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Title of Proposal:	Small fleet race plus Four-Point race
Subtitle:	An acceptable winner across the line finish
Related proposals:	CO-2025-011, CO-2025-012

Proposal:

Notwithstanding formats proposed by other recommendations, the format on the final day for the Nacar 17, plus any other Events the Events Committee wish to include, should be:

One fleet race with eight boats, followed by a 'Four Point Race', within the following structure:

Eight boat fleet race:

- Initial scores to be determined
- Eight boats
- umpired
- non-discardable
- target time to suit media window and boat type (8-15 minutes). To be fixed in testing in 2026.
- 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 whichever 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 showcase a balance between inclusion of those who close to the front of the fleet and therefor earned the right to compete for the gold and improve the ability to cover the action within a fleet race, where having too many boats can make it challenging to broadcast. Then, the top four teams can be included in 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 eight boats in the penultimate race balances the need to have many nations competing with the aim to have only those teams that have earned a chance to remain in the gold medal hunt.

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

- Racing can be focused on only the elite group of teams who are the best in the Event.
- All the nations competing will have a good chance to win a medal, and therefore their nations broadcasters should be enticed to pick up the broadcast.
- With a suitable brief target time, we can fill the screen with action, more boats equate to a better visual than fewer boats.
- The race times can be kept short, but none of the key elements of sailing need be foregone.