

Intro page offshore document

Thank you for your interest in the new Olympic Mixed two-person Offshore event and the focus of the US Sailing Olympic Team on this exciting discipline in the 2024 Olympic Games.

In this document we hope to offer all the available information on the event, the boat and opportunities including future events here in the United States and abroad. Since this new Olympic event is truly evolving, details and plans are regularly being developed and updated by both World Sailing and US Sailing so please check back to this document for the latest updates!

The Olympic Games 2024 Offshore event is planned to take place off the coast of Marseilles in a boat 6-10 meters long and last 3 days and 2 nights. In fact, the plan is to adjust the course so that no matter the breeze or sea state the race will indeed be 2 nights and finish in the daylight of the third day. While physical stamina is always important in this level of our sport, experience in shorthanded long-distance offshore racing will certainly prevail. This level of racing will ensure that fitness, weather expertise, navigation, speed tuning, sail trim, seamanship, expert crewing and helmsmanship for both members of the team, as well as an excellent campaign strategy and of course, commitment will all come into play. Certainly, this event could appeal to a potentially new demographic of Olympic sailors. This is an opportunity for former Olympians, both elite small boat and offshore racers, younger and the more mature all to compete.

Here is a link to a video produced by World Sailing:

<https://www.sailing.org/news/88920.php#.XZt7HUZKjF8>

The L-30, built in the Ukraine, has been chosen as the boat for the 2019 Mixed Gender Doublehanded Offshore Europeans and the 2020 inaugural World Championships in Malta October 2020 during the Rolex Middle Sea race. One of the World Sailing proposals is to hold off announcing the actual 2024 Offshore equipment- boats and sails- until 6-7 months before the games. The goal is to ensure the focus of the event is on the teams' talent and seamanship and not an arms race of boat speed fined tuned boats and rigs that could happen when buying the exact boat to train in becomes a priority.

US Sailing is strongly behind this new discipline and has established a committee and strong leadership to guide the direction and support the athletes enthused to pursue will need.

Included in this document is the following information designated in the tabs below:

- 1) What People are saying!
- 2) What World Sailing is saying. The event, the discipline and the latest decisions.
- 3) Past events and results in the US and how you can host an Offshore event
- 4) Upcoming events in the US and Europe
- 5) The L30
- 6) The US Sailing Olympic Offshore doublehand committee leadership and contact info.