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World Sailing
Nations Cup 2018
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The World Sailing Nations Cup, which was first introduced to the world in 1991, is based on a series of Regional Finals with the top crews meeting at a Grand Final. The aim of the event is to broaden the availability of match racing and provide international competition for national authorities and sailors at reasonable cost, whilst acting as an incentive for national match racing programmes.

Held eight times previously, the World Sailing Nations Cup triggers a pyramid of events, with nations holding club and then national championships to select their teams to attend the Regional Finals, which in turn lead to the Grand Final, where nations are pitted against each other, creating a sound, viable and appealing series of events. It is about Nations and not skippers to determine the Open and Women’s World Champion Nation in match racing.

Each Regional Final will have an Open and Women’s division, with entries limited to one entry from each of the nations within that region eligible to participate, thus promoting a continental event and ensuring that all nations have the opportunity to participate.

Regional Finals will be held over a maximum of four days, with one or more crews going through to the 2018 World Sailing Nations Cup Grand Final. As in the past, the Regional Finals will offer the opportunity for World Sailing Match Racing Clinics training on the water prior to the event.

The previous edition – the World Sailing Nations Cup 2015 was successful with 37 teams competing in the continental Regional Finals. The Grand Final was held in the City of Vladivostok (RUS) overlooking the Pacific Ocean with 14 teams competing giving an AUS v RUS showdown in the Open and a USA v FRA sail-off in the Women’s division. Russia and USA emerged victorious to win the World Sailing Nations Cup 2015 and represented by the young Vladimir Lyapovskiy (RUS) in the Open and Nicole Breault (USA) in the Women’s Division.

World Sailing is now seeking bids from organisers around the world to host Regional Finals during 2017-18 and the Grand Final in 2018. The event organisers must have the endorsement from their national federation (MNA).

For further information please read the attached document or contact Madeleine Dunn at the World Sailing Competitions at madeleine.dunn@sailing.org or Michael O’Connor, Chair of the World Sailing Nations Cup Working Party, at moconnor11@gmail.com.

Bid deadline is 30 April 2017.

Background to the World Sailing Nations Cup

A primary objective is to attract new countries and new teams to this exciting discipline – in 1991 Ed Baird (USA) won the first World Sailing Nation’s Cup.

Many great match racers today in the America’s Cup, the World Match Racing Tour and the 2016 Olympics have come up through this event. Examples would be Mathieu Richard (FRA), Bertrand Pace (FRA), Anna Tunnicliffe (USA), Claire Leroy (FRA), Lucy Macgregor (GBR), Peter Holmberg (ISV), Eugeniy Neugodnikov (RUS), Jesper Bank (DEN), Murray Jones (NZL), Damien Iehl (FRA), and Nicky Souter (AUS).

Past locations to host the Regional and Grand Finals have been in recent times:

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