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Title of Proposal:	Full fleet finish
Subtitle:	Maintaining sailing traditions
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Proposal:

Notwithstanding formats proposed by other recommendations, the format for the Skiff M/ and the Nacar 17, plus any other Events the Events Committee wish to include, should be:

Two full fleet races on the final day within the following structure:

- low point scoring
- Full (up to 20 boats) Olympic sizes fleets
- umpired
- non-discardable
- target time to suit media window and boat type (18-20 minutes). To be fixed in testing in 2026.
- Carry through points from the opening series, so the final is in essence a continuation of the series.

Current position:

The LA28 final format is not yet determined, but much of the opening series details have already been decided. This proposal is to specifically recommend the format to be used on the final day, with fine tuning over the quadrennial of all pertinent details.

Reasons:

This format aims to continue the traditions of sailing but package them suitably for a broadcast an inperson audience. This format would preserve the standing of the Olympic champion as putting forward the best performance at the pinnacle regatta. It would be uncontroversial within the sailing community and done well can satisfy our partners in terms of excitement and storytelling.

Having all the boats means many points are available to avoid or accumulate on the day, ensuring the regatta is available to be won. The racing will resonate with sailors worldwide, and showcase our sport in its pure form.

Media Attractiveness

- Statistically speaking, all the medals are likely decided on the final day
- All the nations competing in the games get to be showcased on the broadcast, maximising our likely interested nations.
- We can fill the screen with action, more boats equate to a better visual than fewer boats.
- Continues the tradition of sailing, a fleet of boats doing a series of races, distilled for Olympic broadcast intensity
- The opening series has already been shortened considerably, meaning the leaderboards points are likely to be closer than we've experienced in recent Olympics. Further, by having two full fleet races, it is extremely likely all of the key places will be competed for. Should a team win the gold during the first of the two races, we can say something like they've won with an 'albatros', celebrate their win, have them sit out for the final race and enjoy the remaining teams compete for the silver and bronze.

Sailing can rise to the challenge

- Umpiring a full-sized fleet of around 20 boats could be a challenge. However, this is something the race community can come together to solve. With technology or simply more umpires, the umpires leadership have determined they can umpire up to 25 boats in a race, which would be suitable for 8 of the 10 Olympic Events.
- Telling the story. A well prepared broadcast and commentary team can tell the story of fleet racing. Sail GP and other broadcast teams have already proven this over the years, and World Sailing should take the lead on ensuring the stories that should be told in the final day of the Olympics get be communicated.