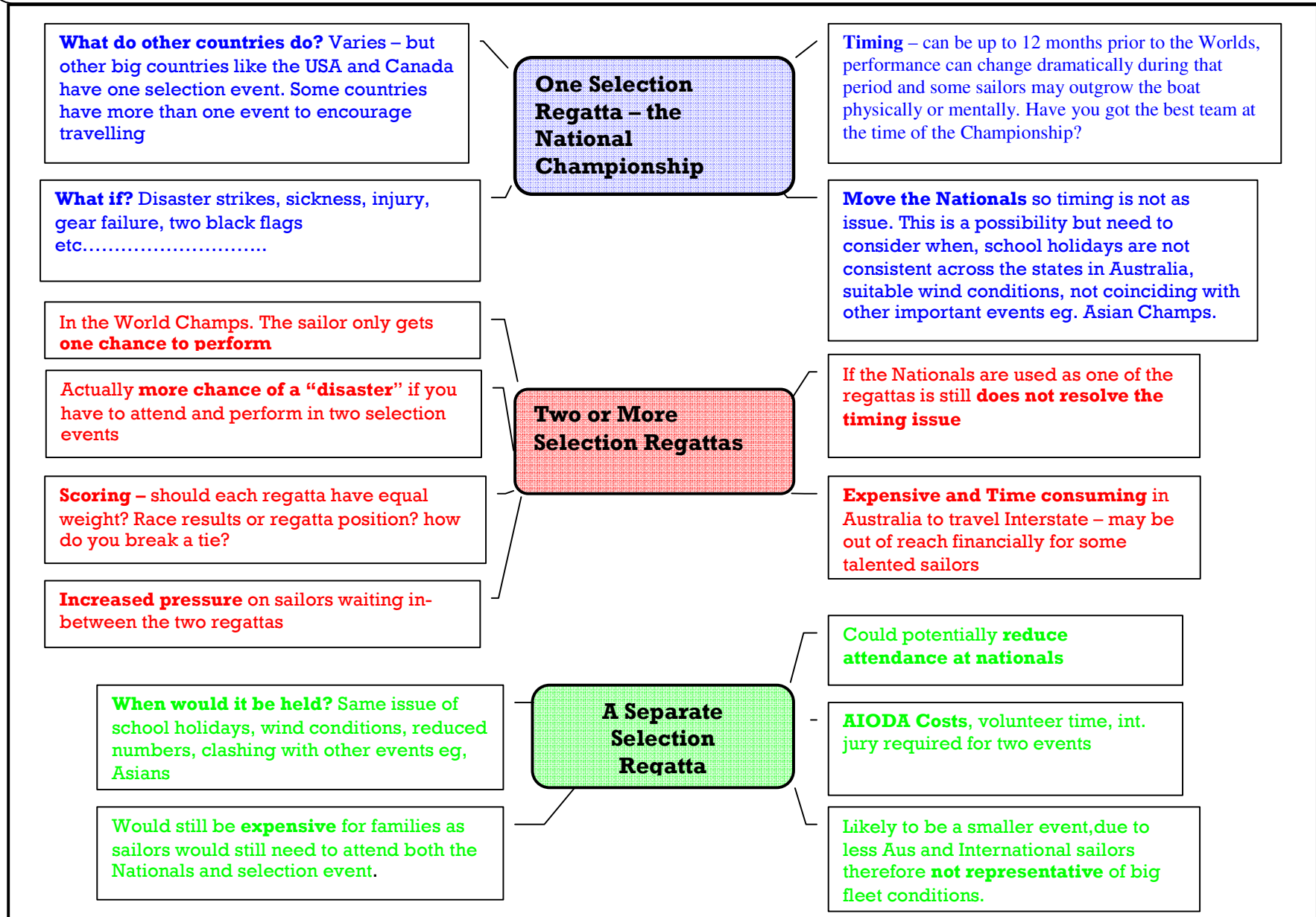


AIODA selects the five sailors that will attend the World Championship from the Nationals which usually occur in January. This policy has been questioned on a number of occasions, but particularly when the World Championship is held in December; creating a long period between the selection and the Championship. Other options have been discussed at length. The aim of this diagram is to give an insight into some of the background discussion and areas of debate. It is recommended that anyone proposing future changes to the selection process consider these following points.



One Selection Regatta - the National Championship

What do other countries do? Varies - but other big countries like the USA and Canada have one selection event. Some countries have more than one event to encourage travelling

Timing - can be up to 12 months prior to the Worlds, performance can change dramatically during that period and some sailors may outgrow the boat physically or mentally. Have you got the best team at the time of the Championship?

What if? Disaster strikes, sickness, injury, gear failure, two black flags etc.....

Move the Nationals so timing is not as issue. This is a possibility but need to consider when, school holidays are not consistent across the states in Australia, suitable wind conditions, not coinciding with other important events eg. Asian Champs.

In the World Champs. The sailor only gets **one chance to perform**

Two or More Selection Regattas

Actually **more chance of a "disaster"** if you have to attend and perform in two selection events

If the Nationals are used as one of the regattas is still **does not resolve the timing issue**

Scoring - should each regatta have equal weight? Race results or regatta position? how do you break a tie?

Expensive and Time consuming in Australia to travel Interstate - may be out of reach financially for some talented sailors

Increased pressure on sailors waiting in-between the two regattas

A Separate Selection Regatta

When would it be held? Same issue of school holidays, wind conditions, reduced numbers, clashing with other events eg, Asians

Could potentially **reduce attendance at nationals**

Would still be **expensive** for families as sailors would still need to attend both the Nationals and selection event.

AIODA Costs, volunteer time, int. jury required for two events

Likely to be a smaller event, due to less Aus and International sailors therefore **not representative** of big fleet conditions.