

**Equipment for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition**

Regulation 16.1.1(d)

A submission from the Danish Sailing Association

**Proposal:**

Danish Sailing Association hereby propose, that Council - according to Regulation 16.1.1(d) - decide upon the equipment for a maximum of 40% of the Olympic Events in 2012 at the November 2005 meetings, i.e. seven years before the Olympic Regatta:

- **Multihull – Tornado**
- **Skiff – 49er**
- **Men’s One Person Dinghy – Laser**
- **Women’s One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial**

**Current Position:**

At the Mid-year meeting Council approved the Following Olympic Events definition for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition:

- Women’s Windsurfer
- Women’s One Person Dinghy
- Women’s Two Person Dinghy
- Women’s Keelboat
- Men’s Windsurfer
- Men’s One Person Dinghy
- Men’s Two Person Dinghy
- Men’s Keelboat
- Multihull
- Skiff
- Heavyweight Dinghy

Council may – according to Regulation 16.1.1(d) – decide the equipment for a maximum of 40% of the Olympic Events at its November meeting seven years before the Olympic Regatta, subject to certain criteria.

**Reason:**

Danish Sailing Association feel that it an important signal to the sailing the world , that Council decide upon two of the Events, where ISAF through the Observation & Test Trials

– with participation of a broad range of active Olympic Sailors - during the past 10 years have developed and found new exiting equipment for the Olympic Regatta.

- **Skiff – 49'er** – developed and used for the first time at the 2000 Olympic Regatta in Sydney
- **Multihull – Tornado** (with double trapeze & asymmetrical spinnaker) – developed and used for the first time at the 2004 Olympic Regatta in Athens

These events and the new equipment represents *“modern events and classes, to reflect, display and promote competitive sailing”* (Reg. 16.1.4(a)(iv)) and the best of modern high performance sailing, demanding and exiting, as well as ideal for TV-coverage and spectators.

Further DSA feel that Council should decide upon two other popular events with equipment, which *“give the best sailors in each country the opportunity to participate in readily accessible equipment”* (Reg. 16.1.4(a) (iii)), and represents *“traditional events and classes, to reflect, display and promote competitive sailing”* (Reg. 16.1.4(a)(iv)).

These events and classes contribute to the Olympic Regatta with the largest numbers of competing nations, as well as with very competitive fleets:

- **Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser** – used for the first time at the 1996 Olympic Regatta in Savannah, USA
- **Women's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial** – will be used for the first time at the 2008 Olympic Regatta in Qingdao, China

Together these four events and the proposed equipment fulfil the *IOC requirements for an Olympic Sport*, which must demonstrate:

- Variety and high quality
- Competition which is varied, action packed and athlete focussed
- Meet public expectations
- Youth focussed