Dear Committee members,

L30 Class submitted its application for the World Sailing Class status and herewith we would like to clarify the role of the Class in the development of shorthanded offshore sailing as a unique aspect of the sport of sailing. Please consider our statement in support of the Class application:

Promotion of the shorthanded offshore sailing

Since World Sailing announced new Olympic discipline The Class actively promoted shorthanded offshore racing by attending as One design division to the popular sailing events like Gorla Race, Centomiglia, Barcolana and organizing it own events in conjunction with leading European yacht clubs under authority of Eurosaf – Nastro Rosa Series in Genova (Yacht Club Italiano) and 2019 Mixed Offshore Europeans in Venice, Italy.

Despite a very complicated situation in 2020 the Class managed to hold very successful Mixed Offshore Europeans in Genova, where 9 nations were presented. This event was conducted in accordance with the proposed Olympic format of three nights- four days at sea and attracted top offshore sailors. At the same time around 10000 players followed the race by attending the virtual regatta. The Europeans was followed by the Nastro Rosa Series, which was very well promoted by Italian Navy.

At the same time the Class as the community of boat owners managed to organize the sailing academy in Marseille, France, where all boats were available for training. This year there were organized two training camps in July and August, where BEL, FRA, MON, ESP national teams took part. In December the Class has a request for the next training camp for FRA, BEL, ESP, ITA, SUI, POL and UKR teams.

After Europeans two boats were shipped to Busan, Korea, where the Class members will have a similar Offshore Shorthanded Sailing academy.
**Boat owners and charterers are in equal conditions**

One of the major issues in our sport is the arm race, as it makes sailing less affordable and popular for wide range of sailors. L30 Class propose new approach to the use of equipment by providing boats in the pool of the chartered fleet. Boats are assigned by drawing between owners- and non-owners, who may charter a boat for regatta. On this way boat owners are not motivated to make any modifications on their boats and therefore arm race becomes senseless.

For major class events sails are provided by the class and are used only for those events, which keeps them in equal condition for a few seasons.

At the same time this approach provides the opportunity to race in the different regions of the World and to avoid huge logistic costs. Charter of the top maintained one design offshore racing fleet is affordable for both professionals and amateurs.

**Reasonable budget of prospective Olympic campaign**

By using our approach of offshore shorthanded class regatta format sailors are not motivated to buy more than one boat, mast and foils in Olympic cycle and avoid the expensive sails development programs, which can make the Mixed Offshore discipline on the same budget level like a dinghy. For Finn or 470, for example the top sailors buy three of four boats and dozens of masts, foils and sails within the cycle, not to mention the high performance dinghies with much higher budget.

L30 Class is open for any manufacturer, which allows to keep reasonable costs for sailors.

We would very appreciate your positive recommendations which will give strong impulse to the development of shorthanded offshore sailing.

Best regards

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