

Safety in Nacra 17 and 49er FX Racing Areas

A submission from the Real Federación Española de Vela

Purpose or Objective

To establish a safety policy where Nacra 17 and 49er FX classes are racing in ISAF events.

Proposal

ISAF to establish a policy regarding the safety requirements in areas where Nacra 17 and 49er FX classes are racing in ISAF events, including the SWC.

Such a policy will contain, without limiting, provisions to the effect that:

- (a) there will be a minimum of safety boats in the areas where Nacra 17 and 49er FX are racing.
- (b) there will be at least one boat able to provide with professional on-site First Aid assistance and evacuation if necessary.
- (c) the racing areas for Nacras 17 and 49er FX will be set, when possible, close to shore or to a place that can be easily and quickly accessed in case of emergency.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

The crews racing in the new Olympic events Nacra 17 and 49er FX are not so experienced yet and the number of accidents causing injury while racing has increased along the year. It is important that those racing areas are equipped with enough safety boats and with a First Aid team able to provide with assistance on the water and evacuation when necessary.

The fleet has expressed their concerns and there are some crews that wear helmet while racing.
