

## Proposal from US Association to Review the Format of World Championships

Proposal 1: Shorten length of the worlds from 7 days to 5 days. Reasoning: a 5 day worlds with no lay day enables more people to only take a 7 day vacation and still participate in the worlds. Families could still vacation immediately before or after the worlds. This will also significantly reduce the cost of housing and meals for participants which makes it more attractive to younger sailors.

Proposal 2: If worlds is reduced to 5 days, enable 3 race days and 2 race days. This is more in-line with the trends of other fleets, creates more excitement and facilitates more actual racing (course length would be adjusted based on conditions and fleet size).

Proposal 3: For large fleets and specific venues, allow the option of a Gold/Silver fleet. First half of the regatta would be in flights and second half would be in Gold/Silver, scores would be cumulative.

Proposal 4: Add windward/leeward course option to worlds. This would make more venues viable options to host a worlds and gives the flexibility for race committees to run better races. PRO would have to agree with class representative on course selection to ensure racing is best for sailors and not ease of race management while considering safety.

Proposal 5: Create a Cup of Nations Trophy for 505 World Championships. Top 3 boats from each nation will score and rank against other nations. This will create friendly rivalries between nations and camaraderie for each team. It should encourage smaller nations to grow their worlds participation and be a good selling point if nations seek sponsorship to help subsidize worlds cost.

Proposal 6: For safety reasons allow a radio or cell phone onboard but not powered on.