

**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 Kong Yachting Association submits that the windsurfing equipment to be used at the 2008 Olympic Games be selected on the following criteria:

1. That racing and training is possible at the same time as the sailing for other Olympic classes;
2. To be suitable for the conditions to be expected in Qingdao 2008 and that the wind limit for starting a race remains unchanged from current practice
3. That it is One Design;
4. That the decision on the actual equipment is made at the 2004 ISAF November Conference
5. That it adheres to the existing criteria established by the ISAF Events Committee in November 1999 being:
  - a) Must allow athletes around the world, of different size and weight, male and female, to participate;
  - b) Must achieve the IOC objective of a minimum of 30% participation for women;
  - c) Must give the best sailors in each country the opportunity to participate in readily accessible equipment;
  - d) Must combine both traditional and modern events and classes, to reflect, display and promote competitive sailing.

### **REASON:**

1. In many major Olympic Class Regattas worldwide, the Olympic windsurfing class has to compete at the same time and in the same conditions as the other sailing classes;
2. Not to do so would be impractical;
3. In support of the position of ISAF President, the Olympic regatta should be a test of talent not technology; Board and Rigs available world wide for production under licence; To keep costs for (young) competitors affordable (equipment can easily be passed down for development purposes)
4. To allow racers and MNAs to build up a long term experience of the chosen format; To allow MNAs to invest In new equipment with confidence; To allow MNAs to plan long term development programmes with confidence;