

Reporting Committee – Events

Other Committee – Windsurfing, Women's Sailing, Sailing

Olympic Regatta, Selection of Windsurfing Equipment

A submission from the Hong Kong Yachting Association

PROPOSAL:

The Hong Yachting Association submits that Windsurfing (Boardsailing) Men and Women be included as events in future Olympic Regattas.

CURRENT POSITION:

This is currently not the case in the Events Committee's proposal

REASON:

The characteristics of Windsurfing (sail boarding) are sufficiently different to justify a separate event.

Windsurfing remains one of the most popular events in the Olympic regatta thanks to its affordability, suitability for younger athletes, allows for competitiveness in a large part of the world population (physique) and can be practised in all conditions.

Such inclusion will enable poorer countries to invest with confidence and start building local fleets (this being one of the few events that are affordable and suitable for local and regional development)