# 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

## Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the Chairmen of the Events Committee and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee

### Purpose or Objective

To propose events for the 2024 Olympic Games for the 5 events placed under review by the decision of Council on 19 February 2018.

### Proposal

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Current Event &amp; Equipment</th>
<th>2024 Event Proposal</th>
<th>2024 Equipment Proposal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser</td>
<td>Retained</td>
<td>Retained</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial</td>
<td>Retained</td>
<td>Retained</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Men's Skiff - 49er</td>
<td>Retained</td>
<td>Retained</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women's Skiff – 49erFX</td>
<td>Retained</td>
<td>Retained</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17</td>
<td>Retained</td>
<td>Retained</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Men's Windsurfer - RS:X</td>
<td>Men's Windsurfer Combined</td>
<td>New Equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women's Windsurfer – RS:X</td>
<td>Women's Windsurfer Combined</td>
<td>New Equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn</td>
<td>Men's Kiteboard</td>
<td>New Equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470</td>
<td>Women's Kiteboard</td>
<td>New Equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470</td>
<td>Mixed Offshore Marathon</td>
<td>New Equipment</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### New Equipment Criteria

**Men's/Women's Windsurfer Combined**

1 registered production board
Maximum of 3 registered production rigs
1 registered production foil and 2 registered production fins
The equipment must be able to launch from the beach and be suitable for winds from 6-30 knots and both racing formats and slalom.
Men's/Women's Kiteboard

High performance hydrofoil system (single mast), hull open
High performance foil kite quiver up to 4 kites to cover wind range of 6-40 knots
Registered series production systems for hydrofoil and kites

Mixed Offshore Marathon

OSR Category 2 offshore keelboat, sloop rigged, suitable for 3-4 day and 2-3 night race offshore.
Short-handed sailing enabled for 2 persons. If more than 2 person, the additional athletes must
come from the other events due to quota constraints. Total number of boats dependant on sailing
athlete quota. Gender equity in both this event and total athletes competing in sailing at the Games
must be preserved.
Event to be sailed on identical, supplied equipment. Equipment supplier to support the
development of a minimum of 6 training bases, one in each continent with at least 2 boats
available for training throughout the year at reasonable charter costs. One training base to be at
the venue of the Olympic Sailing competition with a minimum of 6 boats.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

General

The background to the various Submissions from the Chair of the Events Committee is set
out in notes (a) – (d) below. The reasons for putting forward this proposal are as follows.

1. This proposal provides for 2 mixed events and 4 men’s and 4 women’s events in the Sailing
   event program. It retains separate men’s and women’s windsurfer events but proposes
   format changes to the current event to better showcase windsurfing. It includes separate
   men’s and women’s kiteboard events because of the potential for kiteboarding to meet the
   objectives of World Sailing and the IOC and the focus on gender equal events.

2. Windsurfing and kiteboarding are off-the-beach events with a number of exciting disciplines,
   which opens new opportunities to showcase this part of sailing as an “urban” sport with high
   youth and media appeal. The equipment proposal for the windsurfer and kiteboard events
   enables access to high performance equipment at a competitive price and increases team or
   individual sponsorship opportunities with multiple equipment suppliers involved.

3. The addition of the Mixed Offshore Marathon provides a very different event for the Olympic
   Sailing Program which will attract a diverse group of sailors, is positive for women and opens
   new commercial opportunities and interest in sailing.

Men's / Women's Windsurfer Combined
4. An event that showcases exciting windsurfing disciplines will meet the key objectives of World Sailing and the IOC for an Olympic event. The disciplines should include slalom and may include a long distance race and/ or short course racing or other suitable disciplines, with a combined score determining the places.

5. The accessibility of Windsurfing creates significant potential to grow the number of countries currently participating in Olympic qualification events for sailing and with the retained singlehanded events, ensures that there are at least 4 significantly universal events included in the 10 events in the Sailing program.

6. Windsurfing is attractive to the media, to youth and both genders. A separate women’s event will build on the existing strength of women in windsurfing and enable the retention and increase in the participation of women.

**Men's / Women's Kiteboard**

7. Kiteboarding meets the objectives of World Sailing and the IOC for an Olympic event. It is particularly appealing to youth and the media and can be both universal and innovative.

8. The kiteboard event is off-the–beach and has a number of exciting disciplines, which opens new opportunities to showcase sailing. The kiteboard event should showcase multiple racing format disciplines which may include border-cross, speed and short course racing.

9. Separate men’s and women’s event will likely enable athletes from more countries to participate in kiteboarding at the Olympics and has the potential to increase the growth in female participation in kiteboarding and bring girls and women to the sport who may otherwise not be attracted to sailing.

10. There is strong interest from the IOC in the inclusion of men’s and women’s kiteboarding events as evidenced by the awarding of an additional medal for the event at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

**Mixed Offshore Marathon**

11. Keelboat sailing represents a large demographic of the sport of sailing globally, which is not currently represented in the Olympic program. Consistent with the IOC requirements for each event to have a unique signature, a mixed long distance offshore keelboat event provides a very different event for the Olympic Sailing Program and is well suited to, and likely to generate very strong interest for, both Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028.

12. This event opens up significant commercial, media, spectator and technology opportunities and exposure which will generate greater interest for sailing as a sport. This would be the only Olympic event available for broadcast live in all time zones, and is likely to attract a strong e-sport/virtual audience.

13. This event introduces a new demographic of athlete and skill set within the Olympic sailing program, requiring navigation and meteorological skills. An offshore keelboat would cater for a wide range of physiques, because crew weight has less impact on boat performance than in dinghy, skiff and board classes.

14. Offshore sailing creates additional and varied sponsorship and funding opportunities for sailors and MNA’s and will generate interest from a wider group of sailors, including in some developing sailing nations. World Sailing to align the recently approved annual Offshore World Championships to this concept.
15. The event would be supplied identical equipment at the Olympic Games, and World Sailing will develop a sustainable plan with the equipment supplier(s) to assist managing the challenges that the cost of a keelboat event will create for MNA’s including facilitating affordable access to the boats at a number of training centres.

16. In many countries there is strong participation of women in keelboat sailing. This event will encourage women’s participation and retention in sailing, increase the profile of female sailors and facilitate a pathway to professional sailing for women.

Notes

(a) The 2024 Events and Equipment Working Party with input from the broader Events Committee has identified a number of potential slates for the 2024 Olympic Games which have been included in Submissions M10-18, M11-18, M24-18, M28-18, M34-18 and M36-18 from the Chairman of the Events Committee.

(b) The Working Party will continue to work on the advantages and disadvantage of the events proposed in these Submissions, review the other Submissions made and any further input provided by the broader sailing community.

(c) After reviewing all the Submissions, the Working Party and the Events Committee will prepare a report and make a recommendation for the May Council Meeting.

(d) In relation to the names of the events, including in the Events Committee Chair’s Submissions, the Events Committee intends to put a Submission forward for the 2018 Annual Conference to modify Regulation 23 to allow a change to Event names to be considered in 2019. It is important to review the names of all 10 events after all 10 events have been determined.