

Olympic Sailing Competition

New Race Format to Meet the Requirement of “Winner gets Gold”

A submission from the Japan Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To showcase our sport to the world audience with simple to understand “the winner gets a Gold scenario final race”. Sailing competition is a unique sport and it will be unfair to decide a real winner with just one short final race without carried over points which will lose all the beauty/excitement of a week-long sailing championship.

Proposal

Replace with current Medal race system to "Starting line with lane system on biased starting line for Final race" (see attached diagrams) that shows audience the winner of the race is the gold medallist.

Current Position

The medal race system with double points added onto carried over points from qualification series.

Reasons

1. Current medal race system “with double point added onto carried over points from qualification series” is almost impossible to be understood by the audiences and media.
2. “The winner of the final race gets Gold scenario is widely used for other popular sports.

To reach the goal

- a) The winner of the final race gets Gold and the second finisher gets Silver and so on.
 - b) The start shall be on a starting line which all boats will line up parallel position towards one direction. (should look very tight racing start through camera lens)
 - c) Should have “carried over points (prior to the Final race)” advantage somehow. Using biased starting line gives the higher ranked boats start with windward advantage which is similar to the pole position for the best lap timer in Formula one car Race or Centre Lane for the best timer in qualifying races in Swimming. Point differences from qualification series can be accommodated with the distance between next boats based on the point difference (staggered) if necessary. From trials we had ... distance of one boat length between boats on 20 degrees biased starting line will leave more excitement in the Final race.
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- d) WHY port tack start? Less tacking after the start which gives good/tight racing image through the lens.
- e) Above points will be really important factor for sailing to be in the Olympic Games in the future.

Attachment 1

<<Sample Sailing Instructions>>

1 Starting Position

the 1st ranking boat in the qualifying series gets the 1st lane closest to the Signal boat

the 2nd ranking boat in the qualifying series gets the lane next to the 1st boat.

and so on to the 8th ranking boat. All boats should start on port tack.

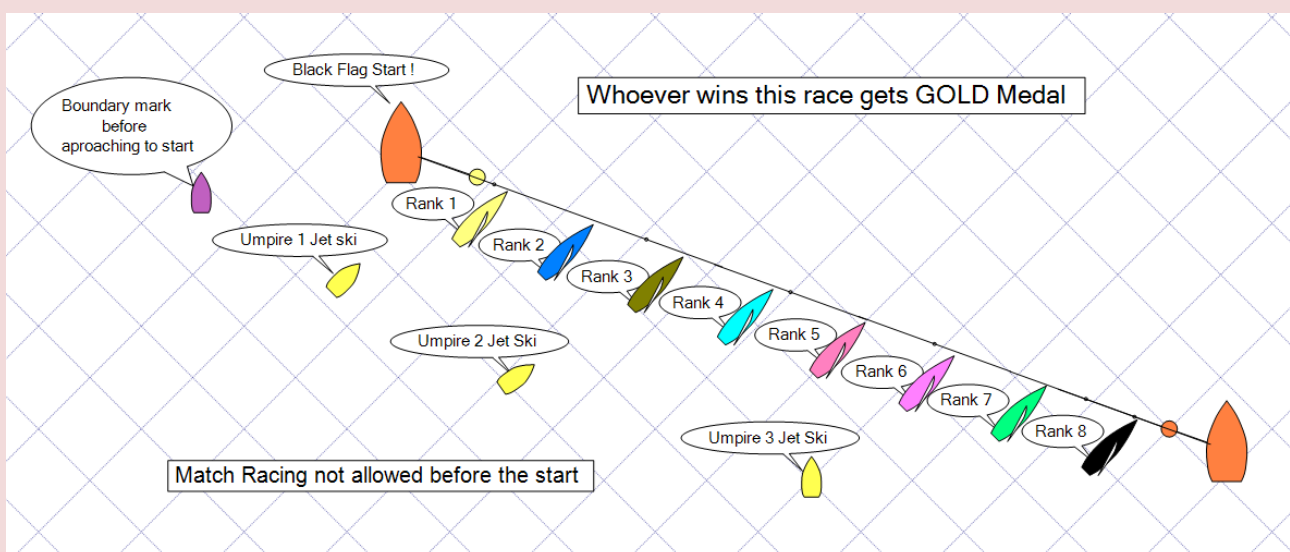
2. Distance between boats at the starting signal

A boat to leeward should have minimum of one boat length between the boat on her weather
(Umpire initiate penalty : one turn)

- 3. All starts will be Black Flag start. Any boat called should leave the course area immediately.
- 4. No match racing allowed prior to the start signal

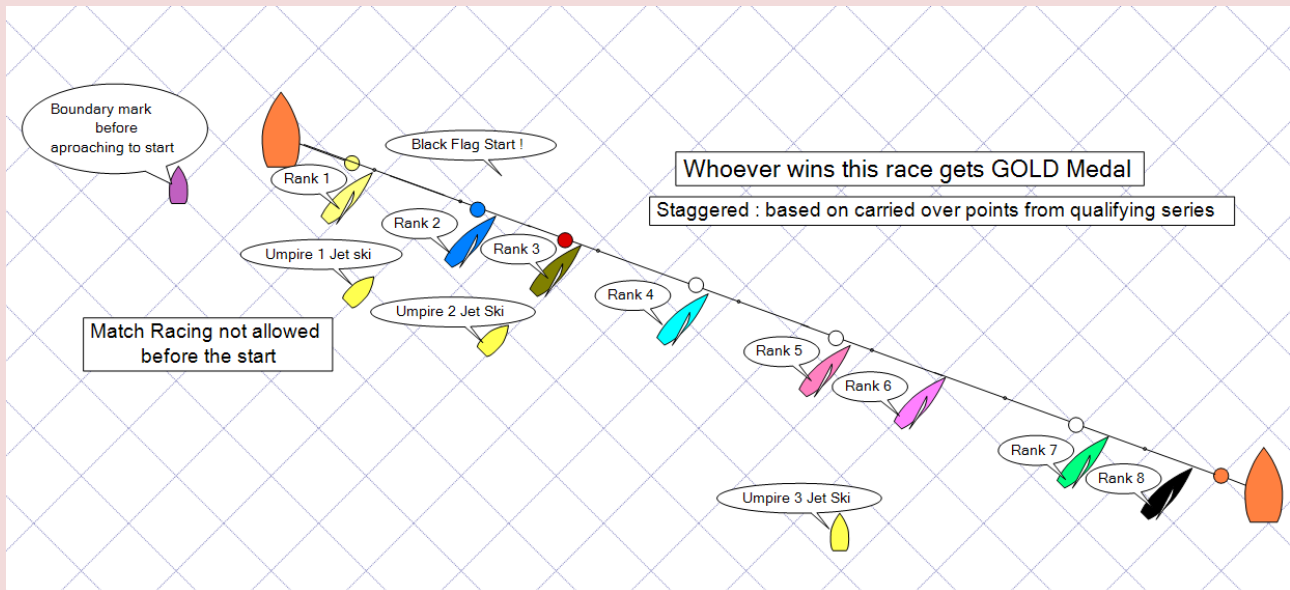
Attachment 2

<<Starting line with a lane system for Final race (port biased upwind start line)>>



Attachment 3

<<Starting line with a lane system for Final race (port biased and staggered upwind start)>>



NOVEMBER 2016 COUNCIL DECISION

Decision

On a proposal from Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Stig Hvide Smith, Council deferred Submission 035-16 to the Events Committee to be re-presented to Council at its next meeting in February 2017 (35 in favour, 4 against, 0 abstain).
