

Paris 2024 – TC Chair's Report to EQ

The Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing competition was held this year from 20 July till 9 August.

Similar to previous editions the Technical Committee worked together with staff members from the Technical & Offshore (T&O) department.

In the period leading up to the Games, T&O arranged for a **scanning** & distribution programme for the Windsurfing events and monitored the selection and handing out of the equipment for the One Person dinghy events. In addition to foil systems for boards, also daggerboards of the Mixed Multihull event were scanned. While having such a scanning device has proven to be an added value, staff, committees and Olympic classes shall jointly look into the rules side of scanning activities so that whenever needed it can be taken beyond the scope of data collection.

The event **schedule** showed a relatively large spread at some moments, resulting in training blocks of 2 to 4 days which puts a bit of pressure on the use of racing sails prior to the first scheduled race and the discussion whether or not provisions shall be made for the use of training sails.

The **boat park** design is certainly a point of attention going forward. While the concept with grouping by NOC instead of by events was a good starting point it proved to be challenging to control due to its location adjacent to the launching ramps. A span of about 300 m to be covered for each event on the marina side, in addition to the beach side, requires a lot of human resources to organise post-race inspections.

In order to reduce the number of infringements that could be assumed to be caused by ambiguity the ITOs have been invited to discuss a possible review of their **Class Rules** with their respective ICA technical committees.

While the **test event** in 2023 was limited in scope, it is recommended for the LA2028 test event to organise again a proper / full scale test to put any remarks regarding venue and OA readiness in the spotlight, allowing them to take timely actions based on practical experience rather than postponing decisions until just before the actual Games.