

Team Racing World Championship

Terms of Reference

A submission from the Chair of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To create a World Sailing Youth Mixed Team Racing World Championship.

Proposal

Regulation 6.6.5.3 The Team Racing Sub Committee shall:

- (a) be responsible for the planning and approval for the conduct of the World Sailing Team Racing World Championship **and a World Sailing Youth Mixed Team Racing World Championship;**

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The World Team Racing World Championship has run since 1995 in the Open category. The winning team from the World Sailing Open Event are the Team Racing World Champions for that year.
2. A Youth (U19 or U21) category was added within the event since 2005 by extracting the scoring of Youth teams to recognise the leading Youth team from the designated Open event. This was viewed as a token success and overshadowed by the competition for the Open championship by senior teams all in the same boats.
3. This proposal would enable a dedicated World Sailing Youth Team Racing event at a World Championship level targeted at sailors Under 23 and mixed gender. The new event would broaden the base of participation and create a new pipeline for entry to the World Sailing Team Racing Championship. This new event would also encourage young sailors to continue in the sport beyond the Under 19 Youth events.
4. Youth Team Racing in the Optimist Class has grown around the World for the last 30 years. In recent years, 48 Nation Teams have trained and participated in 4 boat national teams at the Optimist World Championship, the premier event of the largest youth sailing class in the world. Team racing has been widely attractive to many nations and there has been an increasing trend for Asian and South America nations to reach the podium, as illustrated in the table below.

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Final Day Team Racing - Gold Fleet Nations
2019	ITA	THA	PER	ESP, FRA, BRA, GER, POR, SLO, PER, HKG, NZL, ARG, ISR, TUR, AUS,
2018	THA	ITA	ESP	USA, ARG, BRA, ESP, SWE, ARG, PER, SGP, SUI, CHN, FIN, CHI, RUS,
2017	USA	THA	MAS	CHN, SWE, SGP, TUR, GBR, IRL, GER, PER, BRA, FRA, KOR, HKG, ITA,

5. There is also a pipeline of trained team racers and MNAs, Clubs and venues across all the continents as can be seen in the table below:

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Participating Nation Teams	Additional Nation Teams (Outside of Region)	Nations/Year
2019	Asian & Oceanian Championships	THA	OMA	CHN	AUS, NZL, BRA, IND, HKG, USA, TUR, JPN, FIN, SGP		13
2019	European Championships	ITA	POL	ESP	GBR, NED, TUR, FRA, SWE, NOR, CRO, IRL, POR, GRE, SLO, SUI, GER		16
2019	North American Championships	USA1	USA2	USA3	BER, ISV, BER, PUR, MEX, CAN, BAH, CAY	PER, BRA, ARG, IRL, URU, SUI, NZL, JPN,	17
2019	South American Championship	ARG	PER	BRA	URG, PER, BRA, CHI, ECU, CHI,	USA, BER, ANT, AUS, ISV, CAN,	15
2019	African Championship	ANG1	ANG 2	RSA	MOZ, SEY, TUN,		5
						Total	66
2018	Asian & Oceanian Championship	THA	CHN	SGP	AUS, HKG, JPN, OMA, IND, CAN, USA, NZL, MYA		12
2018	European Championship	ITA	SWE	POL	TUR, ESP, GRE, GER, NED, CRO, RUS, UKR, ISR, GBR, DEN, SLO		15
2018	North American Championship	USA1	USA2	USA3	CAY, ISV, BER, CAN, PUR, MEX	URU, BRA, ARG, SGP, AUS, PER	13
2018	South American Championship	PER	BRA	ARG	URU, CHI, COL, PAR, ECU,	USA, ISV, CAN, BER, ISV, COL, URU, ECU, CHI,	14
2018	African Championship	MOZ	ANG	RSA	EGY, TUN, ANG, OMA, SEY, TAN,		9
						Total	63
2017	Asian & Oceanean Championship	CHN	TUR	THA	SGP, IND, AUS, HKG, OMA, JPN, NZL, KOR, USA,		12
2017	European Championship	SWE	TUR	GER	ESP, ITA, POL, ISR, FRA, NED, GRE, NOR, SLO, FIN, DEN, RUS, SUI		16
2017	North American Championship	USA1	USV	USA2	BER, CAN, MEX, AHO, PUR	PER, ARG, BRA, AUS, NZL, SUI, CHI, JPN	15
2017	South American Championship	ARG1	ARG2	PER	CHI, URU, BRA, PAR,	USA, ISV, BER, PUR, MEX,	11
2017	African Championship	ANG	UAE	ALG	TUN, EGP, MAR, RSA		7
						Total	61

6. Youth appeal is critical. Team sailing is currently being raced by youth sailors in over 60 countries around the world. Races are short, fun, action packed, and the good sailors bring along the emerging or younger sailors.
7. As a youth event it slots into new social media platforms and will energise younger people to broadcast to remote audiences. The more nations following the greater the non- sailing audience
8. Match racing went the same way introducing a submission for a dedicated World Sailing Youth Match World Championship which has been very successful creating a platform for the winning teams to get invitations to the major Open events.