

Disabled Sailing

Para Sailing at Regional and Continental Games

A submission from Sail Canada, US Sailing,
and the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee

Purpose or Objective

To have Para Sailing included in Regional and Continental Games.

Proposal

That ISAF work with the Organizing Authorities of Regional and Continental Para Games to include Sailing in the Para Games.

That ISAF work with the Organizing Authorities of Regional and Continental Games that include sailing to integrate Para Sailing as an event within the general racing programs of these Games.

Current Position

There are three Regional/Continental Para Games: the European Para Youth Games, the Asian Para Games, and the Parapan American Games. Sailing is currently included only in the Asian Para Games.

At least one Regional Games that includes sailing, the Atlantic Nautical Games (Juegos Náuticos Atlánticos), has integrated a Para Sailing event as part of the general racing program.

Reasons

1. Sailing has been excluded from the 2020 Paralympic Games. ISAF has determined to use every effort to have sailing restored to the 2024 Games. The inclusion of sailing in Regional and Continental Para Games strengthens the case for restoration
 2. In some countries, funding of disabled sailing is dependent in its inclusion in major games. The exclusion of sailing from the 2020 Games will adversely affect this funding source. Inclusion in Para Games may well mitigate this loss of funding.
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