

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event

An urgent submission from the Board

Purpose or Objective

To change the Mixed One Person Dinghy event to Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore.

Proposal 1

Under Regulation 23.1.6(b), Council agrees to consider changing the Mixed One Person Dinghy event for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Proposal 2

To make the following change to Regulation 23.1.4 (the Events for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition):

2024 Olympic Events and Equipment

Men's Windsurfer –

Women's Windsurfer –

Mixed Kite –

Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser

Women's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial

~~Mixed One Person Dinghy –~~ **Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore**

Mixed Two Person Dinghy –

Men's Skiff – 49er

Women's Skiff – 49erFX

Mixed Multihull – Nacra 17

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The Board is proposing this urgent submission to change the Mixed One Person Dinghy event. This can only be considered if Council agrees to 'unlock' the event under Regulation 23.1.6(b).
 2. Proposal 1 will therefore require 75% of the votes cast to be in favour in order to pass.
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3. Since the Mid-Year Meeting, many MNAs have expressed great concern with the Mixed One Person Dinghy Event. After considerable thought into how this new event could work, the Board does not have confidence that it can be presented as an attractive and workable event.
 4. If any change could be made, the guiding submissions approved by Council in 2017 provide for equality on athletes and events, a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 mixed classes and the inclusion of different physiques.
 5. Adding a single gender event – or another 2-person single gender event - is not an option due to gender equality with 10 events. However, mixed 2-person offshore keelboat is a real possibility.
 6. With an Olympic events slate which includes offshore keelboat, World Sailing is definitely showing the diversity of our sport.
 7. Historically, keelboats have a long legacy of being raced in the Olympic Games. Adding an offshore keelboat will restore this important tradition.
 8. Over 50% of the sailors in the world compete in offshore keelboats. This event would attract competitors who do not normally sail Olympic classes and athletes could be a great range of size and weight.
 9. This new event will draw large spectator interest. We only have to note the appeal of Vendee Globe and Volvo Ocean Race to see this.
 10. Supplied equipment at the Games will reduce costs and World Sailing can look at different models for ensuring participation costs are as low as possible.
 11. The next two Olympic Games hosts, Paris 2024 and LA 2028, are supportive of an offshore keelboat event in their Games.
 12. An offshore keelboat offers a unique broadcast opportunity with a long-distance race as a part of the race format. An offshore keelboat will provide a good media platform for broadcast equipment (both current and what will be available in 2024).
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