Youth World Sailing Championships

Event Definitions

A submission from the International 420 Class Association and International 470 Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To amend the event definitions at the Youth Sailing World Championship to better describe the age range of competing athletes.

Proposal

To amend the event titles at the Youth Sailing World Championship as defined in Regulation 24.5.3 as follows:

24.5.3 The following events, classes and equipment shall be included in the programme of the Championships:

(a) **Boys' Men's** One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial  
**Girls' Women's** One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial  
**Boys' Men's** Two Person Dinghy - 420  
**Girls' Women's** Two Person Dinghy - 420  
**Boys' Men's** Windsurfer - RS:X (with the 8.5m rig)  
**Girls' Women's** Windsurfer - RS:X (with the 8.5m rig)  
**Boys' Men's** Skiff - 29er  
**Girls' Women's** Skiff - 29er  
Mixed Multihull – Nacra 15

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. The Youth Sailing World Championship is defined as for athletes ‘above the age of 12 years old and under the age of 19 on 31 December’ of the year of the Championship, so from 13 to 18 years old. It is understood that the majority of athletes are at the upper end of the age range.

2. Using the term 'boys' and 'girls' for athletes who are aged 18 and 17 can be considered offensive in some cultures/nations.

3. Bearing in mind the average age range, it would be preferable to use men and women instead of boys and girls.