2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Submission: 062-17

Olympic Equipment for Lighter Women

A submission from Chair of the Women's Forum

Purpose or Objective

Provide equipment for light weight women

Proposal

When choosing equipment for the Olympic Games it should be also considered the weight of the sailor.

Current Position

Currently, only a very small percentage of light weight women can sail (470 helm).

Reasons

- 1. Light weight women do not get an equal chance to sail in the Olympic Games due to their weight.
- 2. With the objective to reach gender equality the widest range of women shall be able to compete at Olympic level regardless of their physiques
- 3. In some continents women are lighter than in others, especially in South America and Asia. To give these light women an opportunity to compete at the Olympic Games would increase women participation in sailing.
- 4. The IOC and WS aim to engage with a younger audience and cater for young athletes will be better reach by including an equipment at the 2024 Olympic suited for lighter women.