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Title of Proposal:	Fleet race plus Four-Point race
Subtitle:	An acceptable winner across the line finish
Related proposals:	CO-2025-011, CO-2025-013

Proposal:

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

One full fleet races on the final day, followed by a 'Four Point Race', within the following structure:

Full fleet race:

- low point scoring
- Full sized Olympic 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.
- Top four teams advance to the 'Four Point Final' Four Point Final
- A single race of the four top teams where the leader across the finish line wins the gold medal. The remaining places are determined by which ever team was doing better leading into the Four-Point Race.
- umpired
- non-discardable
- target time to suit media window and boat type (8-15 minutes). To be fixed in testing in 2026.
- The result is accomplished by using a high-point scoring system, where at the end of the Full fleet race, the first place team is assigned 3 points, second gets 2 points, third gets 1 points, and fourth starts with no points. Then the winner of the Four Point race gets 4 points, and the remaining teams gain 0 points, ensuring the leader automatically leap



frogs all teams that might have been ahead of it, and the remining teams stay in the position they entered the Four Point Race in.

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 to include a winner across the line wins gold final race that provides gold medal drama until the final moment but does not completely upset the merit based method sailing has used for 100 years to determine excellence in our sport.

Having all boats in the penultimate race maximises the impact of the full fleet race, ensuring many points are available to avoid or accumulate on the day. The racing will resonate with sailors worldwide, and showcase our sport in its pure form.

The final fleet race will determine which teams will make the Four Point Final, which order the top four boats will be in when they enter the final, as well as all the lesser places within the regatta, ensuring plenty of storylines to follow.

Then the Four Point Race will provide spectacular crescendo of intensity for that gold medal moment, where any team can win gold if they can sail their best when it counts.

Media Attractiveness

- 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

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.