

**Reporting Committee – Events Committee and Equipment Committee
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Alternative Proposal Submission for Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Mixed Team Racing Event – ILCA 6

A submission from the Team Racing Sub Committee, endorsed by the Chairman of the Events Committee

ALTERNATIVE EVENT OVERVIEW		
<p>Name of proposed event. Must include reference to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed / not mixed (Men's or Women's) Crew number Dinghy/ Skiff/ Multihull/ Windsurfing/ Kitesurfing/ Keelboat/ (or specify other) 	<p>Mixed Team Racing Event 2 persons (male+female) per nation team One person Dinghy</p>	
<p>In relation to the proposed event, please specify the proposed Equipment, or relevant class association governing the use of Equipment.</p>	<p>One person Dinghy – ILCA 6¹</p>	
<p>What is the format for the proposed event?</p>	<p>2 boats per nation team v 2 boats per nation team. Umpired as per World Sailing RRS Appendix D – Team Racing Rules (2021-24) Standard format – Round Robin, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, Petit Final for Bronze and Grand Final for Gold and Silver. Scoring as per World Sailing RRS Appendix D – the team with the last boat loses the race. This encourages Mixed teams members to work together with skill and tactics to prevent being the last boat.</p>	
IOC CRITERIA		
<p>Does the proposed event align with the Olympic Agenda 2020+5?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aligns with agenda <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> relevance to the youth innovation 	<p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p>

¹ Same equipment as Women's One Person Dinghy Event (International Laser Radial Class Association – ILCA 6 “Laser radial under the ILCA class rules”)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • universality • participation of the best athletes 	<p>YES YES</p>
Does the proposed event keep full gender equality for both number of events and athlete quotas? If yes, please detail how	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: A Nation team is 2 persons (male + female) and 16 Nations are proposed for the event – an allocation of 32 athletes (16 male + 16 female)</p>	
Does the proposed event prioritise universality and maximise accessibility of the sport? If yes, please detail how.	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: Team Racing as a format has been practiced for over 100 years. The International Laser Radial Class Association is the second most universal class in the world. Team Racing is active in youth in over 60 countries worldwide on an annual basis.</p>	
Which World Championship organised by World Sailing was this proposed event tested at?	<p>World Sailing has organised the World Sailing Team Racing World Championships since 1995 – locations have been GBR, USA, IRE, CZE, NZL, USA, ESP, AUS, IRE, GBR in different boats and under World Sailing RRS formats and Race Officials. The next is due 2022. A Youth Championship (U21) began to run in parallel with the main event since 2005</p>	
<p>In comparison with the sailing programme as a whole for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition, what would the impact of including the proposed event be against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost / complexity to OCOG and NOCs • Cost/complexity to National Federation • Cost/complexity to athletes • Athlete quota size Please be concise in your response to this question. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Cost/Complexity to OCOG and NOCs.</u> Reduced cost and complexity. Will fit into existing field of play/racecourses or between them or close to the shore. Uses the supplied equipment for the women's one person dinghy after completion of that event. Requires less shoreside and on the water support and similar race officials as part of the normal World Sailing International Race Officials Appointments. 2. <u>Cost Complexity to National Federations.</u> The proposed equipment is standard in most countries for men, women and youth. Team racing has been developed with the top sailors in the Optimist Class since 1983 and today, 48 nations compete in the Team Racing World Championship. Many Federation programmes include Team racing through schools, colleges and Clubs 3. <u>Cost/complexity for athletes.</u> Good supply of boats, no crew required, easy to maintain. Can be launched from a beach. Training partners can become a team race partner. 4. <u>Athlete quota size:</u> 32 athletes from 16 nation teams. Qualification to the Olympics through a World Championship and series of Continental qualifiers. 	

