

### Olympic Sailing Competition - Selection Process

A submission from the Chairmen of the Women’s Sailing Committee and Women’s Forum

#### Proposal:

That ISAF consider:

1. Revising its Olympic Events and Equipment decision process so that it:
  - (a) best meets the overall ISAF strategic goals, and IOC requirements
  - (b) best takes into account how to present sailing to the wider sporting media audience
2. In considering 1(a) and (b) above that ISAF consider in its review in no particular order:
  - (a) The number of events for men and women
  - (b) The timelines for decision making
  - (c) How best to use unallocated places to ensure gender balance at the Olympic Sailing Competition
  - (d) Who should consider and make recommendations to Council
  - (e) The role of Council in the overall decision making process
  - (f) Whether or not an event and/or equipment should be chosen for not one but two Olympic Games and
  - (g) Any other issues or decision processes used in other sports that are *good practice* and equally relevant to sailing and
3. That the results of this review be brought to Council for consideration no later than November 2009

#### Current Position:

That applying to selection of events and equipment for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

#### Reason:

1. Currently the Olympic Decision Process encourages decisions on events and equipment to be made in isolation, which leads to unbalanced decision making open to lobbying and equipment interests.
2. It does not allow for an agreed organizational strategy to be implemented, as it encourages *blocks* along the way.
3. A thorough review will ensure the Olympic Decision Process best takes into account the importance of elite sailing to the financial well being of ISAF as well as maximizing the attraction of the sport to the media and sailors.