**ISAF Recognition of OSAF Events**

**ISAF International Classes Oceania Championships**

A submission from Sailing Cook Islands

**Purpose or Objective**

To enable championships organised by Oceania Sailing Federation (OSAF) to be recognised by ISAF

**Proposal**

Championships organised by Oceania Sailing Federation will be recognised by the International Sailing Federation, enabling these events to be supported, published and promoted by ISAF and on the ISAF website and in the ISAF annual calendar of events.

**Current Position**

OSAF is a newly formed Continental Association approved by ISAF at the AGM held in Busan, Korea, in November 2009 and OSAF recently hosted its first championships, the OSAF Youth Single Handed Championships in July 2011, in Aitutaki, Cook Islands. Sailing Cook Islands provided the Organising Committee for this event.

During these Championships meetings were held with the participating sailing NMA’s and the Training & Development Manager, ISAF and the Participation and Development Manager of Australian Yachting. A wider more robust understanding of the resources required to develop Sailing in the Oceania continental region was a beneficial outcome from these exchanges. This submission by SCI is as a direct result of the interaction between the International Federation, OSAF and member NMA’s in Oceania at these OSAF Single Handed Championships.

**Reasons**

1. It is submitted to be in the best interests of the development of Sailing that OSAF continental championships are accorded recognition by the International Sailing Federation.

2. ISAF recognised events are included in the ISAF calendar of events.

3. ISAF recognised events are supported on the ISAF website.

4. ISAF recognised OSAF events will enable coordination and support of ISAF Connect to Sailing and the Training & Development functions of ISAF and NMA’s in Oceania.

5. In the course of future development it is contemplated that recognition by ISAF will assist continental championships gaining value in their contribution to an expanded, higher standard, network of competition that will be available to NMA’s and their sailors as ranking competitions and potentially qualifying events for world Championships and Olympic Games.