Olympic Events and Equipment

Change the Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy Event Name Regulation 23.1.4

A submission from the International Finn Class

Purpose or Objective

To reflect the nature of the current Men's One Person Dinghy and Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy events in a way that the public and media understand the differentiation.

Proposal

To rename the ‘Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy’ event to ‘Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight)’ and amend hereby ISAF Regulation 23.1.4 as follows:

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment:
Men's Kiteboarding
Women's Kiteboarding
Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy – Finn

Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight) – Finn
Men's Skiff - 49er
Women's Skiff – 49erFX
Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470
Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17

Current Position

As above

Reasons

The IOC website contains the event name Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight) (http://www.olympic.org/sailing-finn-one-person-dinghy-heavyweight-men) and it is generally felt that this event name describes the event in a much better way than the current event name.

ISAF nowadays spend great energy in showing IOC, the wider public and media the core of the Olympic sailing events, their importance, the reasons behind the differentiation and the need to retain the 10 different sailing events in the Olympic Games.
It is felt however that the ‘Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy’ event name is too neutral and does not reflect the meaning and nature of the second men's single handed dinghy event.

Male dinghy sailing has always been a major part of the Olympic Sailing Competition. The current Men's One Person Dinghy Event caters for sailors from around 70kg to 85 kg whereas the current Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy Event for sailors from 85kg to 110kg.

The current Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy event caters for some of the fittest and strongest male sailors not only in the Olympics but in worldwide sailing. Big and strong athletes showcase this event therefore the event name should be changed to Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight) as it is currently handled by also the IOC.