Para World Sailing Events

Regulation 24.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Para World Sailing Committee

Purpose or Objective

To enable Para World Sailing Championships to be conducted for a greater diversity of disability types and to enable additional World Championships to be held in conjunction with any Para World Sailing Championships based upon gender, age or severity of disability (Para Classification).

Proposal

To amend Regulation 24.6 as follows…

24.6 Para World Sailing

World Sailing may hold Para World Sailing Championships as follows; subject to approval under Regulation 25.1:

(a) Para World Sailing Championships may be held in up to a total of six disciplines Para World Sailing Championships per year may be held;

(b) World Sailing shall select the World Championships from the following disability event categories disciplines:

(i) One-Person Technical Keelboat Open;
(ii) Two-Person Keelboat Mixed Open;
(iii) Three-Person Keelboat Open;
(iv) Multihull Open;
(v) One-Person Non-Technical Keelboat Open;
(vi) Vision impaired (with sighted guides) Open; and;
(vii) Vision impaired (without sighted guides) Open; and;
(viii) Intellectually Disabled Intellectual Disability Open (One-Person and Two-Person); and;
(ix) Hearing Impaired

(c) All Para World Sailing disciplines may be granted the right to hold the following annual World Championships:

(i) Age unrestricted World Championships which may be either a World Championship title open to any gender, or one male World Championship title and one female World Championship title, and;
(ii) An additional Youth World Championships with age defined by World Sailing Regulation 24.5.2, or;
(iii) An additional World Championships based on Disability Type or Para Classification;

(d) Regulation 10.4(b) does not apply to Para World Sailing Championships;

(e) World Sailing may recognize classes of boats or equipment as suitable for sailing by disabled sailors sailors with a disability, in accordance with standards to be adopted by World Sailing; and

(f) Para World Sailing Championships authorized in this Regulation shall be held in equipment recognized by World Sailing as provided in Regulation 24.6(e).
Current Position

Regulation 24.6 (a) limits the number of Para World Sailing Championships to five per year.

Para World Sailing Championships are currently not held for Deaf/ Hearing Impaired sailors.

Not all equipment being used for Para World Sailing Championships is eligible for additional Championships under Regulation 25.2.1.

Para World Sailing Championship for Intellectual Disability is limited to one World Championship and this event will be contested by One-Person and Two-Person crews.

Reasons

1. Reg. 24.6 (a) - There is a need to increase the number of World Championships to provide for Intellectual Disability (added since 2016) and Hearing Impaired (now added). Also, to enable multiple World Championships to be conducted with the Para World Sailing Disciplines.

2. Reg. 24.6 (b) (ii) - The Two-Person Keelboat event is being sailed with Open crews. The Para Classification requirements are biased to encourage female crews.

3. Reg. 24.6 (b) (viii) - The Intellectual Disability event will be contested by One-Person and Two-Person crews.

4. Reg. 24.6 (b) (ix) - Deaf and Hearing Impaired sailors have not previously been eligible for a Para World Sailing Championships.

5. Reg. 24.6 (c) - Not all equipment being used for Para World Sailing Championships is eligible for additional World Championships under Reg.25.1.2.

6. Reg. 24.6 (c) (ii) – Provides for a Youth Para World Sailing Championships to be held in conjunction with another Para World Sailing Championships.

7. Reg. 24.6 (c) (iii) – Provides for an additional Para World Sailing Championships based on type or severity of disability to be held in conjunction with another Para World Sailing Championships.

8. Reg. 24.6 (e) – Change to ‘person first’ terminology.