ISAF Youth World Championships

Equipment for Boy and Girl Classes

A submission from the Swedish Sailing Federation

Proposal

Have the 29er as both Boy and Girl classes to the ISAF Youth Worlds starting from 2012.

Current Position

In ISAF Youth Worlds many classes are involved. 29 and 420 has in rotation been involved but since 2010 the event has included 29 as open class and 420 boys and girls classes.

29 is a modern class showing spectacular speed and attraction. Probably in order not to growth the event to much the 29 was held as open 2010. In the results of the ISAF Youth Worlds 2010 only 2 female crews was at top 25 crews. In total female crews.

The results in the last ISAF Youth Worlds Lake Garda 2009 showed that the top 25 crews was nearly total dominating by the boy crews and in Worlds 2010 in Bermuda only 2 female crews reached the top 25 places (places 3 and 11) also in Isaf youth Worlds 2010 in Turkey only very few female teams were qualified to participate.

Effects depending probably on physical differences between the gender.

Reason

Women sailing need to be stimulated from early years in order to have enough potential for the women sailing in to the Olympics. Giving both boys and girls the same possibilities to compete