

## Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee Minutes



The Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Monday 11 November 2013 at the El Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

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### Present:

Bruno Licio Marques - Chairman	Vincenzo Pottino
Bruno de Wannemaeker – Vice-Chairman	Adam Quinn
Cowen Chiu	Dorith Stierler
Ansis Dale	Dusan Vanicky
Sebastian Edmonds	Ceri Williams
Phil Gow	Xinpei Yao
Nicolas Huguet	Quanhai Li – Vice-President
Andrus Poksi	

### Apologies

Thomas Foyen  
Sami Gali  
Kamel Peterek

## 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman welcomed the committee members to the first meeting of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee. Each member introduced themselves and provided some of their background experience to the Committee.

Markus Schwendtner gave the committee a presentation and a progress report regarding an eleventh medal for Kiteboarding for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The Head Of Competitions Department confirmed that any decision about additional medals would not be made until 2017.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

### (a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Windsurfing Committee meeting of Sunday 4 November 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings).

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- (b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

### **3. 2013 Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Competition Reports**

- (a) The Committee received written progress reports from the Classes and report about the main Competitions in 2013.

### **4. Working Parties reports**

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Youth and Development Working Party.
- (b) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Strategy, Equipment and Format Working Party

### **5. 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition**

- (a) The Committee receive a progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition. (See attached Appendix)
- (b) Submission 074-13

The Committee consider submission from the International Kiteboarding Association regarding the Olympic Sailing Competition - Selection of Core Events - Regulation 23.1.5(a).

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee continues to support the inclusion of both Windsurfing and Kiteboarding at the Olympic Games.*

**Vote: 7 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstain**

### **6. 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships**

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championship. (See attached Appendix)
- (b) Submission 075-13

The Committee did not consider Submission 075-13 from the International Kiteboarding Association and Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee regarding the ISAF Sailing World Championships – New Regulation 24.2.7.

*Submission withdrawn*

- (c) Submission 075(b)-13

The Committee consider Submission 075(b)-13 from the International Kiteboarding Association and Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee regarding the ISAF Sailing World Championships – New Regulation 24.2.7.

*Opinion: Approve with the following amendment*

*The Constitution Committee should advise whether the second paragraph of the proposed new Regulation 24.2.7 is required.*

**Vote: 7 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstain**

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### 7. ISAF Sailing World Cup

- (a) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager on the 2013 ISAF Sailing World Cup.

- (b) Submission 076-13

The Committee did not consider Submission 076-13 from the International Kiteboarding Association and Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee regarding the ISAF Sailing world Cup – Regulation 24.3.3 and New Regulation 24.3.5.

Submission withdrawn.

- (c) Submission 076(b)-13

The Committee consider Submission 076(b)-13 from the International Kiteboarding Association and Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee regarding the ISAF Sailing world Cup – Regulation 24.3.3 and New Regulation 24.3.5.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

*The Constitution Committee should advise whether the proposed new Regulation 24.3.5 is required.*

**Vote: Unanimous**

### 8. Youth Olympic Games

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

- (b) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

### 9. 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

### 10. ISAF Advertising Code

- (a) Submission 010-13

The Committee considered Submission-010-13 from US SAILING regarding Competitors to have the right to display advertising on bibs at ISAF Events - Appendix 1 - Regulation 20.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

**Vote: 11 in favour, 0 against, 7 abstain**

- (b) Submission 011-13

The Committee consider Submission 011-13 from the International 49er Class Association regarding Advertising Space on Jib of 49er and 49erFX.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

**Vote: 3 in favour, 4 against, 6 abstain**

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- (c) Submission 012-13

The Committee considered Submission 012-13 from the International Kiteboarding Association regarding Appendix 1, Regulation 20.7.1 - Table 2.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

*The Constitution Committee should advise whether the policy in this submission should be included in the Advertising Code or in the relevant Class Rules.*

**Vote: 11 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstain**

### 11. Other Submissions

- (a) Submission 034-13

The Committee considered Submission 034-13 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding ISAF Regulations - Regulation 11, Removal of ISAF Codes from the Regulations, New Regulation 38.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

**Vote: Unanimous**

- (b) Submission 079-13

The Committee did not consider Submission 079-13 from the International Kiteboarding Association and Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee about the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship – New Regulation 24.4.10.

