

## **Against monopolism in production of boats of Olympic Classes**

A submission from the Russian Yachting Federation

### **Purpose or Objective**

**To defend the rights of the athletes in having equal equipment to participate in major events**

**To revise the conditions on which the licenses are given to manufacturers in order to resist monopolism in producing the Olympic Classes of boats.**

### **Current Position**

In the last four years the “Nacra Sails” supplied the equipment of this class which was in many cases dramatically below standards that led to multiple breakage of the boat&sails and to the injuries of the crews.

### **Reason**

1. Huge differences in quality of Nacras thus deprived chances of many athletes to participate on equal base and gain Olympic licenses on equal conditions.
2. We see the true reasons for this in weak policy of WS in controlling the manufacturers and correspondingly in forming monopolies.
3. Any form of monopoly unavoidably leads to lifting prices up while lowering the quality of products (Nacras in our case). Despite the loud and rich declarations the representative of the Class this firm neither developed the detailed Class Rules, nor implemented the strict control over the production.
4. Present situation is so away from the WS ideas, strategy and promises that we see it is time to arise the discussion about the issue and elaborate the measures to resist the monopolism in modern Olympic sailing
5. We attach the full, detailed and convincing report of our member of the Russian Sailing Team who purchased the new Nacra recently with the outcome of losing money and any chance for the crew to show its level of skills at major events.