

URGENT LATE SUBMISSIONS: 2021 MID-YEAR MEETING

Submissions addressing the IOC's urgent request for World Sailing to submit alternative event proposals as a possible replacement for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition, should that event not be approved by the IOC, **must be received by the deadline of 12:00 hours UTC on 26 April 2021.** An 'Alternative Proposals Submission' should be completed and returned to World Sailing via email to submissions@sailing.org.

The main Regulation governing submissions is Regulation 15. In accordance with Regulation 15.6(b) only urgent submissions may be considered at a Mid-Year meeting. The deadline for Mid-Year submissions was 19 March 2021 and has now passed. The World Sailing Board have met and agreed to allow late submissions regarding proposed replacement events ("**Alternative Proposal Submissions**"). Any Alternative Proposal Submission that is (1) validly made in accordance with the World Sailing Regulations; and (2) complies with the criteria detailed below, shall be deemed urgent for the purposes of Regulation 15.

IOC Criteria for a Submission

An Alternative Proposal Submission must meet the following six criteria specified by the IOC:

1. align with Olympic Agenda 2020+5, including relevance to the youth, innovation, universality and participation of the best athletes;
2. keep full gender equality on both number of events and athlete quotas (e.g. alternative mixed-gender events or split of currently approved mixed events into men's and women's events);
3. prioritise universality and maximise the accessibility of the sport;
4. should have been previously tested at the respective World Championships organised by World Sailing;
5. should not cause an increase of the overall cost and complexity for the Paris 2024 Olympic Organising Committee, National Olympic Committees and/or National Federations, specifically in the direct comparison with the sailing programme, as a whole, for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition;
6. use of existing venues/ fields of play.

Additional Criteria for a Submission

Further, the process detailed in the Regulation 23 amendment which, if approved shall enable World Sailing to comply with the IOC's urgent request to propose alternative event(s) requires that:

1. Alternative Proposal Submissions must not require changes to any of the nine Olympic Events already approved by the IOC for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition as set out in Regulation 23.1.4, unless the proposal is to split one of the three mixed Olympic Events into separate men's and women's events (in which case the equipment for both events shall be the equipment already selected for the mixed event).
2. An Alternative Proposal Submission must only address the alternative event and not any other matter including any change to the Regulations.
3. A separate submission is required for each proposed alternative event (save where the proposal is to split a mixed event into separate men's and women's events, which can be addressed in one submission).

Who can make a submission?

Under the Regulations, only the following may make a submission:

- (a) Member National Authorities
 - (b) International Class Associations and International or Recognized Rating Systems
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- (c) World Sailing Board
- (d) World Sailing President
- (e) Chairmen of Committees (not Sub-committees)
- (f) Chair of the Women's Forum

For MNAs and Class Associations, the document sent to World Sailing must be authorised by one of the officers named in the World Sailing Yearbook against the MNA or Class Association (or as otherwise previously notified to World Sailing if there is a change of officer). This can be done by a named officer signing the submission or sending it to World Sailing from the email account registered with World Sailing as their contact address.

Can a submission be amended?

Before the deadline, you can withdraw your submission and send a new one before the deadline.

After the deadline, World Sailing staff will not amend submissions other than to format them correctly or consolidate them with other identical submissions.

At the Mid-Year meeting, amendments proposed to submissions must meet the following requirements before they are voted on:

- (a) Amendments recommended by committees must not be a "substantial change"
- (b) Amendments must be "minor"
- (c) Amendments must be accepted by the Council member proposing the submission to Council.

Can a submission be withdrawn?

A submission can be withdrawn at any time up until Council begins to vote on it.

The World Sailing staff will not mark a submission as withdrawn unless:

- (a) an email is sent to the World Sailing staff by the submitter withdrawing the submission; or
- (b) the submitter withdraws the submission verbally during an official meeting (where it will be recorded in the minutes).

World Sailing strongly advises that submissions are sent in plenty of time in case there are technical faults when sending. If you are submitting in PDF format, please also send a Word version.

