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Format for the Windsurfing Discipline at the Olympic Regatta 2008

A submission from the International Funboard Class Association

PROPOSAL:

That the format adopted for windsurfing in the Olympics from 2005 onwards shall include course racing, long distance and down wind slalom.

CURRENT POSITION:

The current format for windsurfing in the Olympics includes course racing only.

REASON:

1. This will better reflect grass roots activity in windsurfing;
2. Slalom racing normally takes places off the beach or close to the shore on short courses. It is attractive to the media and spectators;
3. A long distance race at the end of the Olympic Regatta will be a fitting finale;
4. In a 12 race series, 7 or 8 course races will provide tactical challenges; 2 or 3 slalom elimination rounds will challenge the racers to execute manoeuvres under pressure; and one long distance race will allow a "natural course" to be set using the geography of the area thus challenging competitors to read the conditions in a variety of different places over a very much wider area than provided by a trapezoidal course.