

2012 Olympic Sailing Competition - Equipment

Women’s Keelboat Match

A submission from the Chairmen of the Match Racing Committee, Equipment Committee and Events Committee

Proposal:

- (a) The equipment for the Women’s Keelboat Match event will be a 3 person boat.
- (b) The selected equipment will be supplied at the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition. The ISAF designated Olympic Qualification Events will be held in the equipment selected for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition and will be supplied.
- (c) The ISAF designated Olympic Qualification Events for Women’s Match Racing will be aligned as closely as possible to other qualification events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- (d) The proposed ‘Sport boat’ Submission EQ50-08 from Yachting New Zealand should be supported and the ‘Sport boat’ should be the Elliott 6m modified for transportation purposes with a lifting keel and optimised for the approved crew weight.
- (e) ISAF will work closely with the builder and designer of the Elliott 6m.

Current Position:

There is no current position.

Reason:

In May 2008 the Executive Committee formed a Working Party, made up with 2 members each from the Match Racing Committee, the Equipment Committee and the Events Committee, to address questions of format, equipment and qualification for this event. The unanimous recommendations of the Working Party were:

- (a) A 3 person boat will increase the numbers of nations able to compete, increase the athleticism required and reduce campaigning costs.
- (b) Supplied equipment will level the playing field, put the emphasis on match racing skills and reduce costs for the MNAs.
- (c) Olympic Qualification for every event of the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition should be aligned as much as possible.
- (d) Optimising an existing design will strike the right balance between an existing design and a new design and will allow MNAs and sailors the ability to prepare and train immediately in the selected boat. The Elliott 6m is a proven match racing design. Making modifications for transportation purposes with a lifting keel and optimising the boat for the approved crew weight will ensure the best available equipment is used. All proposed modifications will be confirmed by 31 May 2009. In addition to EQ50-08 submissions for a keelboat suitable for

Women's Match Racing were received from Denmark EQ37-08, Japan EQ38-08, Argentina EQ39-08 and Sweden EQ40-08; the Elliott 6m is the most suitable commercially available keelboat for the Women's Keelboat Match event. There could also be the unique possibility to re-brand the Elliott 6m as an ISAF 6m.

- (e) ISAF will work with: the class to ensure they meet the requirements expected of an ISAF Class, with the builder to control cost and availability and with the designer to ensure safety and suitability.