Will the proposed event use existing venues/fields of play at the 2024 Olympic Sailing competition?	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed event uses the existing venue and field of play. Duration over 3 days with a race every 3 minutes. Length of race 10-15 minutes. 2. The racecourse required is approximately one tenth of size of the dinghy fleet racecourses and so can be fitted between those course areas or close to the shore 3. The racecourse can be located close to spectator viewing areas and shoreside media for live coverage. 4. Athletes and Race Officials will use the same facilities and security as any other sailing event in Paris 2024.
FURTHER CRITERIA	
If the proposed event is not a mixed event, please indicate which of the three existing mixed events you propose to split.	N/A
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.	The proposed event is mixed (equal male + equal female) and does not propose to split any other event. It does however propose to use the Supplied Equipment allocated to the Women's One person Dinghy (ILCA 6 - "Laser Radial") in the form of a minimum of 8 boats + 2 spare available to be used on a rotation basis. The alternative is to use 32 boats + 4 spare from the 40+ boats supplied to the Women's One person Dinghy event. This allows no boat changeover for the athletes and greater event branding
What are the reasons for proposing this event? Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.	See below

Reasons for proposing this Event:**1. Agenda alignment**

Team racing offers the IOC a media focussed, audience friendly, easy to understand alternative that is low cost, dynamic, and pits nation against nation. It presents as a unique Signature Olympic Sailing event that will develop personalities and new media stars with youth appeal.

Mixed Team Racing has true gender equality with a male athlete in one boat and female athlete in the other. Both athletes must work their skills and tactics to protect each other and the team to win the race.

2. Universality

Team racing has been widely attractive to many nations. In recent years 48 Nation Teams have trained and participated in 4 boat national teams at a World Championship level in the largest youth sailing class in the world. There is an increasing trend for Asian and South America nations to reach the podium.

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Final Day Team Racing - Gold Fleet Nations
2019	ITA	THA	PER	ESP, FRA, BRA, GER, POR, SLO, PER, HKG, NZL, ARG, ISR, TUR, AUS,
2018	THA	ITA	ESP	USA, ARG, BRA, ESP, SWE, ARG, PER, SGP, SUI, CHN, FIN, CHI, RUS,
2017	USA	THA	MAS	CHN, SWE, SGP, TUR, GBR, IRL, GER, PER, BRA, FRA, KOR, HKG, ITA,

Source: www.optiworld.org

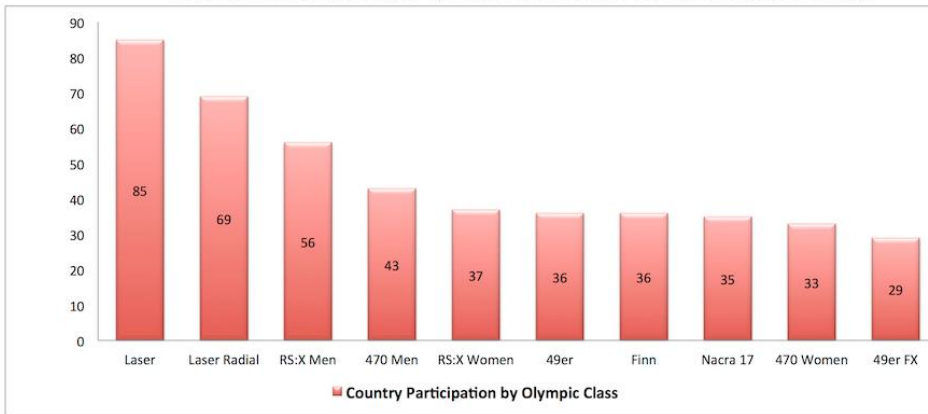
The Team racing pipeline is also active at a Continental level with 60 nations participating.