Submission withdrawn

- (c) Submission 079-13(b)

The Committee considered Submission 079(b)-13 from the International Kiteboarding Association and Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee about the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship – New Regulation 24.4.10.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

*The Constitution Committee should advise whether the second paragraph of the proposed new Regulation 24.4.10 is required.*

**Vote: 13 In favour, 1 against, 1 abstain**

- (d) Submission 113-13

The Committee considered Submission 113-13 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding the Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule F2 18, Appendix F Definitions "Mark-Room", "Zone" and "About to Round or Pass".

Recommendation to Council: Approve

*The Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee also unanimously approves Submission 112-13 and 114-13*

**Vote: Unanimous**

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- (e) Submission 120-13

The Committee considered Submission 120-13 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case based on Q&A B002.

Recommendation to Council: Did not discuss

*The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee has no opinion.*

### **12. Kiteboarding**

- (a) IKA Formula Kite Class.

- i) The Committee noted the application from the Formula Kiteboard Class regarding ISAF Class status.
- ii) The Committee noted the Formula Kiteboard Class Rules
- iii) The Committee noted the Formula Kiteboard Worldwide Distribution List
- iv) The Committee noted the Formula Kiteboard Constitution

Recommendation to Council

*The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee approves the application from the Formula Kiteboard Class for ISAF Class Status.*

- (b) Twin Tip Kiteboard

- i) The Committee noted the application from the Twin Tip Kiteboard Class regarding ISAF Class status and make a recommendation to Council.
- ii) The Committee noted the Twin Tip Kiteboard Class Rules
- iii) The Committee noted the Twin Tip Kiteboard Worldwide Distribution List
- iv) The Committee noted the Twin Tip Kiteboard Constitution.

Recommendation to Council

*The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee approves the application from the Twin Tip Kiteboard Class for ISAF Class status*

### **13. ISAF – IKA Kiteboard Coaching Framework**

The Committee received a written report from the ISAF Training & Development Manager regarding the ISAF IKA Kiteboard Coaching Framework.

### **14. Annual Report**

The Committee noted the Chairman's report to the ISAF Council meeting of 15 November 2013 on the activities of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee for the period 1 January 2013 to date.

### **15. Any other Business**

The Committee was divided into the following two Working Groups:

Equipment & Format

Bruno de Wannemaker, Ansis Dale, Phil Gow, Krystian Piotr Hlavaty, Adam Quinn and Xinpei Yao.

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### Youth & Development

Bas Edmonds, Cowen Chiu, Nicolas Huguet, Vincenzo Pottino and Dorith Stierler.

Both Working Groups will be working according to the programs as discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed

## 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

### 1. October 2013 Site Visit

The ISAF Technical Delegates met with Rio 2016 on 17 & 18 October and had meetings with the following departments: Sports, Results, Technology, Sports Presentation, Venues, Broadcast and Environment / Sustainability. The Rio 2016 Sailing Competition Manager, Walter Böddener, is now working full time and he will make a presentation on the Rio 2016 plans for the Olympic Sailing Competition at the Council Meeting during the 2013 ISAF Annual Conference.

### 2. Venue

A venue re-development plan for the Marina da Gloria is currently in the approval stages in Rio. It is hoped that approval for the re-development of the marina will be given in November and that work will begin in January 2014. The necessary work for the 2014 test event will be the short term priority with longer term projects scheduled to be completed in time for the 2015 test event.

### 3. Test Events

The 2014 test event will be held from 3-9 August at the Marina da Gloria. The MNA quota will be two entries per event. The Notice of Race will be published in December 2013.

The 2015 test event will be held from 12- 22 August 2015 at the Marina da Gloria. The MNA quota will be one entry per event.

### 4. Course Areas

These course areas will be tested at the 2014 and reviewed for the 2015 test event. The final decisions on the course areas for the Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition will be confirmed following the 2015 test event.



