



SAILING

History of Sailing at the Olympic Games

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Paris 1900
2-3t (Mixed)



Los Angeles 1984
Flying dutchman (Mixed)



Sydney 2000
Laser (Men)



Rio 2016
Nacra 17 (Mixed)

INTRODUCTION

Sailing was planned for the programme of the Games of the I Olympiad in Athens in 1896, but the events were not staged owing to the bad weather. It was then staged for each edition of the Games with the exception of those in St Louis in 1904. Women competed in the mixed sailing events as of 1900. Since the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in Seoul in 1988, some events have been reserved only for them.

KEY STAGES

Entry	1894: At the Paris Congress held in June, the desire was expressed for nautical sports (rowing, sailing and swimming) to be on the Olympic programme.
Windsurfing	1980: At the 83 rd IOC Session held in July and August in Moscow, it was decided to add a mixed windsurfing event (windglider) to the programme of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984.
Women's inclusion	1984: At the IOC Executive Board meeting held in July and August in Los Angeles, it was decided to add the 470 dinghy event for women to the programme of the Games in Seoul in 1988.

EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS

1900: 13 events (mixed)	1988: 8 events (1 men's, 1 women's, 6 mixed)
1908-1912: 4 events (mixed)	1992-1996: 10 events (3 men's, 3 women's, 4 mixed)
1920: 14 events (mixed)	2000: 11 events (3 men's, 3 women's, 5 mixed)
1924-1928: 3 events (mixed)	2004-2008: 11 events (4 men's, 4 women's, 3 mixed)
1932-1936: 4 events (mixed)	2012: 10 events (6 men's, 4 women's)
1948-1968: 5 events (mixed)	2016-2020: 10 events (5 men's, 4 women's, 1 mixed)
1972-1980: 6 events (mixed)	
1984: 7 events (mixed)	

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> EVENTS PER GAMES EDITION

SAILING MEN	1896	1900	1904	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2020	TOTAL	
470																														9	
Finn																														7	
Star																														3	
Laser																														4	
Lechner																														1	
Mistral																														3	
RS:X																														4	
49er																														3	
Number of events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	4	4	6	5	5	9

SAILING WOMEN	1896	1900	1904	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2020	TOTAL		
470																														9		
Europe																															4	
Yngling																															2	
Laser Radial																															4	
Lechner																															1	
Mistral																															3	
RS:X																															4	
Match Racing – Elliott																															1	
6m																																
49er																																2
Number of events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	9	

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SAILING MIXED	1896 ¹	1900 ²	1904	1908	1912	1920	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2020	TOTAL
0-½t		2																												2
½-1t		2																												2
1-2t		2																												2
2-3t		2																												2
3-10t		2																												2
10-20t																														1
+20t																														1
Open class																														1
5.5m																														5
6m																														8
6m, rating 1907																														1
6m, rating 1919																														1
6.5m, rating 1919																														1
7m																														1
7m, rating 1907																														1
8m																														6
8m, rating 1907																														1
8m, rating 1919																														1
10m																														1
10m, rating 1907																														1
10m, rating 1919																														1
12m																														2
12m, rating 1907																														1
12m, rating 1919																														1
12 foot dinghy																														2
18 foot dinghy																														1

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