Monohull World Match Racing Tour

A submission from the Deutscher Segler-Verband

Purpose or Objective

Re-establish a world tour of monohull match race events.

Proposal

We propose that the Match Race Association (MRA) re-establish a world tour of monohull match race events, based upon event’s already established and supported by the World Sailing event grading system.

In addition, the Monohull World Matchracing Championship (MWMC), should be sanctioned by World Sailing, and as such be allowed to use “World” as part of the tour title.

The World Champion of Monohull Matchracing will be determined through a series of Grade 1 events throughout the season with a final world championship event.

Current Position

None (WMRT uses M32 Catamarans only)

Reason

1. The reason behind our submission, is the strong presence of more than 1,500 sailors on the World Sailing Ranking list, that has been positively developed over decades.

2. In addition a system of Grade Events has developed over the years, and there is a big support under the Match Race sailors and these events to establish a monohull tour.

3. Especially for the young and talented sailors, the graded events and the former tour structure has proven to be an excellent pathway for establishing themselves as world class sailors on the international scene. In addition the match race opportunity has vitalized club activities and in many places also acts as introduction to sailing for grown-ups and youngsters.

4. The traditional monohull match race events offer an opportunity for expanded participation rather than restricting the sport to an elite few. The established Umpire system and community will be able to use MWMT as a continued Tour, who will be working together with the umpire development program to further strengthen the umpire community.