a real chance of winning a medal; and to develop sailing locally and regionally by building local fleets (being two of the few events that are affordable and suitable for local and regional development)
5. The women's windsurfing event has exceeded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) criteria for women's participation for the past three Olympiads.