

## Title:

Improving fleet management on offshore wind days by sending one gender fleet onto the water only after the other has completed their races

Subtitle: Proposal for an Additional Rule

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### Purpose or Objective

Launching during offshore wind conditions is challenging and can often result in athletes ending up swimming (e.g. venues like Hyères with mistral winds or Palma).

Many countries currently have only one coach and rib for both men and women. The objective is to launch second gender only after the first has finished their races.

### Proposal

During offshore wind conditions, the race committee shall send the second group to go on the water (AP down, delta flag up or other adequate racing signals) only after the first group has completed their last race of the session (or the day). This will enable the coach boat to support the ongoing races and assist with the subsequent launches.

### Current Position

At events with multiple fleets for men and women, the race committee often sends one group out to race first and then the other. Currently, the second group is timed to start only after the last fleet of the first group has finished their last race of the session.

During offshore wind days, this makes it impossible to provide timely support to the next group launching.

### Reason

Improve safety

- After coaches assisted their racing athletes giving them enough time to be back close to shore to assist the next fleet to launch with tricky offshore conditions. At the same time ensure/assist the fleet finished racing is safely back on shore. Those few additional minutes might be compensated by the fact that the second gender fleets would be on time to race as assisted by their coaches.
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### Contribute to sustainability

- Avoiding the need for two coaches and two ribs to service athletes from both groups on potentially challenging offshore wind days
- Savings in transportation costs for the second rib
- Fuel and mooring cost savings for the second rib
- Savings in travel expenses and compensation for the second coach

### Increase fairness

- increase safety and support for less privileged athletes who can't afford two coaches and two ribs