

## 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

### Final day format for 49er and 49erFX

A submission from International 49er Class Association

#### Purpose or Objective

To aid making the final day of the Olympic games both fair and exciting for sailing fans of the 49er and 49erFX classes.

#### Proposal

1. To use the 'Theatre Style' format for the final day of the Olympic games. Both the 49er and 49erFX classes should be scheduled to race 3 X 10 minute target time races.
2. Theatre Style means that the race course shall use, when appropriate, a continuous artificial boundary running parallel with the wind and on either side of the race course that the teams may not pass beyond.

#### Current Position

The current position is to use one or two medal races, where teams race on a normal racecourse with a target time of between 20-30 minutes.

#### Reasons

3. A 10 minute race is more suitable to television viewing than a 20 or 30 minute race.
  4. A 10 minute race without boundaries results in teams going straight to the laylines and is not exciting to watch.
  5. A continuous boundary allows media boats and fans to get very close to the sailing boats without being a navigable hazard to the sailors
  6. A series of 3 races increases the fairness of the result compared to a single race, aiding the goal of having the team who sails the best win the regatta.
  7. The Class has trialled this system a number of times and the sailors have voted for it.
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