2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events and Equipment

A submission from the Latvian Yachting Union

Purpose or Objective

That the events and equipment selected for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition have to be as closely as possible with the objectives set by the IOC as defined by the ISAF Olympic Commission and ISAF Council.

Proposal

Men’s Board and Kite Board – Evaluation
Women’s Board and Kite Board – Evaluation
Men’s 1P Dinghy – Laser
Women’s 1P Dinghy - Laser Radial
Men’s Skiff - 49er
Women’s Skiff – Evaluation
Women’s 2P Dinghy (Spinnaker) – 470
Women’s Keelboat – Elliott 6m
Kiteboard (Mixed) – Evaluation
Mixed Multihull – Evaluation
Men’s 2nd 1P Dinghy – Finn
Mixed Men’s 2P Dinghy (Spinnaker) – 470

Current Position

Men’s board or kite board – Evaluation
Women’s board or kite board – Evaluation
Men’s one person dinghy – Laser
Women’s one person dinghy – Laser Radial
Men’s 2nd one person dinghy – Finn
Men’s skiff – 49er
Women’s skiff – Evaluation
Women’s keelboat – Elliott 6m
Mixed multihull – Evaluation
Mixed two person dinghy (spinnaker) – 470

Reasons

The criteria put forward by the Olympic Commission for the Olympic Sailing Competition addressed the objectives set by the International Olympic Committee with regard to the selection of events for the 2016 Olympic Games.

This slate of events recognizes windsurfing and kiteboarding as two distinctive sailing disciplines - as does the IOC - and as such broadens the base of the Olympic sailing programme.
The submission represents events, which are flourishing inside the Olympic programme and adds two powerful new element to the Olympic sailing family – open kiteboarding & mixed multihull.

The submission offers events and equipment, which are dynamic, fast providing media appeal and are attractive to our youth.

The addition of kiteboarding attracts a completely new target group within sailing so bringing new athletes and a new audience to the Olympic Sailing Programme.