

Equipment Committee Annual Report

The Equipment Committee work included developing a set of priorities and goals for 2012-2016, review of eligibility and membership of ISAF Class Associations, managing the evolution with the development of the Olympic equipment and investigating potential Olympic Kiteboarding equipment.

Priorities and Goals

- **Development of ERS and IHC**
- **ISAF Class review and monitoring**
- **Evolution and Evaluation of Olympic Equipment**
- **Monitor new Olympic Equipment**
- **Olympic, ISAF Worlds and World Cup Equipment Inspection management**
- **Investigate and monitor potential Olympic Kite Board Equipment**

Equipment Committee Sub-committees

The Equipment Sub-committees; Class Rules and Equipment Control have been engaged in setting up appropriate working parties for the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), ERS Q&A Panel and Standard Class Rules.

ISAF Class Status

The committee has received applications for ISAF status from five classes; 49erFX, Nacra17, Formula Kiteboard, Twin Tip Kiteboard and J-70. In addition applications from Classic Classes moving to ISAF Class status have been received from the GP14 and Shark class association.

ISAF Class review and monitoring

Through extensive analysis conducted by the ISAF Secretariat a working party has been established to monitor ISAF Classes compliance with ISAF reg. 10.2, 10.4 and 25.2, to make recommendations based on data and observations.

Olympic Equipment

The Equipment Committee have been in dialogue with the current Classes for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition regarding evolution of equipment. There has been consultation on proposed equipment specification changes, managed evolution and timescales. In general it was concluded that the changes planned by the Olympic Classes until 2020 could be managed within the present class rules.

The secretariat with the Committee has been closely monitoring the newly introduced equipment for the Women's Skiff and Mixed Multihull events at the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition; 49erFX and Nacra17.

The committee will also consider the level of supplied equipment at the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition in the Laser, RS:X and potentially the Nacra17 classes.

Potential Kiteboarding Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition

An Equipment Committee working party has been liaising with the International Kiteboarding Association investigating the current framework of equipment control and product registration within the Kiteboarding equipment to assess the viability as Olympic Equipment.

Olympic, ISAF Worlds and World Cup Equipment Inspection management

A plan for optimizing equipment inspection at major event has been developed and is now waiting the final structure for ISAF major events to be decided before outlining and implementation plan.

In-House Certification

The ISAF In-House Certification programme continues to grow with Sweden becoming a new Authorising Authority in 2013 and over 20 ISAF classes involved. In the period January to October 2013 5,632 IHC stickers were sold in eight countries bringing the total to around 30,800. There are 26 manufacturers with a possible further 3 in countries such as Australia, USA and Malaysia.

Class Rules

In 2013 the ISAF Secretariat managed and reviewed 186 Class Rules changes with 19 Centreboard classes, 12 Keelboat classes, 1 Yacht class, 2 Windsurfer classes and 4 Multihull classes on various aspects of Class Rules. The program of re-writing Class Rules to fit the Equipment Rules of Sailing is on-going.