

## **2016 Olympic Sailing Competition**

### **Events and Equipment**

A submission from the Virgin Islands Sailing Association

#### **Purpose or Objective**

To change the provisional list of The Olympic Events and Equipment inserted in Regulation 23.1.4 in November, 2010 as provided in that Regulation and in Regulation 23.1.9.

#### **Proposal**

To change the Provisional list of The Olympic Events and Equipment inserted in Regulation 23.1.4 in November, 2010 and substitute that Provisional list with the following Regulation 23.1.4

1. Men's one person dinghy – Laser
2. Women's one person dinghy – Laser Radial
3. Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> one person dinghy – Finn
4. Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> one person dinghy - evaluation
5. Men's skiff – 49er
6. Women's keelboat – Elliott 6m
7. Men's keelboat – Evaluation
8. Men's two person dinghy - 470
9. Women's two person dinghy – 470
10. Multihull mixed – evaluation

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

1. Globally, sail boards continue to decline in popularity and are interesting only in a limited range of wind conditions.
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2. Kite boards will be a good addition to the Olympics eventually, but they need established rules and formats. They also are only interesting in a limited range of wind condition, as was shown in Miami this past year.
  3. Women's skiff, particularly the 29er XX, has limited women's attendance at their major events, does not have a world championship for women and will require that MNAs, again, purchase expensive new equipment for their sailors.
  4. The 470 is a well-established Olympic event and MNAs have many men and women participating in it. MNAs have already invested heavily in the equipment and in the training of their athletes for this event. The boat is still an exciting high performance dinghy. It may not be as exciting to the sailors as some skiffs may be, but to spectators there is little or no difference between them.
  5. The women need a single handed dinghy for lighter sailors that will make it more competitive for many women, particularly those from Asia and South America. Adding a boat like the Byte C II will give symmetry to the events for the Laser/Byte and the Finn/Laser Radial.
  6. Men's keelboats represent a huge segment of the sport of sailing that is ignored in the provisional slate. It has brought in more recognizable icons and heroes than any other sailing event in the Olympics.
  7. Women's keelboats, in the match racing format, has the most spectator interest and attraction for the electronic and print media than any other sailing discipline and has the potential to bring greater TV revenue to ISAF. It has attracted many medal winners from other events and, like men's keelboats, brings sailing icons and heroines to the Games. With suggested changes to the racing format, it will be much less expensive at the Games. Even with the high cost of entry fees at the SWC events, it is still less expensive to campaign for the Olympics than just about any other discipline.
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