ISAF World Cup Series

A submission from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond

Proposal:

1. That ISAF will initiate an ISAF World Cup Series incorporating existing Grade 1 events.

2. Entries for ISAF World Cup Series should allow for at least the same number of entrants as the ISAF World Sailing Championships.

3. All ISAF World Cup Series should use the same format and scoring system.

4. ISAF World Cup Series should use the same Sailing Instructions.

5. That obvious links between the ISAF World Cup Series events are developed.

6. To add maximum value to the ISAF World Cup Series.

Current Position:

1. Grade 1 events were not necessarily included in the proposed Series.

2. Between 25 and 40 entries were proposed.

3. Each current Grade 1 event is using a different format and scoring system.

4. Each current Grade 1 event is using different Sailing Instructions.

5. Currently there is no link between Grade 1 events except for the ISAF Rankings.

6. Other than the ISAF Rankings there is no extra value to the current Grade 1 events.

Reasons:

1. There are a number of Grade 1 events with a long history. To initiate new events, not using the existing events would jeopardize the value of both the existing events as well as the proposed ISAF World Cup Series.

   The proposed six to eight events, in addition to World and Continental Championships as well as test events would make the calendar to full.

2. The proposed 25 to 40 entries will make the ISAF World Cup Series to elitist. At a current Grade 1 event 40 to 160 teams per event participate. The limitation as proposed will in many cases allow for only one entry per nation.

3. Athletes demand more and more standardization of format and procedures so that they can amend their training programme. Visitors and viewers should understand the game.

4. See 3.

5. To allow for better understanding of the Series the link between events should be more obvious.

6. Only when real value is added to the Series the attraction will increase.