

Youth World Sailing Championships

One Person Dinghy – Regulation 25.4.3

A submission from the International RS Aero Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To change the Boy's One Person Dinghy and the Girls One Person Dinghy to the RS Aero (rig sizes to be selected in conjunction with WS Youth Events committee & Technical team).

Proposal

Amend Regulation 24.5.3 as follows:

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

- a. Boy's One Person Dinghy – ~~Laser Radial~~ **RS Aero**
- Girl's One Person Dinghy – ~~Laser Radial~~ **RS Aero**
- Boy's Two Person Dinghy - 420
- Girl's Two Person Dinghy - 420
- Boy's Windsurfer – RS:X (with the 8.5m rig)
- Girl's Windsurfer – RS:X (with the 8.5m rig)
- Boy's Skiff – 29er
- Girl's Skiff – 29er
- Mixed Multihull – Nacra 15

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. In many parts of the world sailing participation is static or in decline. World Sailing's key goals include increasing sailing participation and building girl's / women's participation.
 2. The Youth World Championship has a significant effect as it dictates the youth pathway. If we continue to use 50 year old design, heavy equipment, unsuited to light sailors, it will be difficult to build youth and female participation.
 3. With ever more opportunities in other activities, it is likely dinghy racing will continue to decline. We need a boat that inspires young sailors, including light women.
 4. Cycling offers us a great example: When bikes became ultra-light & sexy... the sport exploded
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5. RS Aero uses latest design and construction technology to create a dynamic boat for sailors from 35 to 95kg
 - Ultra-light hull weight - similar to an Optimist
 - Even with its smallest rig the power to weight ratio is greater than the Laser with its biggest rig
 - Even the smallest athletes sail dynamically – the boat reacts to their movements
 - It is a fact that an ultra-light boat will suit, and be exciting for, light weight sailors

 6. The RS Aero Class has the full support of the manufacturer, RS Sailing, which is prepared to supply boats for major events.

 7. The RS Aero Class and RS Sailing are passionate about the sport, about being a great partner for World Sailing and working together to make it better – we are ready for introduction of the RS Aero to the Youth World Championship in any of the coming years.
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