

## Match Racing Sub-committee

### Regulation 27.2

A submission from the Events Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To update the Regulations to change the points allocation of the Youth match racing events to follow the same logic as for Women's match racing events.

#### Proposal

27.2 World Sailing Match Race Rankings

27.2.1 Ranking Divisions

There shall be three divisions – Open, Women and Youth. The Women's Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be women. The Youth Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be under 23 years old on 31 December of the year in which the event is held. All other events are Open. Points scored in Women's events shall count only towards the Women's ranking list. **Points scored in Youth's events shall count only towards the Youth's ranking list.** Points scored by an all women team and/or all youth team in an Open event shall count towards the Open list and the respective Women's list or Youth list, without any adjustment.

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

1. The World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship was established in 2014 and youth match racing has been growing worldwide, since then. A submission to create a separate ranking list for youth match racing was voted in favour in year 2019. The implementation has started in year 2020.
    - 1.1 A separate youth ranking has not yet been published at World Sailing website. However, points scored in youth match racing events has had an increased impact on the open ranking and we see youth match racers topping the Open ranking.
    - 1.2 The reason youth match racers gain more points than non-youth match racers is that they sail in 2 different categories, youth category and open category, for the same Open ranking list. This creates a situation when there is no distinction between the Youth and Open ranking.
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- 1.3 By changing the allocation of the points scored in youth events to only Youth ranking will benefit youth match racing skippers in getting identified and getting easier invitations by organisers, since they can score higher points on the Youth ranking.
  - 1.4 Encourage youth match racing skippers to participate in youth events and achieve higher ranking position while beginning to establish a position on the Open and/or Women's lists (which can take upwards of two years to become accurate due to weighting of two years of results).
  - 1.5 The World Sailing strategy states that youth sailing development is a strategic initiative and by counting the points scored in youth events, as defined by World Sailing; under 23 years old on 31 December of the year in which the event is held, helps drive this initiative.
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