**5. Training Venues**

ISAF is working with Rio 2016 to try and confirm the Marina da Gloria as official training venue for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

**6. Race Officials – NTOs and SSVs**

Rio 2016 and the Brazilian Sailing Federation are working together to develop the NTO and SSV team for Rio 2016. ISAF has already organised Race Management and Measurement seminars in Rio and will continue to support Rio 2016 in developing the race management and equipment inspection teams.

**7. Wind and Tidal Information**

The Brazilian Air Force and Navy are working on providing more accurate wind and tidal data. It is hoped that this information will be made public as soon as is possible.

**8. Water Pollution**

ISAF and the IOC are working with Rio 2016 to improve the water quality of the Guanabara Bay. This is something that Rio 2016 is taking seriously but that does provide some serious challenges.

**9. OBS / Swiss Timing**

ISAF will start working as early as possible with both Swiss Timing and OBS to provide the best television coverage and tracking system. ISAF will work with OBS to try and ensure that all Olympic rights holders have access to the Swiss Timing 3d tracking system for their own websites and television broadcast.

**10. Format**

See the separate Events Committee paper for the full recommendations.

**11. Qualification System**

See the separate Events Committee paper for the full recommendations.

**12. Equipment**

See the separate Equipment Committee paper for the full recommendations.

Alastair Fox

ISAF Head of Competitions





- 4.4 Target times may be modified by the following consultation with the Format Working Party, the relevant Olympic Class and the Olympic Management team. Any final recommendations should be made no later than at the 2014 Events Committee Mid-Year Meeting.

## 5. Scoring System

- (a) Low Point System of RRS Appendix A. 1 point for a win, 2 for second, 3 for third, etc.
- (b) Double points for the Final, 2 points for a win, 4 for second, 6 for third, etc.
- (c) One discard after five races of the qualifying series are completed. The Final will not be excluded.

## 6. Rule 42

The Finn Class currently switches off Rule 42 at 10 knots and the 470 Class at 8 knots. The Format Working Party should review Rule 42 policies in consultation with the Olympic Classes, the Athletes' Commission, the Coaches Commission and other relevant ISAF Committees. Any final recommendations should be made no later than the 2014 Events Committee Mid-Year Meeting.

## 7. Background and Reasoning

- 7.1 The Format Working Party made its initial recommendations on the 2016 Olympic Format in November 2012. It was agreed that the Olympic Sailing Competition was too long and needed to be shortened in the future; the London 2012 competition schedule was 14 days long.
- 7.2 Following the recommendations made in November 2012 new formats were trialed at the 2013 ISAF Sailing World Cup and Olympic Class regattas. The Format Working Party engaged with the Olympic Classes and key ISAF stake holders to review the new formats. The ISAF Technical Delegates also reviewed the likely sailing conditions in August in Rio with the Rio 2016 Sailing Manager and other senior Brazilian ISAF Race Officials.
- 7.3 The Format Working Party recommendations reflect the need for a shorter overall competition schedule of 10 days. The number of races scheduled and the scoring system should enable the best sailors to rise to the top and there are enough reserve days to ensure the competition schedule is completed.

## 8. Recommendations

- 8.1 The Technical Delegates should work with the Rio 2016 Sports Department to deliver the policies stated in Points 1-5.
- 8.2 The Format Working Party should work with the Olympic Classes, Race Officials Committee, the Coaches Commission and the Athletes Commission to make any further race management recommendations for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition; for example, the introduction of windward gates, middle gates, theatre style (restricted) courses close to the shore as trialed by the 49er Class, etc. to allow the Olympic format to remain current with the format used at other Olympic Class regattas. Any final recommendations should be made no later than at the 2014 Events Committee Mid-Year Meeting at the latest.
- 8.3 To help sailors prepare it is essential that as many decisions affecting the Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition as possible are made at the 2013 ISAF Annual Conference.
- 8.4 The ISAF Technical Delegates and the Olympic Management team should evaluate the Rio 2016 Olympic Format at the 2014 & 2015 Olympic test events and implement any necessary changes to ensure a successful Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition; for example, creating flexibility in the final competition schedule and course area schedule to ensure all racing is completed.
- 8.5 The Format Working Party should continue to work with the Olympic Classes and ISAF stake holders on recommendations for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

# INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION

## Sailing

### EVENTS (10)

Men's Events (5)	Women's Events (4)	Mixed Event (1)
Windsurfer – RS X One Person Dinghy – Laser One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight) – Finn Two Person Dinghy – 470 Skiff – 49er	Windsurfer – RS X One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial Two Person Dinghy – 470 Skiff – 49er FX	Multihull – Nacra 17

### ATHLETES QUOTA

#### 1. Total Quota for Sailing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	207	8	2	217
Women	154	7	2	163
<b>Total</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>380</b>

#### 2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	8	1 boat per event
Women	7	1 boat per event
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

#### 3. Event Quotas for Sailing:

ISAF / IOC Draft 1	Total Boats	Total Athletes
<b>Men</b>		
Windsurfer	36	36
One Person Dinghy	46	46
One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight)	23	23
Two Person Dinghy	26	52
Skiff	20	40

Women		
Windsurfer	26	26
One Person Dinghy	37	37
Two Person Dinghy	20	40
Skiff	20	40
Mixed		
Multihull	20	40
	274	380

#### 4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

#### ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).

#### Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Have appeared on the official ISAF World Ranking List at any time between 01 August 2014 and 01 June 2016.
- Have competed in at least one of the Olympic Qualification Events.

In order to qualify an NOC an athlete must satisfy the same nationality requirements as for the Olympic Games.

#### QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

#### QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Number of Boat Quota Places	Qualification Events
138	<b>2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships</b> The best ranked NOCs in each of the ten Sailing events will be qualified as per the quotas in the table below.
47	<b>2015 World Championships</b> The best ranked NOCs, not already qualified at the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships, in each of the individual World Championships will be qualified as per the quotas in the table below.
75	<b>2015 / 2016 Continental Qualification Events</b>

The best ranked NOCs from each continent, not already qualified at the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships or the 2015 World Championships, in each of the ten Sailing events will be qualified as per the quotas in the table below. An athlete can only qualify their NOC in one event.

ISAF / IOC Draft	2014 WC	2015 WC	2015 / 2016 Africa	2015 / 2016 Asia	2015 / 2016 Oceania	2015 / 2016 Europe	2015 / 2016 North America	2015 / 2016 South America	Host	Tripartite	Total Boats	Total Athletes
<b>Men</b>												
Windsurfer	18	6	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	36	36
One Person Dinghy	23	9	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	46	46
One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight)	12	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	23	23
Two Person Dinghy	13	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	26	52
Skiff	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	20	40
<b>Women</b>												
Windsurfer	13	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	26	26
One Person Dinghy	19	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	37	37
Two Person Dinghy	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	20	40
Skiff	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	20	40
<b>Mixed</b>												
Multihull	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	20	40
											274	380

## HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) quota place in each event: eight (8) men's quota places and seven (7) women's quota places. The deadline for the Host Country NOC to confirm the use of their quota places is 1 June 2016.

## TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

- Two (2) men's quota places in the One Person Dinghy event and two (2) women's quota places in the One Person Dinghy event.
- To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Places in Sailing, an athlete must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in Section C...

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places (date TBC). The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of

invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport (date TBC).

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the “Rio 2016 - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Allocation Procedure”.

### CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, ISAF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.sailing.org/regattasearch.php>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have *until 1 June 2016* to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. **Qualification Timeline**.

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated within the same event to the next best ranked NOC, irrespective of the continent, not yet qualified, based on the results of the 2015 World Championships. If there are still unused quota places following this process the quota places will be reallocated within the same event to the next best ranked NOC, irrespective of the continent, not yet qualified, based on the results of the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated according to the Reallocation process of Unused Qualification Places described above.

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated according to the Reallocation process of Unused Qualification Places described above.

### QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
1 August 2014 – 1 June 2016	Period for athletes to achieve eligibility criteria
1 September 2014 – 1 June 2016	Sailing Qualification period.
8-21 September 2014	2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships – Santander, SPAIN
TBD* by 1 August 2014	2015 RS X World Championships 2015 Laser World Championships 2015 Laser Radial World Championships 2015 Finn World Championships

<b>TBD* by 1 November 2014</b>	<p>2015 470 World Championships  2015 49er &amp; 49er FX World Championships  2015 Nacra 17 World Championships</p> <p>Africa Continental Qualification Events: (TBD*)  Asia Continental Qualification Events: (TBD*)  Europe Continental Qualification Events: (TBD*)  Oceania Continental Qualification Events: Melbourne, AUSTRALIA (TBD*)  North America Continental Qualification Events: Miami, USA (TBD*)  South America Continental Qualification Events: (TBD*)</p>
<b>TBD by the IOC</b>	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
<b>TBD by the IOC &amp; ISAF</b>	ISAF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
<b>1 June 2016</b>	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ISAF
<b>1 June 2016</b>	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
<b>By 22 June 2016</b>	ISAF to reallocate all unused quota places
<b>18 July 2016</b>	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

\*To Be Determined

**Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships****1. Dates**

The dates of the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships are 8-21 September.

The draft dates for each event are shown in the table below. The final dates for each event will be confirmed in the Notice of Race that will be published as soon after the 2013 ISAF Annual Conference as possible.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Equipment Inspection</b>	<b>Racing</b>
Men's Windsurfer	9-12 September	13-19 September
Women's Windsurfer	9-12 September	13-19 September
Men's One Person Dinghy	8-11 September	12-18 September
Women's One Person Dinghy	8-11 September	12-18 September
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavyweight	11-14 September	14-21 September
Men's Two Person Dinghy	10-13 September	13-20 September
Women's Two Person Dinghy	10-13 September	13-20 September
Men's Skiff	11-14 September	14-21 September
Women's Skiff	11-14 September	14-21 September
Mixed Multihull	11-14 September	14-21 September

**2. S14 Test Event**

The Santander 2014 test event provided an excellent opportunity for ISAF, the S14 event organisers and the RFEV to test the venue, the field of play, race management teams, equipment inspection, Jury facilities, event equipment, communication plans and event management. 221 boats competed in the test event from 52 nations. The S14 event organisers also ran a very successful Emerging Nations Programme camp during the test event. The RFEV and S14 event organisers are currently reviewing the test event with ISAF and will ensure that all the equipment and volunteers that are required will be in place for the 2014 ISAF Worlds.

ISAF appointed the following officials to the test event:

Nino Shmueli – PRO

Jan Stage – Jury Chairman

Jurgen Cluytmans – Equipment Chairman

Alastair Fox – Technical Delegate

In addition the following ISAF Staff members attended the test event to support the S14 event organisers and ensure a successful 2014 ISAF Worlds:

Jason Smithwick – Head of Technical and Offshore

Tamsin Rand – Communications Manager

Rob Taylor – Technical and Offshore Department Co-ordinator

Daniel Smith – Website and Media Co-ordinator

The test event was a great success and the City of Santander ran an excellent cultural programme alongside the event.



### 3. Venue – on shore

The on shore venue is very good. The boat parks, the regatta office and competition management offices are very compact and will work well. Although there is some concern over the Nacra 17 boat park.

The new ramp, Boat Park and the ‘dune’ spectator areas that have been built for the ISAF Worlds are excellent and will provide a fantastic sailing legacy for the City of Santander.

Space on venue has been identified for the broadcasting compound which has not previously been allocated. There is some work to be done to ensure the preferred location is appropriate as it is still under construction and it may be possible for some adjustments.

Major improvements are required with regard to communications infrastructure (broadband / fibre / cable) as the current facilities do not meet the needs for broadcasting, media or timing/scoring.

### 4. Venue – Field of Play

During the test event the ISAF and the S14 event organisers discussed the Field of Play and decided to add 2 further offshore course areas to ensure the competition schedule can be delivered. The Medal Race course needs very careful management to ensure that it is free of commercial and spectator boat traffic. The final locations and sizes of the course areas will be confirmed in the Notice of Race.