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Participating Nation Teams	Additional Nation Teams (Outside of Region)	Nations/Year
2019	Asian & Oceanian Championships	THA	OMA	CHN	AUS, NZL, BRA, IND, HKG, USA, TUR, JPN, FIN, SGP		13
2019	European Championships	ITA	POL	ESP	GBR, NED, TUR, FRA, SWE, NOR, CRO, IRL, POR, GRE, SLO, SUI, GER		16
2019	North American Championships	USA1	USA2	USA3	BER, ISV, BER, PUR, MEX, CAN, BAH, CAY	PER, BRA, ARG, IRL, URU, SUI, NZL, JPN,	17
2019	South American Championship	ARG	PER	BRA	URG, PER, BRA, CHI, ECU, CHI,	USA, BER, ANT, AUS, ISV, CAN,	15
2019	African Championship	ANG1	ANG 2	RSA	MOZ, SEY, TUN,		5
						Total	66
2018	Asian & Oceanian Championship	THA	CHN	SGP	AUS, HKG, JPN, OMA, IND, CAN, USA, NZL, MYA		12
2018	European Championship	ITA	SWE	POL	TUR, ESP, GRE, GER, NED, CRO, RUS, UKR, ISR, GBR, DEN, SLO		15
2018	North American Championship	USA1	USA2	USA3	CAY, ISV, BER, CAN, PUR, MEX	URU, BRA, ARG, SGP, AUS, PER	13
2018	South American Championship	PER	BRA	ARG	URU, CHI, COL, PAR, ECU,	USA, ISV, CAN, BER, ISV, COL, URU, ECU, CHI,	14
2018	African Championship	MOZ	ANG	RSA	EGY, TUN, ANG, OMA, SEY, TAN,		9
						Total	63
2017	Asian & Oceanian Championship	CHN	TUR	THA	SGP, IND, AUS, HKG, OMA, JPN, NZL, KOR, USA,		12
2017	European Championship	SWE	TUR	GER	ESP, ITA, POL, ISR, FRA, NED, GRE, NOR, SLO, FIN, DEN, RUS, SUI		16
2017	North American Championship	USA1	USV	USA2	BER, CAN, MEX, AHO, PUR	PER, ARG, BRA, AUS, NZL, SUI, CHI, JPN	15
2017	South American Championship	ARG1	ARG2	PER	CHI, URU, BRA, PAR,	USA, ISV, BER, PUR, MEX,	11
2017	African Championship	ANG	UAE	ALG	TUN, EGP, MAR, RSA		7
						Total	61

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The International Laser Radial Class Association boat (ILCA 6) as the proposed equipment, has worldwide accessibility in Olympic and Youth programmes and therefore the cost of participation is low. The Class hosts world championship events for women and men and has a substantial non-Olympic fleet in most areas of the world.

Countries Participating in Qualification Events for 2016 Olympic Sailing



Continent	Laser	Laser Radial	RS:X Men	470 Men	RS:X Women	49er	Finn	Nacra 17	470 Women	49er FX
North America	13	12	4	3	3	4	2	5	2	3
South America	8	8	6	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
Europe	35	31	28	22	20	20	24	18	21	17
Africa	8	5	6	3	2	1	2	1	0	0
Asia	17	9	11	9	6	5	2	5	5	4
Oceania	4	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	85	69	56	43	37	36	36	35	33	29

% Europe	41%	45%	50%	51%	54%	56%	67%	51%	64%	59%
% Non-Europe	59%	55%	50%	49%	46%	44%	33%	49%	36%	41%

3. Innovation

2x2 Team races are short, action packed, and decisive. On water umpiring means that rules infringements and penalties are resolved on the field of play. There is a clear winner. Last boat loses. It is not a game about speed. It is a game about strategy and sailing skill. It is a knockout competition that the winner takes all.

4. Youth Appeal

Youth appeal is critical. Team sailing is currently being raced by youth sailors in over 60 countries around the world.

No need to own the equipment and can train in any available equipment – the event and boats appeal to younger sailors. Races are short, they are fun and the good sailors bring along the emerging sailors.

As an event it slots into new social media platforms and will energise younger people to broadcast to remote audiences. The more nations following the greater the non sailing audience.

5. Media

Format is the key tool to differentiate the Sailing events. Team Racing delivers this. Almost all the Olympic sailing events are fleet racing and are difficult for the media and non- sailors to understand.

Courses are small. Races are short. Can be close to shore - in a basin or small harbour. Spectators can watch from shore. Commentators can call the action. Drones can capture the overview and cameras can capture the action as well as audio on the boats. It's a real chance to get up front and personal with sailors in full-on battle mode.

Team racing delivers the media product that the IOC has been seeking. Short competitions. Easy to understand. Pits nation against nation. Minimal days required in the competition schedule and can be held late in the Olympic regatta to maintain national interest and broadcast appeal.
