

## **2024 Olympic Sailing Competition**

### Olympic Equipment

A submission from the International Laser Class Association

#### Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this submission is to confirm the previous decision of the World Sailing Council and to ensure continuity in Olympic equipment and development of the sport of sailing.

#### Proposal

To retain the Laser Class sailboat as the equipment for the Men's One-Person Dinghy and the Laser Radial Class sailboat as the equipment for the Women's One-Person Dinghy for the 2024 Olympic Games.

#### Current Position

At the 2017 World Sailing Annual Conference, Council selected the Laser Class sailboat and the Laser Radial Class sailboat as the equipment for the Men's and Women's One-Person dinghy events for the 2024 Olympic Games.

#### Reasons

1. To provide continuity of Olympic equipment for all MNAs and encourage investment in the growth and development of the sport of sailing on a worldwide basis.
  2. Changing the equipment for the one-person dinghy events would cause disruption in the Olympic programs for all MNAs and would likely lead to an immediate decrease in the number of countries participating the Olympic qualification system, a key metric by which the IOC evaluates sports.
  3. The Laser and Laser Radial classes are sailed actively in over 120 countries. These classes are the best choices to provide universality for our sport, one of the key requirements of the IOC for all Olympic events.
  4. With over 220,000 boats built there is an abundance of used and low cost equipment available. The Laser and Laser Radial classes provide an extremely cost effective pathway for young sailors entering the sport and for developing nations to participate in the Olympic sailing program.
  5. To confirm the previous decision of the World Sailing Council from November 2017.
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