

Equipment for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition - 470

Regulation 16.1.1(d)

A submission from the Federation Française de Voile

Proposal:

That the International 470 Men and International 470 Women be selected as equipment for the 2012 Olympic Games for the Men's Two Person Dinghy and the Women's Two Person Dinghy Events.

Current Position:

The 470 is currently selected as Equipment for the Two Person Women's Dinghy and Two Person Men's Dinghy for the 2008 Olympic Regatta. And will visit 4 continents in the 2005-2008 period for it's World Championships.

Reason:

470 is used in Regional and World Games such as the South East Asian Games, the Mediterranean Games, the Balkan Games, the Military Games and University Games as well as the ISAF World Sailing Games. Sailors from 45 Nations (30 Nations in the Women's Worlds & 43 Nations in the Men's Worlds) competed at the 2004 470 Class World Championships.

470 can provide exciting racing within the possible new Race Formats by sailors of common body types in young athletes (46-76kgs and 150-190cms), importantly in all sea conditions from 5 knots to 40 knots.

The pre-selection of 470 Women and 470 Men for 2012 will allow ISAF and International 470 to attract nations of all sizes, but importantly Developing and Small Nations, to invest in competitive sailing in readily available and reasonably priced equipment

Two Person Dinghy sailing is a fundamental event in competitive sailing and should be a foundation event in the Olympic Regatta.

With such a decision made 7 years before the 2012 Olympic Games, many young sailors from a lot of countries would be able to plan their sailing career on a "safe equipment".