2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore – Regulation 23

An urgent submission from the Board

Purpose or Objective

To propose a different procedure for the selection of the equipment for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore event.

Proposal

Delete current Regulation 23.1.9 and replace as follows:

23.1.9 Notwithstanding any other Regulation, for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition:

(a) no later than 31 December 2019, Council shall select a list of different equipment which it considers meets the key criteria for the Event and may therefore be approved by Council at later dates for qualification for the Event;

(b) no later than 31 December 2023, Council shall select the Equipment for the Event from the list approved under Regulation 23.1.9(a).

Current Position

Under current Regulation 23.1.3(e), the selection of equipment for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore event for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition must be made by 31 December 2019.

Reasons

1. The Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore event has to be an event aimed at testing the offshore sailing skills of athletes and should not allow an equipment ‘arms race’.

2. The equipment selected for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games should be selected as late as possible to ensure there is no arms race.

3. A ‘long list’ of equipment should be approved at the Council at the 2019 Annual Conference. The ‘long list’ will include equipment that meets the key criteria for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore event.

4. The ‘long list’ will ensure that the most diverse number of MNAs and the largest possible group of sailors will be able to train and plan for the Olympic Games.

5. The ‘long list’ of equipment will provide event organisers, MNAs and sailors with opportunities to train, compete at events and host Olympic Qualification Events in equipment that is readily available and affordable in their continent.
6. Equipment selected from for the Olympic Qualification Events and Olympic Games will be chosen from the 'long list'.