Name of Authorised Person: Dr. Hubert Merkelbach
Position: President, ISCYRA
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If you are making a submission which you are aware will be the same as one from another submitter(s), please provide details*: * This is not mandatory but greatly assists the World Sailing Executive Office in cross-checking the submissions.
For Committee Chairmen: Please tick the box to confirm that the responsible Vice President has been informed of this submission: <input type="checkbox"/> (forms where the box is not ticked will be returned to the submitter).
All submissions will be acknowledged within 24 hours. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please contact World Sailing.

Alternative Proposal Submission for Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Mixed Two Person Keelboat

A submission from the International Star Class Yacht Class Racing Association

ALTERNATIVE EVENT OVERVIEW		
Name of proposed event. Must include reference to the following: 1. Mixed / not mixed (Men's or Women's) 2. Crew number 3. Dinghy/ Skiff/ Multihull/ Windsurfing/ Kitesurfing/ Keelboat/ (or specify other)	1. Mixed 2. Two Person 3. Keelboat	
In relation to the proposed event, please specify the proposed Equipment, or relevant class association governing the use of Equipment.	International Star, International Star Class Yacht Racing Association	
What is the format for the proposed event?	Mixed two-person keelboat, elimination (Knockout format). Weight limit – Total 180kg	
IOC CRITERIA		
Does the proposed event align with the Olympic Agenda 2020+5?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aligns with agenda Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevance to the youth • innovation 	YES: Gender equity, broadcast appeal, no offshore security concerns, retains keelboats, and number of athletes. YES: Under 30 World Championship and SSL events have drawn a new young generation of Star Class competitors YES: The event is innovative from the current slate of events in that it is performed in a keelboat and appeals to a bigger stronger athlete. The mixed team proposed and ability to switch roles during

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • universality • participation of the best athletes 	<p>competition allows for creativity unmatched in other disciplines and underscores the equality of teamwork. The knockout round format has proven to provide broadcast appeal and is very successful and popular with the SSL events; one of the other Olympic sailing events utilize the knockout format</p> <p>YES: The Star is a global Class already and gearing up a Star program is a rather quick endeavor.</p> <p>YES: The Class is historically loaded with the best sailors in the history of the sport (Elvstrom, North, Melges, Connor, Buchan, Reynolds, Gorostegui). Currently, the Class is populated with many of the best sailors in the world as skippers, coaches, and crews: Robert Scheidt, Paul Cayard, Iain Percy, Freddy Loof, Augie Diaz, Diego Negri, Mateuz Kusznierewicz, Bruno Prada, Frithof Kleen, Torben and Lars Grael, Robert Stanek, Tonci Stipanovic, Facundo Olezza, Eivind Melleby, Mark Mendelblatt, Xavier Rohart, Jorge Zariff, Hamish Pepper.</p>
<p>Does the proposed event keep full gender equality for both number of events and athlete quotas? If yes, please detail how</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YES</p> <p>Detail: The proposed event is a mixed two-person keelboat, replacing the exact number of athletes and gender equity of the event it would replace; the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event. The changes include moving to an inshore event to be conducted on a course and format familiar with IOC and well-suited to broadcast coverage and viewing; and “knock out rounds” utilized by the Star Sailors League in their Championship Events. In addition, the equipment will change to an</p>	

