2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events and Equipment

A submission from the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Inc.

Purpose or Objective

Modify the slate of events that was passed at the Annual Meeting in November 2010 to:

1. Encompass all major sailing disciplines
2. Maximize sailing’s media potential by enabling sailing’s most recognizable sailors and the broadest possible range of physiques to compete
3. Provide event and equipment flexibility to accommodate new developments.

Proposal

We propose the following slate of events for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition:

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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
1. Comprehensive Slate of Sailing Disciplines.

2. This slate includes all the major sailing disciplines, offering the broadest possible mix of competitive sailing attractive to the broadest possible audience and suitable to the widest variety of venues.

3. The Pinnacle Event of Sailing.

4. In order to be considered the “Pinnacle Event” of our sport the Olympics must attract the very best athletes from all sailing disciplines. A range of athlete’s size or age that is too narrow or an overly restrictive slate of events undermines this key objective.

5. The Best Sailors.

6. It is imperative that the athletes ISAF recognizes as our best sailors be afforded an opportunity to compete in the Olympics. Currently, ISAF recognizes the best with their annual “ISAF Sailor of the Year” award. Six of the last twelve men’s winners are currently compete in the Men’s Keelboat. We believe an even higher percentage of recent Women’s ISAF Sailor of the Year award winners currently compete in the Women’s Keelboat.

7. Media & Audience Interest.

8. Sailors with past World and Olympic success attract significant media attention; they are the established “go to” stories in our sport. Similarly, the men’s keelboat garners additional media attention because in addition to attracting a wide range of World and Olympic champions, it also draws high profile sailors from outside the Olympics such as the Americas Cup and the Volvo Round the World Race.

9. Today’s media focuses on the people behind the story, their life story beyond their sport or a specific event. These types of stories are extremely vital when building interest in an event or when conditions or venues offer less than compelling conditions.

10. Athlete Diversity.

11. Keelboat events accommodate the broadest diversity of athlete weight range, age, and commensurate experience. Taking the Star for example, of the top 10 competitors in each class at the last ISAF Sailing World Championship, the Star had a spread of 35kg, which represents over twice the spread of every other event when compared to the 470 at 15kg and the 49er at 11kg. (Star athlete weight range was 80 - 115 kg, the 470 was 60 - 75 kg, and the 49er 68 - 80 kg. The multi-hull ranged from 69 - 79 kg and the Finn 94 - 110 kg.) Furthermore, the Star and the Finn are currently the only two classes in which an athlete over 80 kg can be competitive.