

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

Mixed Two Person Keelboat - Star

A submission from the International Star Class Yacht Class Racing Association

ALTERNATIVE EVENT OVERVIEW		
Name of proposed event. Must include reference to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mixed / not mixed (Men's or Women's)</li> <li>2. Crew number</li> <li>3. Dinghy/ Skiff/ Multihull/ Windsurfing/ Kitesurfing/ Keelboat/ (or specify other)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mixed</li> <li>2. Two Person</li> <li>3. Keelboat</li> </ol>	
In relation to the proposed event, please specify the proposed Equipment, or relevant class association governing the use of Equipment.	International Star, International Star Class Yacht Racing Association	
What is the format for the proposed event?	Mixed two-person keelboat, elimination (Knockout format). Weight limit – Total 180kg	
IOC CRITERIA		
Does the proposed event align with the Olympic Agenda 2020+5?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aligns with agenda</li> <li>Includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>relevance to the youth</li> <li>innovation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>YES: Gender equity, broadcast appeal, no offshore security concerns, retains keelboats, and number of athletes.</p> <p>YES: Under 30 World Championship and SSL events have drawn a new young generation of Star Class competitors</p> <p>YES: The event is innovative from the current slate of events in that it is performed in a keelboat and appeals to a bigger stronger athlete. The mixed team proposed and ability to switch</p>

		<p>roles during competition allows for creativity unmatched in other disciplines and underscores the equality of teamwork. The knockout round format has proven to provide broadcast appeal and is very successful and popular with the SSL events; one of the other Olympic sailing events utilize the knockout format</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• universality</li> <li>• participation of the best athletes</li> </ul>	<p>YES: The Star is a global Class already and gearing up a Star program is a rather quick endeavor.</p> <p>YES: The Class is historically loaded with the best sailors in the history of the sport (Elvstrom, North, Melges, Connor, Buchan, Reynolds, Gorostegui). Currently, the Class is populated with many of the best sailors in the world as skippers, coaches, and crews: Robert Scheidt, Paul Cayard, Iain Percy, Freddy Loof, Augie Diaz, Diego Negri, Mateuz Kusznierewicz, Bruno Prada, Frithof Kleen, Torben and Lars Grael, Robert Stanek, Tonci Stipanovic, Facundo Orezza, Eivind Melleby, Mark Mendelblatt, Xavier Rohart, Jorge Zariff, Hamish Pepper.</p>
Does the proposed event keep full gender equality for both number of events and athlete quotas? If yes, please detail how	YES	<p>Detail: The proposed event is a mixed two-person keelboat, replacing the exact number of athletes and gender equity of the event it would replace; the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event. The changes include moving to an inshore event to be conducted on a course and format familiar with IOC and well-suited to broadcast coverage and viewing; and "knock out rounds" utilized by the Star Sailors League in their Championship</p>

	Events. In addition, the equipment will change to an International Star; last utilized in 2012 London Olympic Games.
Does the proposed event prioritise universality and maximise accessibility of the sport? <i>If yes, please detail how.</i>	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: The average weight of women across the world (including Asia, Africa, Middle East, and South America) is 50-60 kg. The 180kg weight limit would allow women worldwide to compete equally with a corresponding male teammate to meet the required total weight. The mixed team and the ability to switch roles within the race would allow for teams to showcase their skills in the various roles and the variety of conditions. Currently mixed teams compete in Star Class Championships. The Star is sailed globally with ample boats available for purchase new or used so entry to the Class is accessible with easy global adoption as a previous, long standing Olympic Class.</p>
Which World Championship organised by World Sailing was this proposed event tested at?	<p>2003 Cadiz, Spain</p> <p>2007 Cascais, Portugal</p> <p>2011 Perth, Australia</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"> <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><b>- Cost/ complexity to OCOG and NOCs:</b> Due to the global reach of the Class, existing boats could be obtained relatively easily for emerging nations and NOC's at an affordable cost. The Star is raced on 4 continents covering 30 nations.</p> <p><b>- Cost/complexity to National Federation:</b> In addition to the above, most Federations have coaches who have experience coaching the Star, so no specialized coaching expertise is needed.</p> <p><b>- Cost/complexity to athletes:</b> Star boats are available from four different manufacturers (Folli, Lillia, C-Star, and Mader), masts from two manufacturers (Emmeti and Burton), and sails from at least four different major manufacturers (North, Quantum, Doyle, and Fritz) at reasonable costs. Cost growth over the last ten years has remained nearly static with a new boat priced at approximately \$45k Euro and competitive used boats priced at \$12k-18k Euro. The equipment is not specialized, and the measurement tolerances are tight. Many Star World Championships have been won with stock boats, sails and masts produced by all the manufacturers listed above. No equipment changes would be required. And, the Class IGC has already approved, pursuant to Class rules, a change in Class rules for the next two years that would approve new weight limits for mixed team competitions.</p> <p><b>- Athlete quota size, please be precise in your response to this question.</b> 15 qualifying countries, two athletes per team, 30 total athletes; 15 Women and 15 Men.</p>

Will the proposed event use existing venues/fields of play at the 2024 Olympic Sailing competition?	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: Marseille has been utilized for Star Class events for years. It has the necessary hoists and dry sail area need to 15 Star boat teams and support. One of our IGC members and signatory to this document, and Star Class World Champion Xavier Rohart is from Marseille and can attest to the sufficiency of the facility and the on the water race area proposed.</p>
<b>FURTHER CRITERIA</b>	
If the proposed event is not a mixed event, please indicate which of the three existing mixed events you propose to split.	Not Applicable
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.	Not Applicable
<p>What are the reasons for proposing this event?  <i>Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.</i></p>	<p>Olympic Sailing should feature the best sailors in the World, reflect a variety of disciplines and athletes, and have the effect of growing our sport. Adding the Star into the Paris Games hits on all three points. The Star Class Champions reflect the pinnacle of the sport, it is evident by the names on the Star trophies, the America's Cup teams over the years, and the past Olympic teams. A review of the 2012 Olympic Games reveals a fleet of sailors that are World Champions and Olympic medallists not only in the Star but a variety of other classes. These sailors continue to race and reflect well on the concept of excellence in our sport.</p> <p>After the 2012 Games, due to initiative of the Star Sailors League, Star sailing competition has remained high for the last nine years. SSL footage and the exciting Star racing has help establish the viability of broadcasting our sport for Olympic viewership. In addition, the advent of our Under 30 World championship has introduced the Star to the younger generation of Olympic calibre sailors.</p> <p>The Star adds to the range of athletes competing at the Games. Excellence, from our great sailing athletes, comes from all walks of life, sizes, and preferred boats. We need an event for the sailors that are bigger and stronger. And, in this case two athletes; both male and female. Two teammates empowered with the creativity to determine their best performance on their terms – a true partnership. Finally, the keelboat is the most popular form of racing in the world. 80% of racing in the world is on keelboats. If our sport is to grow, our Olympic disciplines should flow naturally into the Classes that help form the backbone of World Sailing. Retaining the keelboat is a key component to the success of sailing in the future. Bringing women into a highly visible and popular boat</p>

	like the Star will help add to the fastest growing segment of our competitive sailors and boats owners, women.
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