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The Pan Am Sailing Federation (PASAF) is pleased to announce that Pan Am Sports with the Organizing Committee of the Lima 2019 XVIII Pan American Games (COPAL) have increased the Athlete Quota for the Sport of Sailing for Lima 2019 by 20 athletes, from 148 to 168, in order to permit us to increase the number of boats in the Mixed 2-person Multi-hull - Nacra 17 - from 8 to 10, and to add an 11th medal event for the Men's 2-person Skiff – 49er - with 8 boats!

The Country Qualification regatta for the 2019 Pan Am Games for both the 49er and the Nacra 17 will be the 2019 Hempel World Cup Series – Miami, to be held January 27-February 3, 2019 in Miami, FL, USA.

PASAF is also pleased to announce that World Sailing will utilize the 2019 Pan Am Games as the Regional Games Qualifier for Tokyo 2020 in these two events:

- Men's Singlehanded – Laser
- Women's Singlehanded – Laser Radial

And as the Continental Country Qualifier in these three additional events:

- Men's 2-person Skiff – 49er
- Women's 2-person Skiff – 49er FX
- Mixed 2-person Multi-hull – Nacra 17

The Laser and Laser Radial events are Regional Games Qualifiers, while the 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 are Continental Qualifiers. Two NOCs will qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Games in each of these 5 events. All places are awarded subject to the details of the Tokyo 2020 Qualification System.

Following this decision World Sailing will now seek final approval from the IOC and publish an updated Qualification System to reflect these changes here:
<http://www.sailing.org/tokyo2020.php>.

This means that for the first time 5 of the 10 Sailing Events at the Olympic Games will have Country Qualification at the Pan Am Games!

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