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To: ISAF Member National Authorities
Cc: Council Members

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Ladies and Gentlemen

ISAF Athlete Participation Programme – 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, Aarhus, Denmark 10-19 July 2008

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In order to encourage participation and assist athletes from those countries who may not otherwise be able to participate at the 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, ISAF will once again be offering financial subsidies via the Athlete Participation Programme towards the entry fee and travel to the Championship. In principle the programme is aimed at those nations in ISAF Subscription Categories 1,2 and 3.

As in past years, the World Youth Sailing Trust will be funding the appointment of Jim Saltonstall as the Championship coach. The Organizing Committee will be funding two additional coaches to work alongside Jim.

The Athlete Participation Programme allows athletes, via their MNA's, to apply for support in a number of different ways, as follows:

Event Coaching/Support - those athletes without the benefit of a team leader or coach during the event may apply for coaching support. These coaches will be available for pre-race briefing, post-race debriefing and other essential event support.

Entry Fee Subsidy - athletes may apply for a subsidy towards the event entry fee of EUR 67 per day a total of EUR 670. The entry fee includes airport shuttle, accommodation and meals.

Travel Subsidy - to assist in covering the expenses of the athlete's travel to the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, you may apply for a Travel Subsidy, to either cover the entire costs of the athlete's travel or partial costs. Please note that whilst ISAF may approve an application for a Travel Subsidy, reimbursement will only be made on receipt of the necessary documents detailing payment (the specific requirements will be advised when approval of the travel subsidy is confirmed by ISAF).

ISAF and the Organizing Committee very much hope the Athlete Participation Programme will encourage and support your sailors' participation in the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship. If you wish to apply for any or all of the support offered above, please complete the attached Application Form and return it to the ISAF Secretariat by **1700 hours UTC on Friday 25 January 2008**. Whilst ISAF will consider emailed or faxed applications, we do request that the original form signed by the MNA President/Secretary General is also received at the ISAF Secretariat. ISAF also requires that each application form is accompanied by a sailing resume of the athlete and a digital photograph.

The Notice of Race for the 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, together with the official Entry Form can be found on the event website www.youthworlds2008.org

Competitors may be required to provide some equipment for some classes, such as sheets and blocks and tiller extension in the Laser and Laser Radial and outhaul and downhaul systems in the RS:X. Full requirements are stated in the Notice of Race. It is the competitor's responsibility to provide any necessary equipment.

Please note that completing the Athlete Participation Programme application form does not constitute entry to the 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship. Entries should be made on the official Entry Form and returned to the Organizing Committee by the entry deadline of **15 April 2008**.

If you have any queries on the Athlete Participation Programme please contact myself (luissa@isaf.co.uk) or Sarah Wheeler-Osman (sarah@isaf.co.uk). For queries specific to the 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, please contact the Organizing Committee at:

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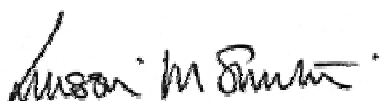
Please note that in accordance with ISAF Regulation 2.34, only Member National Authorities in good standing with ISAF are entitled to participate in ISAF Events.

ISAF will acknowledge receipt of all Athlete Participation Programme application forms. Each request will be considered, and ISAF will confirm your athlete's acceptance on the programme by **Friday 15 February 2008**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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