

IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission

2012 has been a generally quiet year for the Events & Scheduling Commission. The event bid process approved in 2011 has been implemented and is being sent to organizations wishing to host IFDS events.

2015 IFDS Combined World Championship

The Events & Scheduling Commission recommended that the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia be awarded the 2015 IFDS Combined World Championship. The proposed dates are 20-29 November 2015. This was approved by the IFDS Executive Committee in February 2012.

There has been some concern that the 2015 IFDS World Championship should have been awarded to Rio de Janeiro site of the 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition. The decision to host the 2015 IFDS Combined World Championship in Australia is consistent with the motion passed at the 2010 IFDS Annual General Meeting that IFDS give priority to hosting a World Championship in the Pacific – Asia Region. IFDS will be exploring the possibility of sanctioning an IFDS International Championships at the Paralympic Sailing Competition venue in 2015 if such a request is received.

Future IFDS Combined World Championships

The Events & Scheduling Committee has received two expressions of interest to host future IFDS Combined World Championships. One request was received from the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club. It is anticipated that they will be seeking to host the 2016 IFDS Combined World Championship. They have been sent a bid questionnaire which is expected to be received by IFDS at the end of September 2012.

A second expression of interest has been received from the Korean Sailing Association. They have also been sent a questionnaire. At this point it is not clear exactly when they would like to host an IFDS Combined World Championships. David Staley, Chair, IFDS Governance & Procedures Committee, whilst in Korea met with an official from the Korean Yachting Association.

Blind Sailing World Championship

The 2012 World Blind Sailing Match Racing Championships was originally planned to be held at the Royal and Northern Clyde Yacht Club in Scotland in September 2012. The club and its co-sponsor Blind Sailing UK had to withdraw their offer to host at short notice. The Homerus Association took on the regatta on short notice and ran the regatta successfully 11-17 June on Iseo Lake, Italy.

The 2013 Blind Sailing Fleet Racing World Championship will be held 24 May – 1 June at Koajiro 1286, Misaki-machi, Miura City, Kanagawa-ken 238-0225, Japan; 139° 37'E 35° 9.8'N.

The Events & Scheduling Commission is looking for venues for the 2014 IFDS Blind Sailing World Match Racing Championship and the 2015 IFDS Blind Sailing World Fleet Racing Championship. There has been some interest expressed by Piers Park Sailing Centre in Boston, USA but to date they have not formally requested a bid package.

Other events

2014 Asian Para Games

Although there was some initial interest in including sailing in the 2014 Asian Para Games in Korea, recent inquiries to the Secretary General of the Games have gone unanswered.

2015 Para Pan Am Games

At this point sailing is not included in the schedule of events for the 2015 Para Pan American Games at Toronto. In conjunction with the Canadian Yachting Association IFDS will be communicating with the Games organizers with an attempt to include the 2.4mR One-Person Keelboat in the games.

Commission membership

Two members of the Events & Scheduling Commission will be stepping down effective after the Annual General Meeting. Hugh Elliot after many years of service to the IFDS has retired from all committees of IFDS including the Technical Committee that he chaired. Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis who chairs the IFDS Development Committee has also advised that she will be stepping down at the November 2012 AGM. I would like to thank her for her contributions.

The Events & Scheduling Commission will be seeking two new members in early 2013 to replace those stepping down. Please forward any interested candidates to Emma Little at the ISAF UK.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission