

Selection of Equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta

A submission from the President

CURRENT COUNCIL POSITION

Council Minutes, June 2004

Council noted the submissions on the selection of equipment for the Olympic Regatta 2008 and considered the corresponding recommendations from the Events Committee and the Sailing Committee

Decision

- (i) On a proposal by Jeff Martin (Representative for the ISAF Classes), seconded by Ross Robson (Group Q - Africa South of the Sahara), Council approved the amended recommendation from the Events Committee to accept the following list of possible equipment:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Choice</u>
Multihull O	- Hobie 16 (M34) or Tornado (M33)
Keelboat W	- Soling (M31) or Yngling (M32)
Keelboat M	- Soling (M31) or Star (M30) or Yngling (M29)
D/H Dinghy O	- 49er (M27) or Snipe (M24)
D/H Dinghy W	- 470 (M25) or 49er (M27) or Snipe (M26,M28,M35) or 49er (M27)
D/H Dinghy M	- 470 (M25) or 49er (M27) / Snipe (M23,M26,M35) [whichever loses vote 4]
S/H Dinghy M	- Finn (M06) or Laser (M07,M16,M36,M37,M38) Whichever is not selected is the only option in vote 8
S/H Dinghy O	- Finn (M10) or Laser (M09)
S/H Dinghy W	- Byte (M21) or Europe (M12, M13) or Flash (M20) or Laser Radial (M11,M14,M15,M16,M17,M18,M19,M35,M37,M38) or Zoom8 (M22)
Windsurfer M	- Hybrid (M04) or Mistral (M01,M02,M03,M36,M37) or Mistral Derivative (M01,M03) or (M05)
Windsurfer F	- Hybrid (M04) or Mistral (M01,M02,M03,M36,M37) or Mistral Derivative (M01,M03) or outcome windsurfing equipment evaluation trials (M05)

NB: the codes in brackets relate to the submission numbers.

Council also noted that the Events Committee have appointed a joint working party with the Sailing Committee to produce the evaluation report of the equipment choices for November 2004.

In addition, Council noted the recommendation from the Events Committee on the voting procedure to be adopted in November 2004.

Decision

- (ii) On a proposal by Oleg Ilyin (alternate for Group H - Euro-Asian), seconded by Dierk Thomsen (Group B - Central Europe), Council approved the following voting procedure for the selection of equipment in November 2004:
- Each vote shall be between the equipment listed for each event.
 - All equipment chosen shall have a 50% majority. Where there is not a 50% majority, the equipment with the least votes shall drop off the list and voting will continue until the majority is reached.

(34 members voted for the proposal, 1 abstained)

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Proposal

That the **Flash**, a development of the Splash, be selected as the equipment for women single-handed dinghy in the Olympic Games from 2008.

Current Position

Equipment currently selected for women single-handed dinghy in Olympic Regatta is the Europe Dinghy.

Reasons

General:

The current equipment is expensive, not only to buy but also to keep up with her always-changing materials. In addition, the bandwidth of weight and length of the competitor is narrow.

Solution:

The Flash, using the same hull and mast as the Splash but with a bigger boom and sail, is the ideal dinghy for women all over the world. Almost every girl can sail this dinghy as the ideal bandwidth of weight and length of the Flash is very broad.

Universally available equipment:

The builder sends the Flash all over the world on a regular basis. He can increase the production to 800 units a year and has initiated negotiations with builders in Asia and South America to enlarge the worldwide availability. The builder is used to supply boats at World Championships. A large dealer network exists (see: www.splash-boat.com)

Sailed worldwide:

The Flash is used already in 3 continents and 14 countries. Over 2050 hulls, Splash and Flash, are already spread over the world and the fleet is growing every day.

Suitable for average physique:

The forgiving nature of her hull form and sail/mast combination creates a wide bandwidth in which most girls can compete successfully.

Economical:

The price of a ready to sail Flash is only 2.232 GBP ex VAT. The very stiff hull, from GRP, stays competitive for at least eight years. No exotic materials are used in any part of the boat. Mast

and boom are made of aluminium. A Splash can be converted to a Flash for only 490 GBP. This means that a sailor starting in a Splash at her 14th can use the same hull if she goes Olympic.

Athletic:

Girls who sail the Flash do not need to be extremely athletic, but a good overall fitness is sufficient to be able to handle the boat in all circumstances.

Technically simple, out-of-the-box:

A Flash is delivered in a cardboard box, ready to sail, no extra items are needed to go racing.

The Flash has simple but effective controls, which make it possible to tune the dinghy to a high degree. With her strict class rules and her true one-design concept, measurement procedures are kept to a minimum.

One-design:

The Flash is a true one-design as she is built from one mother mould. Apart from stringent class rules, the class is rewriting the production manuals to make production clear and understandable for new builders, mast makers, sail makers and sailors alike.

Class Organisation:

As the Flash is a development of the Splash, the Splash Class International Association (SCIA), www.splashworldwide.org, is also taking care of the Flash class.

Conclusion

The Flash is the ideal boat for the women single-handed dinghy in 2008 because more women will be able to compete on an equal terms.

Due to the close one-design class it will be the skills of the girls that decide who will become the Olympic winner.