2012 Olympic Sailing Competition Choice Of Equipment

A submission from South African Sailing

Proposal

That, if ISAF is granted an 11th medal by the IOC and the discipline chosen is the Multihull, that the equipment to be chosen is the Hobie Tiger

Current Position

None.

Reason

The Hobie Tiger is a well established ISAF International Class that has fleets throughout the world. As the manufacturer has agreed to supply Hobie Tiger’s to the Olympic Organisers for the 2012 Olympic Games this will eliminate any measurement issues that may have disrupted previous equipment that has been chosen.

With the emphasis on the position of developing nations and the affordability of preparation for the Olympic Games, the Hobie Tiger is a high performance boat that creates “spectacular” sailing which has the ability to attract spectators and viewers.

It is a boat that already has a presence in, and can be afforded by, developing countries with a broad competitive racing weight.

As a strict one-design with only one manufacturer the boats are identical and there are no development costs. If chosen, developing countries would be able to make use of existing fleets for preparation and will make it attractive for new countries to compete.