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Corpus Christi wins bid for 2018 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championships

Corpus Christi, Texas – November 13, 2014 – The Corpus Christi Yacht Club, the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau and US Sailing are honored to announce that the 2018 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championships was awarded to the United States, and will be hosted by Corpus Christi Yacht Club in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The 2018 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championships is the largest youth sailing event for Olympic hopefuls. More than 375 youth sailors ages 15 to 19, from around the world, will come to compete in nine Olympic training classes, including the Laser Radial, International 420, 29er, RS:X and FL16. The racing will be over 8 days in July of 2018.

The planning committee, represented by Mark Foster, past Commodore of Corpus Christi Yacht Club, presented the bid proposal earlier this month at the 2014 ISAF Annual Conference in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Other countries bidding to host the International event were - Argentina, Azerbaijan, China, Italy and Poland.

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) is the world governing body for the sport of sailing, officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). ISAF currently consists of 138 member nations who are its principal members, and responsible for the decision-making process that governs the sailing world. There are currently over 100 ISAF International, Recognized and Classic Yacht Classes, ranging from the small Optimist Dinghy up to the largest, 60ft Monohulls. ISAF, from its outset, has worked towards a primary goal to ensure that as many people as possible go sailing.

The economic impact of this world class event on Corpus Christi is expected to be in excess of \$1.75 million. For more information about the ISAF World Youth Championship and how you can help, contact the regatta chair Sandi Carl @ lajoya@msn.com . For more information about events or sports in the Corpus Christi area, contact Tiffani McKinney, Sports Marketing Manager at the Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau, at 361-826-0656 or tmckinney@visitcorpuschristitx.org .