

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Regulation 24.4.9

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To assist MNAs in developing their Youth Multihull programmes by specifying a single multihull class for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 24.4.9 as follows:

The Classes for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships are:

Boy's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial (*with effect from 2009*)

Girl's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial or Byte

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

Open High Performance Dinghy – 29er

Open Multihull – ~~Hobie 16 with spinnaker~~ or Sirena SL16

Pursuant to Regulation 24.1.2, no class shall remain on the approved list for more than four years without obtaining ISAF Class status.

Current Position:

As above

Reasons

1. Currently the multihull is the least well supported event within the ISAF Youth World Championships; its average fleet size (2006-2010) is 15 boats whereas the average across all fleets is 27 boats. With the current regulation the equipment for the multihull event can switch from one year to the next.
 2. The Championships Sub-Committee wishes to increase the size of the multihull fleet and believes this switching may discourage MNA investment in youth multihull equipment or programmes. Whereas if this switching is eliminated, MNAs will have greater certainty of the class to be used at these championships in future years, and will therefore be more likely to invest in youth multihull sailing in their country and region. The switching may also reduce the investment from the equipment manufacturer.
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3. ISAF conducted an evaluation of multihull equipment for the championships in 2004, and chose the Sirena SL16 in 2005. Since the choice has been available to organisers, the choice has been: SL16 in 2008, 2010, 2011, and now also selected for 2012 and 2013; the Hobie 16 was chosen in 2007 and 2009. The SL16 has been shown to be a good choice at those championships where it has been used, and it is therefore the right single class to specify within the regulation.
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