### 5. Host Broadcaster and Swiss Timing

Both the Host Broadcaster and Swiss Timing attended the event to ensure they understood the venue and confirmed the facilities they required. Swiss Timing carried out full testing of their tracking system during the test event.

**Alastair Fox**

**ISAF Head of Competitions**

**Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships - Format****1. Background**

During the Santander 2014 test event ISAF and the S14 event organisers developed the following format proposal for the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships. This format is a combination of the fleet racing events of the Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships and the Events Committee Format Working Party proposals for the Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

**2. Format**

The regatta will consist of an opening series and, provided a minimum of 6 races have been completed in the opening series, a medal race. The opening series may be divided into a qualifying series and a final series. The top ten finishers in the opening series of each event will advance to the medal race. The target times will be based on the times approved for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Number of Races</b>
Men's Windsurfer	15 + Medal Race
Women's Windsurfer	15 + Medal Race
Men's One Person Dinghy	10 + Medal Race
Women's One Person Dinghy	10 + Medal Race
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavyweight	10 + Medal Race
Men's Two Person Dinghy	10 + Medal Race
Women's Two Person Dinghy	10 + Medal Race
Men's Skiff	15 + Medal Race
Women's Skiff	15 + Medal Race
Mixed Multihull	15 + Medal Race

**3. Scoring System**

Low Point System of RRS Appendix A. 1 point for a win, 2 for second, 3 for third, etc.

Double points for the Medal Race, 2 points for a win, 4 for second, 6 for third, etc.

One discard after five races of the qualifying series are completed. The Medal Race will not be excluded.

Alastair Fox

ISAF Head of Competitions

## Future vision for the ISAF Sailing World Cup

### 1. Background

At the May 2013 ISAF Mid-Year in meeting Copenhagen the ISAF President announced that the existing ISAF Sailing World Cup is not a success, and its future success is essential for Olympic sailing. At the Mid-Year meeting the ISAF Events Committee expressed strong support for an ISAF Sailing World Cup focused on the elite sailors in Olympic Events. Between May and September a series of Presidential Forums were held to review the existing ISAF event structure. The Presidential Forums were chaired by the ISAF President and included members representing Athletes, the Executive Committee, the Events Committee, the Coaches Commission, the ISAF Secretariat and OC Sports - a global sports marketing and events company specialising in professional sailing.

The Presidential Forums have developed a new mission for ISAF: ***To build a clearly understood and professionally organised Olympic sailing annual calendar that each year crowns one undisputed World Champion in each Olympic Event and enables elite-level athletes, national teams, the Olympic Classes and ISAF to generate significant sporting & commercial value beyond the Olympic Games.*** The desired outcome of the new ISAF event structure is: ***To provide all nations, all sailors and all events with a clearer structure to operate within, clearer goals and a better way of measuring progress resulting in increased alignment and hence value at all levels from beginner to elite***

### 2. Existing ISAF Event Structure

The Olympic Games is the pinnacle event held every four years. The ISAF Sailing World Championships is the pinnacle ISAF event held every four years. There is an annual ISAF Sailing World Cup, an annual Olympic Class World Championship and an annual ISAF World Ranking list. Below the ISAF Events are a series of non-Olympic Class World Championships, Olympic Class regattas, Class continental championships, Regional Games, national championships and other national regattas. This structure is not delivering commercial value for sailors, MNAs, the Olympic Classes, event organisers or ISAF. A core objective of the new event structure is to deliver increased commercial value to all stake holders.

### 3. New ISAF Event Structure



### 4. Sailing and Commercial Benefits

For ISAF the new event structure will be a valuable platform for promoting and developing sailing around the world. The ISAF Sailing World Cup will be replaced with the ISAF Sailing World Championships.

- The new event structure will clearly distinguish Olympic Classes from the non-Olympic Classes.
- The new ISAF Sailing World Championships will deliver an Olympic level of competition increasing the profile of elite sailors and national teams while increasing sponsorship potential.
- There will be a clear pathway for aspiring elite level sailors and developing national teams and with the inclusion of the Class Championship Round a way to showcase the participation and universality of Olympic sailing.
- The new event structure will increase the importance of the major international multi-class regattas; Class Continental Championships and major Regional Games. These events will drive participation and universality and provide opportunities for nations to develop the next generation of elite sailors.

