

ISAF Annual Conference

To Review Costs, Schedule and Format in Line with the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan

A submission from the Canadian Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To simplify and improve the ISAF Annual Conference by:

- a) reducing the total length of the conference from 10 days to 6 or 7, reducing ISAF and MNA costs, and enabling increased participation by delegates, especially younger delegates, for whom the shorter conference can be more easily integrated in life and work schedules;
- b) intensifying the focus and increasing the efficiency of meetings with strategic scheduling and more effective use of the internet and social media to improve preparation of participants. Consistent with the ISAF Strategic Plan 2009- 2012, start discussion on improving PROCESSES of the Conference and DELEGATES' participation with more comprehensive preparation, including the meeting of Council and the AGM.

Proposal

- a) To encourage and promote a more effective ISAF Conference with the integration of a range of possible strategies, including the following:
 - i) Invite the Executive to select a theme for each Conference, e.g. Youth Excellence, New Formats, Growth of Sailing, Media in Sailing, etc;
 - ii) Invite Committee and Subcommittee Chairs to present the major issues and possible/desirable outcomes/results of the Conference in an open session for all delegates;
 - iii) Introduce a social “get together” early in the Conference schedule for delegates to exchange ideas and meet new friends;
 - iv) Encourage Chairs to meet in advance to focus committee agendas on resolving the important issues and priorities;
 - v) Encourage ISAF executives to participate more in committee meetings to better understand the delegates opinions and recommendations;
 - vi) Challenge Council Members to focus on substantive issues in priority, and address administrative matters electronically before the Conference;
 - vii) Encourage Council to streamline the Submission process and number of Submissions for discussion and decisions in 2 days (not 2.5 days presently).
 - b) For indicative purposes only, and to start the ISAF “conversation”, please find included a draft version for a shorter ISAF Conference schedule (ISAF Executive and staff to draft a shorter ISAF Conference schedule for discussion at 2013 annual conference, or mid year meeting if held).
 - c) Other Benefits
 - i) Enable younger working delegates to more easily attend a shorter Conference.
 - ii) Reduce MNA costs
 - iii) Reduce delegates' costs and time away from work/home
 - iv) Reduce ISAF costs
 - v) Enhance the learning experience of the Annual Conference
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vi) Modernize the ISAF Conference by doing "MORE WITH LESS"

Current Position

The time commitment required for the ISAF Conference is as high as 10 days for some delegates

Reasons

1. Shorter, more focused, more effective, less costly ISAF Conference
 2. As set out in the adopted ISAF Strategic Plan 2009-2012, discussion on improving PROCESSES of Conference and PEOPLE'S contribution through preparation, should have already started.
 3. Other Benefits
 - a. Younger working delegates better able to attend shorter Conference
 - b. Reduce MNA costs
 - c. Reduce delegates costs and time away from work/home.
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	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Breakfast 0730-0900		Chair Briefing	MNA SGs			
Morning 0900-1300	Arrival & Registration	Special Regulations Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Regional Games International Measurers International Umpires International Judges Race Management Class Rules Racing Rules Working Party	Racing Rules Constitution Youth World Championship Development and Youth Match Racing ISAF Classes Race Officials Equipment	Events Oceanic and Offshore	Council	Council
LUNCH						
Afternoon 1400-1730	International Regulations Medical Empirical Handicap Sailing Rankings Team Racing Coaches commission Equipment Control Racing Rules Working Party World Youth Sailing Trust	Special Regulations Windsurfing and Kiteboarding International Measurers International Umpires International Judges Class Rules Olympic Classes Audit MNAs	Racing Rules Constitution Youth World Championship Development and Youth ISAF Classes Race Officials Equipment Women's Forum	Events Oceanic and Offshore AGM	Council	Council
Evening 1730-1830						
Social 1930		Welcome	Sailor of the Year			

2012 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2012

Council received submission 018-12 from Sail Canada / Voile Canada.

Decision:

On a proposal from Eric Tulla, seconded by Hector Duval, Council deferred submission 018-12 to November 2013 (2 reject, 0 abstain, 37 approve – 39 participated).

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee

Executive Committee

Recommendation to Council: Defer

To November 2013 Annual Conference and refer to the New Executive Committee to consider the principle as guidance.

Opinion from the Other Committee

Constitution Committee

Opinion: Approve

The Constitution Committee supports this proposal.
