

## ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

### Regulation 24.4.9

A submission from the Executive Committee based on a proposal from the Multihull Commission

#### Purpose or Objective

To provide a boat at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship that is:

1. More accessible to youth sailors around the world
2. More representative of what youth sailors are sailing in their home waters

#### Proposals

1. 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.

2. That the selection of the Youth multihull be reviewed after the Olympic Multihull is chosen in November 2012.

#### Current Position:

As above.

#### Reasons

While the SL16 was chosen by the ISAF selection panel after trials in 2003, the boat has failed to capture market share around the world, and the overwhelming number of competitors at each ISAF Youth Worlds sail a standard Hobie 16 in their home waters.

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The numbers of multihull sailors at the event has been significantly challenged by both the decision to drop the multihull from the Olympic Games and the fact that the boat sailed at the ISAF Youth Worlds is not widely available outside of one or two European countries. The Hobie 16 continues to be the boat of choice at most countries and continues to be used in many regional games and when used at ISAF Youth Worlds, numbers are greater than when the SL16 has been chosen.

While the spinnaker on the Hobie 16 provides for a more exciting experience, it is not used outside of selected European Championships. Open Hobie 16 Worlds, and class Youth Worlds are run on boats without spinnakers.

With the selection of a new multihull for the Olympics due for November 2012, a review of the Youth multihull should follow immediately as the Youth boat should also provide a pathway to the Olympic boat. At present without an Olympic boat, the pathway component is non-existent element to consider, and therefore the boat that encourages the greatest participation is the preferred option.

From the minutes of the 2010 Multihull Commission report:

*The Multihull Commission felt that the SL16 had not developed successfully as had been hoped following the Youth Multihull Evaluation in 2003 and the selection of the SL 16 in 2007. Production had not started as planned in USA. It was observed that when the Youth Worlds equipment is the Hobie 16, there is a greater number of nations competing. There was a view that in the short term, the preferred choice for the Youth Worlds would be a Hobie 16 without spinnaker.*

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