- The new event structure will provide a much clearer story for the media and the ISAF Sailing World Championships will deliver a predictable and professionally run platform delivering better return on investment for sponsors.

## 5. ISAF Sailing World Championships

Following the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships the ISAF Sailing World Cup will be replaced by a new annual ISAF Sailing World Championships for the Olympic Classes. The ISAF Sailing World Championships will be comprised of a Grand Final, 4 ISAF Sailing World Championships Rounds and a 5<sup>th</sup> Class Championship Round. The Paralympic Classes should also be integrated into the ISAF Sailing World Championships subject to discussions with the IFDS.

## 6. ISAF Sailing World Championships: Rounds 1- 4

Rounds 1-4 will include all Olympic Events with fleet sizes of 25 representing the best sailors in the world and the option for some wild cards places. Leading competitors will be offered a tour card for competing at the ISAF Sailing World Championships. To enable aspiring elite level sailors to compete in the ISAF Sailing World Championships Rounds there will be a system of annual promotion and relegation of tour card holders. The racing format will be that of the Olympic Sailing Competition. The venues will be spread globally, selected to offer excellent competitive sailing conditions in today's key sailing and commercial markets.

## 7. Class Championships: Round 5

The Olympic Class Championships will be an integral part of the ISAF Sailing World Championships. The fleet sizes, regatta formats & qualification systems will be managed by the Olympic Class (subject to ISAF approval). The Olympic Class Championships will be an opportunity for the best Olympic Class sailors from all nations to compete with the elite tour card holders with the aim of becoming a tour card holder the following year. The regattas will be known as the 'ISAF Sailing World Championships, <Class Name> Championships Round'.

## 8. ISAF Sailing World Championships Grand Final

The Grand Final will be optimised to raise the media interest and the value for elite Olympic sailors. Qualification to the Grand Final will be based on performance at all of the ISAF Sailing World Championships Rounds. Only the top 10 competitors in each Class will qualify. The winner of the Grand Final in each Class will be crowned the undisputed 'ISAF Sailing World Champion <Class Name>'.

## 9. Transition

- There are existing contracts in place with ISAF Sailing World Cup event organisers, the Olympic Classes and the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championship event organisers so a period of transition is necessary. ISAF and OC Sports will engage with the key stakeholders to ensure the new event structure delivers increased values for sailors, MNAs, the Olympic Classes and event organisers.
- The Olympic Classes currently have the right to hold a World Championship. Under the new structure, the annual 'World' Champion is the winner of the ISAF Sailing World Championships, and therefore the current Class World Championships are re-titled 'ISAF Sailing World Championships, Class Championships Round'. The Class Championship Round will then become an essential part of the ISAF Sailing World Championships allowing the Olympic Classes to continue to drive participation and universality in an improved event structure offering better commercial opportunities.
- The only new event in 2014 will be the introduction of a 'proof of concept' Grand Final. It is anticipated that this event will be held in October or November. The existing bid process and guidelines for the 2018 ISAF Sailing World Championships will be modified to reflect the new event structure.
- 2015 will be the first year of the ISAF Sailing World Championships with some new venues introduced whilst existing ISAF Sailing World Cup contracts are honoured. The concept of the Tour Card will be introduced to enable qualification of the top 10 in each Class to the Grand Final at which the ISAF Sailing World Champions for 2015 will be crowned.
- 2016 will see the continued development of the ISAF Sailing World Championships with ownership and commercial rights increasing over time. As this is an Olympic year the Grand Final is run mainly as a sponsor activation event and an opportunity to showcase the Olympic medallists. The latest that ISAF will have full control and commercial ownership of the ISAF Sailing World Championships will be 2017.

## 10. Recommendation

The Executive Committee and the ISAF Secretariat should work with OC Sports, and the relevant ISAF stakeholders and Committees, to finalise the details and implement the new ISAF Sailing World Championships following the transition plan.