ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Regulation 24.4.4

A submission from the International 420 Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To amend the dates for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.

Proposal

To amend Regulation 24.4.4 as follows;

24.4.4 The Championship shall start on the second first Thursday of July and finish ten days later or on 27 December of the year of the Championship and finish ten days later.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. During northern hemisphere school summer holidays, time is already very limited for classes to fit in their championships and events, such as World Championships and European Championships.

2. With the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships starting on the second Thursday of July, this window to hold events is further reduced and significantly impacts the scheduling and participation levels on other events, which attract the similar core of sailors.

3. We respect and agree with ISAF Regulation 24.4.6 which restricts us from holding our World or Continental Championships at the same time as the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships, but as a consequence we are then constrained within the remaining time in the summer calendar in which to hold our events (Worlds, Europeans, Junior Europeans).

4. Equally for many young sailors, it is just too much to go from one event to the next throughout the Summer holidays, with little or no break. Consequently, many end up having to make a choice to attend one or other event which negatively impacts their participation at a range of events, and gives lower participation levels at the actual event.

5. The majority of northern hemisphere schools start their holidays at the end of June and return at the start of September.

6. For these reasons, we request that the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships starts on the FIRST Thursday of July to allow sufficient space for class championships.