

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the RS Aero Class Association

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this submission is to propose the inclusion of a One Person Event suitable for light women within the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Proposal

Current Event & Equipment	2024 Event Proposal	2024 Equipment Proposal
Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser *	Retained	Retained *
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial *	Retained	Retained *
Men's Skiff - 49er	Retained	Retained
Women's Skiff – 49erFX	Retained	Retained
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17	Retained	Retained
Men's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Men's Board	New Equipment
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Women's Board	New Equipment
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	Retain - Men's One Person Power	Retained
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	“Light” Women's One Person Dinghy	New Equipment
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Two Person Dinghy	Retained

** Note the equipment for this event is under antitrust review*

Proposed Board Event:

The RS Aero Association does not take a view on the merits of windsurfing versus kitesurfing nor (if windsurfing is selected) whether it is preferable to Retain, Evolve or introduce New Equipment.

We note that the opportunity to introduce foiling Boards seems appealing.

Proposed One Person Event for Light Women:

Key equipment selection criteria to include:

Suitable for women of a lighter physique than the Women's One Person Dinghy (Laser Radial).
Exact sailor weight to be determined after consultation by Technical Committees with women sailors and MNAs from all continents.

Potential for universality through: Suitability for pathway from youth. International availability.
Reasonable purchase / ongoing costs.

Una rigged one person dinghy, to "match" the other one person dinghy Events in visual and technique terms.

Exciting handling and modern appearance to encourage wide participation by new generations of women sailors.

Existing, proven Equipment with global availability, to avoid start-up issues.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. In November 2017 Council voted to ensure there are opportunities for sailors of a wide range of physiques within Olympic sailing competition. Currently there is no one-person dinghy suitable for light women.
 2. In November 2017 Council voted to ensure gender equity for Events and competitor numbers.
 3. In November 2017 the Women's Forum recommended the introduction of an Event for Light Women.
 4. This submission fulfils the decisions indicated in points 1, 2 and 3 above. N.B. The proposed title "Light Women" is used for clarity only - friendly amendments to replace the direct reference to weight would be welcome. For example "Women's Sprint"?
 5. The pathway for young sailors is critical to the attraction and retention of new generations of sailors. Appealing Equipment for Light Women is essential to excite young sailors, offer them an attainable pathway and build participation.
 6. If women's sailing participation is to be encouraged and developed (to achieve both IOC and World Sailing's objectives) in world regions that typically have light physiques, a Light Women's One Person Event is essential. One Person is significantly the most popular form of dinghy sailing where suitable opportunity exists.
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