

Submission: **MANCOM 1**

Reporting committee: **OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

DIVISIONS AT DOUBLE HANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS

PROPOSAL

Replace the Corinthian Division in each class with Men, Women and Mixed crew divisions at the ORC DH Championships. Championship titles are to be kept within the class, while Men, Women and Mixed divisions will receive additional prizes from the organizer.

RATIONALE

DH racing is a different type of sailing and there may be amateurs that are better prepared for DH racing than some professional trying DH racing for the first time. This was shown in DH championships held so far where many crews were not aware of Corinthian regulations and requirements and therefore the importance of a Corinthian division had been diminished.

Instead, for DH racing it is more appropriate to have Men, Women and Mixed crew divisions. This will help promote the inclusion of more women in sailing and also achieve better gender equality that is also a strong WS policy. At the last ORC DH Worlds in Oslo there were 11 Mixed gender crews that deserved more recognition.