

2024 Olympic Mixed Keelboat Offshore Equipment

Request For Information from Manufacturers

1. The World Sailing Council approved a submission at the 2019 Annual Conference in Bermuda that relates to the choice of equipment for the Paris 2024 Olympic Offshore Keelboat event.
2. The submission covered the following points:
 - a. The criteria for suitable equipment for the Offshore Olympic event will be published no later than 31 December 2020.
 - b. The equipment for the Offshore Olympic event will be selected no later than 31 December 2023.
 - c. The criteria for suitable equipment for the qualification events will be published no later than 31 December 2020.
 - d. A list of equipment that meets the qualification criteria shall be published no later than 31 December 2020.
3. This list (2d.) will seek to guide event organisers and provide MNAs and sailors with opportunities to train and compete in equipment that is readily available and affordable within their continent and country allowing MNAs to prepare for qualification events and eventually, Paris 2024.
4. It is expected that the criteria will give the widest possible choice of suitable equipment for the Olympic event, giving many manufacturers the opportunity for their equipment to be chosen for the Olympic Games.
5. The purpose of this RFI is to allow World Sailing to assess what options currently exist in the market, and use that information to form the evaluation criteria for selecting the equipment for the new Mixed Keelboat Offshore Event at the Paris 2024 Games. World Sailing will be under no obligation to include respondents to this RFI in any future evaluations.
6. This document requests that you as manufacturer, submit your impressions of suitable equipment of current and future models of Offshore Racing Yacht for use in the new Mixed Keelboat Offshore Event at the Paris 2024 Games.
7. Although this RFI is addressed to equipment manufacturers, MNAs and Class Associations are also invited to propose Equipment for the list through a response to this RFI.
8. A 2024 Offshore Equipment Working Party will evaluate each set of information provided by manufacturers to help set the criteria for the equipment that will be used for Olympic qualification and at the Olympic Games.
9. Questions will be collected and addressed by the Working Party and answers will be provided through the World Sailing website. A list of FAQ s will grow a knowledge base for all parties to benefit from.
10. The Olympic equipment must be offshore capable (beyond 12NM from shore) and suitable to be raced by a two person crew. Whilst it is envisaged to be a non-foiling, non-canting keel production boat, Offshore Special Regulations Category 2 (including scantling and stability), between 8 and 11m, proposals close to these criteria are also welcome with detailed explanations and justifications.

11. Information should include (but not limited to);
 - a. Boat description / Marketing materials
 - b. History of the evolution of the boat (lineage / previous models)
 - c. Technical data including any handicap certificates – actual or trial
 - d. Designer VPP or measured sailing performance polar table
 - e. Example of race results since 2016
 - f. A statement of suitability for double handed sailing
 - g. Sailor endorsements / testimonials
 - h. Existing fleet size, and geographic distribution
12. In the best interests of the sport, and to promote access to equipment, information provided will not be kept confidential. However, if a manufacturer considers any part of its information to be commercially sensitive, it should discuss this with World Sailing in advance. If World Sailing agrees to keep the information confidential, it will notify the manufacturer. However, if World Sailing determines that it is in the interests of the sport to publish the information, it will advise the manufacturer and the manufacturer can elect to provide the information regardless, or exclude it.
13. After a review by the Working Party further information may be requested relating to the supply of equipment to the Olympic Games and the qualification event, and to technical equipment control measures to ensure the equality of equipment.
14. World Sailing plans to host a meeting at the executive office in mid 2020 with Working Party representatives and selected manufacturers following this RFI to have open discussions around equipment suitability and criteria to be considered.
15. Replies to this RFI should be sent to: technical@sailing.org by Friday 15th January 2020.