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**Alternative Proposal Submission for Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition**

**Mixed One Person Dinghy Team – Finn and Europe**

A combination of a medium-lightweight women's dinghy and a men's power dinghy to cater for different physiques

A submission from the International Finn Association and the International Europe Class Union

ALTERNATIVE EVENT OVERVIEW		
Name of proposed event. Must include reference to the following: 1. Mixed / not mixed (Men's or Women's) 2. Crew number 3. Dinghy/ Skiff/ Multihull/ Windsurfing/ Kitesurfing/ Keelboat/ (or specify other)	Mixed One Person Dinghy Team	
In relation to the proposed event, please specify the proposed Equipment, or relevant class association governing the use of Equipment.	Men's equipment: Finn  Women's equipment: Europe	
What is the format for the proposed event?	Mixed team event with two groups sailing an opening fleet series with the best sailors qualifying to a winner-takes-all combined medal race. There are various format options for the event, please see proposed details for one of the options as <u>attached</u> .	
IOC CRITERIA		
Does the proposed event align with the Olympic Agenda 2020+5?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>aligns with agenda</li></ul> Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>relevance to the youth</li><li>innovation</li><li>universality</li><li>participation of the best athletes</li></ul>	YES  YES YES YES YES
Does the proposed event keep full gender equality for both	YES	

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number of events and athlete quotas? If yes, please detail how	Full event gender equality and athlete gender equality is maintained.
Does the proposed event prioritise universality and maximise accessibility of the sport? <i>If yes, please detail how.</i>	<p>YES</p> <p>Both the proposed event and the proposed equipment have great universality of dinghy sailing. Both classes would be among the cheapest of Olympic Equipment and are already widely available, and conform to all FRAND (fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory) equipment production principles. Accessibility of the sport would be also maximised via inclusion of heavier male sailors (Finn class) and lighter-weight female one person dinghy sailors in the Olympic Games.</p> <p>The event will satisfy World Sailing Regulation 23.1.2 (d) which states that Olympic event and equipment shall: be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and <u>of different size and weight</u>, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment. Finally, the event will satisfy the all-physique policy approved by Council in November 2017 (35 for / 3 against / 0 abstain) on Board submission 070-17 with the objective: <u>to ensure that there are Events at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition that suit athletes over a wide range of physiques.</u></p>
Which World Championship organised by World Sailing was this proposed event tested at?	<p>The proposed classes of equipment have organised successful world championships for many years. The event combines those two elements in a single event, with joint scoring. The actual sailing event remains largely unchanged from typical class racing in past Olympic sailing competitions.</p> <p>Both event components – Finn and Europe – have organised well-established World Championships for decades with huge experience and knowledge of individual fleet racing that is the format for the proposed event.</p> <p>Please note that similar with any other innovative new events, only actual Olympic Events can be used for World Sailing organised world championships. Consequently, the now proposed event itself is yet to have a world championship organised by World Sailing.</p>
In comparison with the sailing programme as a whole for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition, what	

