**Tracking System, Electronic Control of the Starting Line and Course**

Invitation to Tender

A submission from the Hungarian Yachting Association and the Russian Yachting Federation

**Proposal**

To prescribe the mandatory use of a tracking system for the races including the electrical control for the starting line OCS and course at the following regattas:

- Olympic Sailing Competition
- Olympic Qualifying Events
- ISAF Sailing World Championships
- ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
- Sailing World Cup Events

**Current Position**

Heterogeneous.

**Reason**

1. To increase media and public interest and appeal.
2. To generate ISAF income. As it is done with the current rule book (This could be done in a partnership arrangement).
3. Leasing to other sports is always a fund raiser.
4. To assist the IROs and International Juries in controlling our sport for the benefit of all sailors worldwide.
5. To eliminate the risk of human failure when controlling premature starts.

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**2009 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE**

**COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2009**

Council received submission 082-09 from the Hungarian Yachting Association and the Russian Yachting Federation

**Decision:**

Council deferred submission 082-09 to November 2010 (27 in favour, 8 against, 2 abstain).

Council recommended that the Technology Working Party work specifically on 2 areas; Tracking as part of the initiative to improve the presentation of the sport and Tracking Systems to improve
race management and OCS decisions. An interim report to Council should be produced for May 2010.

**Recommendation from the Reporting Committee**

**Events Committee**

**Recommendation to Council: Defer**

The Events Committee recommends that the work of the Technology Working Party to develop standards and specifications be continued; the use of tracking devices in Medal Races at events is strongly encouraged.

**Opinions from the Other Committees**

**Equipment Committee**

**Opinion: Reject**

The Equipment Committee believes in this project, but do not believe the technology is ready yet. We are waiting for a standard to be proposed.

**Executive Committee**

**Opinion: Reject**

Impossible to implement at this stage. Executive Committee has asked the Technology Working Party of the Race Officials Committee to develop a specification for tracking equipment.

**Race Officials Committee**

**Opinion: Defer**

The ROC strongly recommends that the work of the Technology Working Party to develop standards and specifications be continued; the use of tracking devices in Medal Races at SWC events is strongly encouraged.

**ISAF Classes Committee**

**Opinion: Reject**

Support the intent of the submission, but recommend rejecting the submission as the systems are still far from being ready to use and still require further development, especially regarding control of startlines.