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Minor amendments made to the Guidelines for the Nomination and Selection of the OAMPS Insurance Brokers Australian Youth Sailing Team

The Board of Yachting Australia has made some minor amendments to the *'Guidelines for the Nomination and Selection of the OAMPS Insurance Brokers Australia Youth Sailing Team for the 2010 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship'* to be held in Istanbul, Turkey.

The amendments are intended both to allow for additional competitors to take part in nomination regattas with the 2010 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship and to ensure the system ensures that the best crews are subsequently selected.

Amendments have been made to the guidelines for the 29er and Hobie 16 classes, with all other classes to remain as previously advised.

ISAF has recently confirmed the inclusion of a Double Handed Open Dinghy Event for the 2010 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship, with the 29er the boat of choice for the event. There will now be two nomination regattas held for the class, the 29er National Championship at the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia from December 29 2009 to January 4 2010 and the 2010 OAMPS Insurance Brokers Australian Youth Championship at Largs Bay South Australia, which will take place from January 6 to 10 2010.

Selection for the Multihull Open Event will take place at the 2010 OAMPS Insurance Brokers Australian Youth Sailing Championship in the Hobie 16, but no spinnaker will now be required. This decision is intended to make the chartering of boats easier for interstate competitors.

Yachting Australia is looking forward to the Hobie National Championship coming into line with the OAMPS Insurance Brokers Australian Youth Championship rotation in 2011, as is the case with the other classes involved.

"The alignment of the rotation of classes involved with the Australian Youth Championship has been a great benefit to both the classes and AYC. Families can travel once and benefit from two national level events, often without the inconvenience of even changing accommodation," explained Phil Jones, Yachting Australia CEO.

"We are grateful to the National Hobie Class Association for their efforts in making the change. We hope it will result in increased interest in multihull sailing amongst youth sailors."

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"Yachting Australia is very committed to the development of multihull sailing alongside the other youth disciplines. We wish to see a return of at least one multihull event to the Olympics in 2016. Having strong youth participation, both nationally and internationally, is a key element in achieving this."

For details please see the attached '*Guidelines for the Nomination and Selection of the OAMPS Insurance Brokers Australia Youth Sailing Team for the 2010 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship*'

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