	International Star; last utilized in 2012 London Olympic Games.
Does the proposed event prioritise universality and maximise accessibility of the sport? <i>If yes, please detail how.</i>	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: The average weight of women across the world (including Asia, Africa, Middle East, and South America) is 50-60 kg. The 180kg weight limit would allow women worldwide to compete equally with a corresponding male teammate to meet the required total weight. The mixed team and the ability to switch roles within the race would allow for teams to showcase their skills in the various roles and the variety of conditions. Currently mixed teams compete in Star Class Championships. The Star is sailed globally with ample boats available for purchase new or used so entry to the Class is accessible with easy global adoption as a previous, long standing Olympic Class.</p>
Which World Championship organised by World Sailing was this proposed event tested at?	<p>2003 Cadiz, Spain 2007 Cascais, Portugal 2011 Perth, Australia</p>
<p>In comparison with the sailing programme as a whole for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition, what would the impact of including the proposed event be against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost / complexity to OCOG and NOCs • Cost/complexity to National Federation • Cost/complexity to athletes • Athlete quota size Please be concise in your response to this question. 	<p>- Cost/ complexity to OCOG and NOCs: Due to the global reach of the Class, existing boats could be obtained relatively easily for emerging nations and NOC's at an affordable cost. The Star is raced on 4 continents covering 30 nations.</p> <p>- Cost/complexity to National Federation: In addition to the above, most Federations have coaches who have experience coaching the Star, so no specialized coaching expertise is needed.</p> <p>- Cost/complexity to athletes: Star boats are available from four different manufacturers (Folli, Lillia, C-Star, and Mader), masts from two manufacturers (Emmeti and Burton), and sails from at least four different major manufacturers (North, Quantum, Doyle, and Fritz) at reasonable costs. Cost growth over the last ten years has remained nearly static with a new boat priced at approximately \$45k Euro and competitive used boats priced at \$12k-18k Euro. The equipment is not specialized, and the measurement tolerances are tight. Many Star World Championships have been won with stock boats, sails and masts produced by all the manufacturers listed above. No equipment changes would be required. And, the Class IGC has already approved, pursuant to Class rules, a change in Class rules for the next two years that would approve new weight limits for mixed team competitions.</p> <p>- Athlete quota size, please be precise in your response to this question. 15 qualifying countries, two athletes per team, 30 total athletes; 15 Women and 15 Men.</p>

<p>Will the proposed event use existing venues/fields of play at the 2024 Olympic Sailing competition?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: Marseille has been utilized for Star Class events for years. It has the necessary hoists and dry sail area need to 15 Star boat teams and support. One of our IGC members and signatory to this document, and Star Class World Champion Xavier Rohart is from Marseille and can attest to the sufficiency of the facility and the on the water race area proposed.</p>
FURTHER CRITERIA	
<p>If the proposed event is not a mixed event, please indicate which of the three existing mixed events you propose to split.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>If you propose to split a mixed event, please confirm that the two single gender events use the same equipment as the existing mixed event.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>What are the reasons for proposing this event? <i>Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.</i></p>	<p>Olympic Sailing should feature the best sailors in the World, reflect a variety of disciplines and athletes, and have the effect of growing our sport. Adding the Star into the Paris Games hits on all three points. The Star Class Champions reflect the pinnacle of the sport, it is evident by the names on the Star trophies, the America's Cup teams over the years, and the past Olympic teams. A review of the 2012 Olympic Games reveals a fleet of sailors that are World Champions and Olympic medallists not only in the Star but a variety of other classes. These sailors continue to race and reflect well on the concept of excellence in our sport.</p> <p>After the 2012 Games, due to initiative of the Star Sailors League, Star sailing competition has remained high for the last nine years. SSL footage and the exciting Star racing has help establish the viability of broadcasting our sport for Olympic viewership. In addition, the advent of our Under 30 World championship has introduced the Star to the younger generation of Olympic calibre sailors.</p> <p>The Star adds to the range of athletes competing at the Games. Excellence, from our great sailing athletes, comes from all walks of life, sizes, and preferred boats. We need an event for the sailors that are bigger and stronger. And, in this case two athletes; both male and female. Two teammates empowered with the creativity to determine their best performance on their terms – a true partnership. Finally, the keelboat is the most popular form of racing in the world. 80% of racing in the world is on keelboats. If our sport is to grow, our Olympic disciplines should flow naturally into the Classes that help form the backbone of World Sailing. Retaining the keelboat is a key component to the success of sailing in the future. Bringing women into a highly visible and popular boat</p>

	like the Star will help add to the fastest growing segment of our competitive sailors and boats owners, women.
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