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<p>would the impact of including the proposed event be against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost / complexity to OCOG and NOCs</li> <li>• Cost/complexity to National Federation</li> <li>• Cost/complexity to athletes</li> <li>• Athlete quota size</li> </ul> <p>Please be concise in your response to this question.</p>	<p>The event would use a single race area and race committee therefore no extra cost would incur for the OCOG and NOCs in the preparation for and running of the event.</p> <p>This Mixed One-Person Dinghy Team event would have negligible impact in terms of cost and complexity due to the use of existing and widely available equipment and established class structures.</p> <p>The costs of these equipment are among the lowest of all current and proposed Olympic classes.</p> <p>The quota would be similar to the mixed offshore keelboat option with 15-20 teams, equalling a quota usage of 30-40 places.</p>
<p>Will the proposed event use existing venues/fields of play at the 2024 Olympic Sailing competition?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>The existing venues and fields of play will be used.</p>
<b>FURTHER CRITERIA</b>	
<p>If the proposed event is not a mixed event, please indicate which of the three existing mixed events you propose to split.</p>	N/A
<p>If you propose to split a mixed event, please confirm that the two single gender events use the same equipment as the existing mixed event.</p>	N/A
<p>What are the reasons for proposing this event? Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.</p>	<p>1. Sailing is one of the few sports that can cater for men and women of different physiques. Conscious of that responsibility, World Sailing rules have always guaranteed Olympic options for these sailors to continue a tradition dating back to the early years of sailing. That same reason led the Council in 2017 to pledge that sailors with different physiques would have an opportunity to compete at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition (Submission 70-17).</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The inclusion of these Classes in the Olympic programme would permit heavyweight men and medium lightweight women to be competitive and enjoy our sport, while maintaining absolute gender and event equality across all ten Olympic Events.</li> <li>3. The Mixed One Person Team event would continue the tradition of providing a technical challenge to sailors at the Olympic Games, while catering for different sailor physiques and facilitating improved investment in female sailing around the world.</li> <li>4. This new event would retain many top male sailors in Olympic sailing who otherwise would retire after Tokyo 2020, as there would be no suitable sailing event for them. Due to their physiques, most current Finn sailors would be unable to safely and healthily reduce weight to competitively sail another Olympic Event approved for 2024. Without a suitable event, most will have to stop Olympic sailing, and maybe even sailing and the sport will have disenfranchised a significant young and athletic sailing population. Keeping these athletes in the sport should be a priority.</li> <li>5. The Europe class is a previous Olympic class with many of the same technical qualities as the Finn and is still flourishing worldwide. That legacy must be maintained.</li> <li>6. The Finn class has unique links to the America's Cup and plays a key role in a long held pathway through the sport. Linking women to a men's class in this way provides new avenues to develop women's sailing and provide pathways to professional sailing using the established connections to Finn sailing.</li> <li>7. The event would provide significant innovation using previously proven formats and equipment. The new event would introduce significant innovation into the 2024 Olympic Games but without extra financial investment in new equipment. The submission proposes equipment that meets many sustainability objectives and has an unrivalled reputation for safety and reliability.</li> <li>8. Team sports are common across the Olympics, so this is something the IOC and spectators can easily identify with.</li> <li>9. Approval of this event would also mean the existing programme of nine sailing events already approved by the IOC will not be changed.</li> </ol>
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	<p>10. The Mixed One-Person Dinghy Team event matches World Sailing policy and regulations to ensure that there are Events at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition that suit athletes over a wide range of physiques, while male and female sailors in the same event but in different boats also removes all possible religious discrimination. In doing so it satisfies the Olympic Charter. World Sailing Regulation 23.1.2 (d) as well as the all-physique policy approved by Council in November 2017.</p>
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**Event format**

**Qualification/opening series**

- Both Finn men and Europe women sailors will have to both independently qualify for the Mixed One-Person Dinghy Team event to be able to count as a mixed team.
- Normal fleet series for Finn and Europe over 10 races. For the opening fleet series the two groups will sail on the same trapezoid course (outer loop / inner loop) and will start 5 minutes apart.

**Semi-finals/Medal Race**

- Leading Europe and leading Finn qualify directly to the Medal Race (2 teams)
- Places 2-5 qualify for semi-final (4 teams in each)
- Semi-final Relay 1: places 2, 3, 4, 5 from Europe (with Finn teammate)
- Semi-final Relay 2: places 2, 3, 4, 5 from Finn fleet (with Europe teammate)
- Same racing format would be used for the Semi-finals as explained below at the “Combined Medal Race Format”
- Winner of each semi-final progress to the Medal Race
- The selection to the Medal Race will be in order: best woman, best man
- The selection of teams to the semi-finals will be in order: second best woman, second best man, third best woman, third best man etc. each qualifying their teammate wherever they finished in the opening series.
- If there are two nations the same in the process in Finn or Europe, then qualification to the appropriate race passes to the next unqualified nation in the fleet in order to achieve 10 qualified nations.
- This gives two semi-finals and a final Medal Race of 4 teams
- This format provides reward for winning the fleet racing, but also gives chances for any one of the top 10 nations to medal.
- If the final series is not possible due to weather or other considerations, then combined scores from the opening series would stand.

**Example**

	<b>Q series</b>	<b>Q series</b>	<b>Semi-Final 1</b>	<b>Semi Final 2</b>	<b>Final/Medal Race</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>FINN</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>TEAM</b>
1	AUS (1)	HUN (2)	NED (3)	GBR (4)	AUS (1)
2	NED (3)	GBR (4)	BRA (5)	FIN (6)	HUN (2)
3	HUN	FIN (6)	SWE (7)	ESP (8)	Semi-Final 1 winner
4	BRA (5)	ESP (8)	FRA (9)	NZL (10)	Semi-Final 2 winner
5	SWE (7)	NZL (10)			
6	FRA (9)	AUS			

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**Combined Medal Race Format**

- One relay race
  - Upwind and downwind course (one or two laps, depending on size, approximately 15 minutes) with free pumping regardless of wind speed
  - Europe starts first
  - When a Europe woman sailor crosses the finish line, her Finn teammate can start. The committee boat signals the finish of each Europe using coloured flags (or other technology-based protocol which may be in place for Paris 2024) to indicate the appropriate Finn teammate can start.
  - Medals decided as the men cross the finish line.
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