

## Selection of Equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta

### A submission from the International Tornado Class

#### CURRENT COUNCIL POSITION

##### Council Minutes, June 2004

Council noted the submissions on the selection of equipment for the Olympic Regatta 2008 and considered the corresponding recommendations from the Events Committee and the Sailing Committee

##### Decision

- (i) On a proposal by Jeff Martin (Representative for the ISAF Classes), seconded by Ross Robson (Group Q - Africa South of the Sahara), Council approved the amended recommendation from the Events Committee to accept the following list of possible equipment:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Choice</u>
Multihull O	- Hobie 16 (M34) or Tornado (M33)
Keelboat W	- Soling (M31) or Yngling (M32)
Keelboat M	- Soling (M31) or Star (M30) or Yngling (M29)
D/H Dinghy O	- 49er (M27) or Snipe (M24)
D/H Dinghy W	- 470 (M25) or 49er (M27) or Snipe (M26,M28,M35) or 49er (M27)
D/H Dinghy M	- 470 (M25) or 49er (M27) / Snipe (M23,M26,M35) [whichever loses vote 4]
S/H Dinghy M	- Finn (M06) or Laser (M07,M16,M36,M37,M38) Whichever is not selected is the only option in vote 8
S/H Dinghy O	- Finn (M10) or Laser (M09)
S/H Dinghy W	- Byte (M21) or Europe (M12, M13) or Flash (M20) or Laser Radial (M11,M14,M15,M16,M17,M18,M19,M35,M37,M38) or Zoom8 (M22)
Windsurfer M	- Hybrid (M04) or Mistral (M01,M02,M03,M36,M37) or Mistral Derivative (M01,M03) or (M05)
Windsurfer F	- Hybrid (M04) or Mistral (M01,M02,M03,M36,M37) or Mistral Derivative (M01,M03) or outcome windsurfing equipment evaluation trials (M05)

NB: the codes in brackets relate to the submission numbers.

Council also noted that the Events Committee have appointed a joint working party with the Sailing Committee to produce the evaluation report of the equipment choices for November 2004.

In addition, Council noted the recommendation from the Events Committee on the voting procedure to be adopted in November 2004.

## Decision

- (ii) On a proposal by Oleg Ilyin (alternate for Group H - Euro-Asian), seconded by Dierk Thomsen (Group B - Central Europe), Council approved the following voting procedure for the selection of equipment in November 2004:
- Each vote shall be between the equipment listed for each event.
  - All equipment chosen shall have a 50% majority. Where there is not a 50% majority, the equipment with the least votes shall drop off the list and voting will continue until the majority is reached.

*(34 members voted for the proposal, 1 abstained)*

## ORIGINAL SUBMISSION

REPORTING COMMITTEE – EVENTS  
OTHER COMMITTEES – SAILING

### Proposal

The International Tornado Association proposes that the International Tornado Class catamaran be selected as the equipment for the open multi-hull event at the 2008 Olympic Games.

### Current Position

16.1.2 Submissions for Equipment for the Olympic Regatta shall be made in accordance with Regulation 1, except that no submission will be accepted after 15 March in the year of the decision on Equipment. Supporting information required under regulation 1.5.1 shall be specified by ISAF and shall include information to enable Council to evaluate how well the Equipment meets the Olympic Equipment selection criteria.

### Reasons

The Tornado truly meets the guidelines for the Open Events: it is innovative and evolving; it creates exciting and spectacular racing for the media; it attracts both young and established sailors; it is the fastest boat currently sailed in the Olympics; it is acrobatic and athletic; it is still developing under the mature guidance of a strong class organisation.

The Tornado has set a standard for achieving the highest levels of performance, durability, and strict one-design controls, while also incrementally evolving to take advantage of modern materials and sail plans.

After more than 36 years, the Tornado remains the highest performance and highest quality International Class multi-hull in existence. Its performance is matched by the flexibility of its sail plan, which allows crews varying in weight from 130 kg to 170 kg to finish in the top 10 at major events.

The Tornado has also proven to be a boat with a long competitive lifespan; many 10-year-old boats are raced at the top level and the current world champions continue to win in 2004 using the same boat they sailed in the 2000 Olympic Games, with a mast from 1994. The reasons for this longevity are both exceptional build quality and stable one-design class rules.

The basic price of the Tornado, except for the new bowsprit systems, has remained nearly flat for many years, changing little except for adjustments for inflation. Yet, because of the durability of the boats, resale prices are strong. It is a fine combination: a high quality, long-lasting boat with low depreciation. As a result, the Tornado has a very reasonable cost of ownership, particularly when compared to boats with limited competitive life spans. In 2003, the ISAF and Tornado class approved two new builders, which offers new high quality builder choices to sailors worldwide.

The new rig on the Tornado has been an unqualified success. The boat is perfectly balanced; performance is up; and the athletic exhilaration of sailing the boat has reached a new level. While fitness is tested in the Tornado, the age range in the class has remained wide. Top crews range in age from early twenties to mid-forties; and there is strong growth in 16-21 year old sailors that have been attracted by the new rig. The class has also attracted Olympic medallists from the Mistral, Star, 470, and 49er classes.

The Tornado has also been successful in attracting sponsors and building media coverage. The Tornado fleet is widely supported by strong and diverse sponsors. Innovative format Champions series racing is entering its second season, with major corporate sponsorship and excellent media coverage. Print and web publications focus on the top Tornado sailors when they offer articles or expert series.

The International Tornado Association is a stable, mature organisation with members in 37 Countries. It stands ready to continue its proven leadership, and to meet and exceed all of the responsibilities of a Class chosen as equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.