

**Reporting Committee – Events**

**Other Committee – Windsurfing, Women's Sailing, Sailing**

## **Olympic Regatta, Selection of Windsurfing Equipment**

A submission from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

### **PROPOSAL:**

To carry out a selection process (such as the one done for the 49er) for the Olympic Board 2008 on the understanding that:

- It should be constructed as per the class rules and not under a fabrication monopoly.
- It should be a long board.
- It should have a sliding keel (daggerboard).

### **CURRENT POSITION:**

No current position.

### **REASON:**

1. The fabrication monopoly should be eliminated in order to reduce the buying cost.
2. Comments on Formula Windsurfing
  - Its large sail area makes it impossible for juniors to sail in this class.
  - Women cannot race in this class due to weight needs.
  - The need of several masts and sails make it imperative to start with a big expense and to have a personal coach on the water with all the equipment.
  - It is impossible to sail in normal conditions with a wind of 10 knots or less.
3. Mistral
  - Design and performance should be improved.
  - There is no quality control in the fabrication and commercialization of the board despite its strict class rules
  - Advantages of a new long board:
    - Updated design, construction and performance.
    - Possibility of building it in any country complying with the class and ISAF rules.
    - Possibility of junior sailing with the same board and a smaller sail and mast.
    - Smaller costs of purchase and competition.
    - Increase the tactical possibilities.