



ISAF Development & Youth Committee

Current work and perspectives

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Main goals:

- To bring new people to sailing at every stage, and every age, with particular care on youth, aiming to keep these newcomers in the sailing family for a their lifetime.
- Development to be perceived in the widest sense as transverse, likely to affect every aspect of sailing and subsequently linking all ISAF Committees.

‘Squaring’ the circle:

- Identify and promote Elite sailors i.e. building the pyramid, not losing any new participant or better still, gaining more and more participants.
- Shifting perspectives to change the diagram from pyramid to Cylinder or even an inverted trapeze, aiming to broadening and retaining the audience.
- Encourage Identification vs. Selection



Helping MNAs in Development tasks:

- From Emerging Nations to well established ones
- ISAF Acting as a facilitator
- Promoting IOC funded Courses to those in need.
- Providing tools (Training Resources) to help where none exist.



Providing tools:

- Running IOC funded courses in order for MNAs to build up solid Development schemes;
- Delivering Documentation / Resources, preferably published in a minimum of English, Spanish and French.



Promoting accessibility:

- Making sailing accessible to anyone (non boat owners, school pupils, disabled people...) in helping MNAs to develop a network of recognized training centres, at national or regional level, linked to accredited National Training Programme (NTP) programmes.
- Encouraging the use of 'collective' fleets



To build up 'Collective' fleets:

- For competition purposes (don't ask competitors to bring the stadium...)
- For recreational sailing (youth + adults), making it simple (before or after working hours)
- From Primary schools through to University, during school time (included on the curriculum).
- Closely working with Connect to Sailing partners
- Exploiting ISAF Learn to Sail boats list.



Giving value:

- To keep on developing the process and criteria for National Training Programme accreditation.
- To establish a number of ISAF Nominated Experts in various development areas, using similar procedures to Race Officials nominations, as defined during last development Symposium recently and successfully held in Oman.



- To keep on working with defining National / International qualifications and certification based on the International Sport Coaching Framework established by ICCE / IOC Olympic Solidarity / ASOIF / WADA and partner International Federations
- To define an ISAF 'framework' in order to recognise High Level International Training Centres.



Attracting new sailors:

- Promoting the values of sailing, as well presenting sailing as an attractive and modern sport.
- Using top events from Round the World Yacht Races to Youth Olympic Games for promotion of sailing amongst youngsters.
- Developing programmes aiming to introduce sailing into school sport hours, giving the taste of sailing to the largest number.



Facilitating Sailors 'pathway':

- Aiming at retention and preserving investments.
- Facilitating transfers between various kinds of sailing equipment, matching with sailors expectations... and age... at the image of Youth Match Racing programmes
- Re-injecting the capital invested into competitors training by facilitating access to coach qualifications.
- Paying attention to the 18 – 24 age range
- Taking due care of health, well-being and safety



Retaining Sailors:

- To introduce personal log books or 'passports' as record of personal sailing achievements, based on commonly shared skills, in order to allow worldwide transportability and encourage further participation and retention to the sport of sailing.



Some Proposals for the coming years:

- To exploit the legacy from ISAF Youth Worlds
- To share good practices
- To broaden the links with Youth Classes
- To increase / enrich list of ISAF Training resources
- To keep on strengthening the work of Training and Development Department



Exploit the legacy from ISAF Youth Worlds:

- Considering the huge amount of energy and efforts supplied by MNAs hosting ISAF Youth Worlds, we would suggest for a 'working party' consisting of members from both the Youth World Championship Sub-Committee and D&Y Committee to be nominated to investigate the development of training programmes in connection with Athletes Participation Programme (APP) Sailors.



Sharing good practices:

- Sharing and giving value to good practices in various Development areas, using dedicated ISAF social media platforms such as:

Facebook = **facebook.com/ISAFDevelopment**
65,226+ 'likes'

Twitter = **twitter.com/connect2sailing**
1,813+ 'followers'

sailing.org/training



Broaden the links with Classes:

- To establish a closer link with Youth Classes, focusing on facilitating Young Sailors 'pathways'
- To encourage as many Classes as possible to join Optimist, Cadet, Splash, RS Sailing, 420, Finn and Topper Classes in working with Training and Development department / D+Y Committee in providing information on their own development programmes.