

# London 2012 Paralympic Sailing competition

## Equipment Inspection Regulations

## 1. General requirements

- 1.1. All boats and equipment entered for the London 2012 Paralympic Sailing competition may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules including Class Rules and these Equipment Inspection Regulations (EIR), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.
- 1.2. The Equipment Inspection Committee (EIC) shall be the final authority for interpreting the Class Rules during the Sailing competition, and for determining if equipment complies with the Event Equipment Rules.
- 1.3. Any changes to these EIR will be approved and posted on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.4. Athletes are reminded that, in accordance with RRS 78.1, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificate remains valid.
- 1.5. Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Event Equipment Rules. When instructed by an Equipment Inspector, a boat shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection.
- 1.6. A boat representative shall be present at all times during equipment inspection. A boat representative is defined as a member of the boat's crew, a team leader or nominated delegate. An interpreter may also be present if approved by the Equipment Inspector.
- 1.7. After a boat or equipment has passed through equipment inspection, it shall remain in the Sailing Venue or the Competition Area, except with the written permission of the EIC.

## 2. Pre-race equipment inspection

- 2.1. Pre-race equipment inspection for an Event will take place in accordance with the competition schedule in the Notice of Race. It shall be completed by 18:00 on the day before the first race for that Event, unless extended by the EIC.
- 2.2. The dates and times of equipment inspection will be published in accordance with the Notice of Race. Any schedule updates authorised by the EIC will be published on the Official Noticeboard. Boats and equipment shall be presented as outlined below at the designated time in accordance with the boat-specific information sections of the EIR.
- 2.3. When submitted for equipment inspection, a boat and its equipment shall comply with the Event Equipment Rules.
- 2.4. All boats shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and personal equipment. Personal flotation device(s) shall comply with the IFDS Race Management Manual Part 1, 7.1 Life Jackets.
- 2.5. International 2.4mRs shall be presented for equipment inspection with their valid certification documents. These shall be retained by the EIC for the duration of the

Sailing competition. If any document is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority or by a scanned document emailed from the issuing authority directly to the Organising Authority. SKUD certificates will be completed at the end of Equipment Inspection. Sonar certificates will be accepted from the online database and verified during Equipment Inspection.

- 2.6. Boats and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item that is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Equipment Inspector may be impounded by the EIC for up to 48 hours prior to the boat or its equipment being re-examined before the end of pre-race Equipment Inspection for that Event.
- 2.7. Only the boat's crew, one other boat representative and, if approved, an interpreter may be present during the boat's equipment inspection. At least one of these persons shall be authorised to remedy any deviations from the rules or to withdraw the boat from the competition.
- 2.8. Only one hull shall be presented for equipment inspection by an entry in each Event. However, the EIC may permit the substitution of the first hull in the following cases:
  - a hull that fails in a serious matter like shape or construction that is proven to not be the fault of the athlete(s) or their team; or
  - a hull which is too light and which cannot be made to comply with the Class Rules.
- 2.9. When equipment does not comply with the Event Equipment Rules, the EIC shall make a report and give a copy of this report to the boat's representative. The boat may then be resubmitted for inspection. If a boat or equipment cannot be corrected to comply with the Event Equipment Rules, that boat or equipment shall not be used in the Sailing competition.
- 2.10. Unless authorised by the EIC through an application as set out in Paragraph 3 of the EIR, repairs or alterations to boats or equipment shall not be made in the equipment inspection areas.
- 2.11. All equipment shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules. When specified in the relevant Class Rules, all sails shall be certified as required by the Class Rules before being presented for equipment inspection.
- 2.12. All mainsails, jibs and gennakers (where applicable) shall be presented in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Race.
- 2.13. All items of equipment subject to competition limitation control will be marked with the official Sailing competition stamp or sticker. Some items may receive two control marks, one in a readily visible position when afloat, and a second in a position protected from wear and tear. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the EIC so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 2.14. The EIC will report to the Race Committee the boats that have satisfactorily completed pre-race equipment inspection.

### **3. Repair and replacement of boats and equipment**

- 3.1. Applications for alterations, repairs or replacement shall be made on the forms available from the Sport Information Desk or the Jury office reception and shall be submitted when completed to the Jury office reception.
- 3.2. Alterations: after boats or equipment have completed equipment inspection, no alterations shall be made without the written approval of the EIC.
- 3.3. Repairs: athletes wishing to make repairs to boats or equipment after they have passed through equipment inspection shall make an application to the EIC. If approved, the EIC will arrange a time for such repairs to be inspected.
- 3.4. Replacement process: requests for replacements with equipment that has not been inspected for use by that athlete at the Event shall be made to the EIC at the first reasonable opportunity. All replacement equipment shall be inspected in accordance with the Event Equipment Rules. In addition, for replacements afloat, athletes shall notify an Equipment Inspector or the Race Committee before racing. The replaced item will be subject to inspection after the race for the EIC to confirm that the item had not been useable.
- 3.5. Replacement approval: approval will only be given if the equipment is severely damaged, was not deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost by the athlete or any associated person, and cannot be repaired satisfactorily in the time available. All replacement equipment shall have been certified in accordance with the Class Rules before use.

### **4. Equipment control during the Sailing competition**

- 4.1. After any race, a boat may be informed by an EIC representative that it has been selected for post-race inspection. When hailed, the boat shall return directly to the designated area at the Sailing Venue.
- 4.2. When a boat has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat without permission from the EIC. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat without permission from the EIC. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the EIC. After inspection of the crew clothing and equipment, at least one boat representative shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The EIC may require the boat to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

## **Boat-specific information**

### **5. One Person Keelboat – International 2.4mR**

- 5.1. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down, boom, one set of standing rigging, one set of running rigging and any other equipment required by the Class Rules.
- 5.2. Internal ballast shall be removed and presented separately for weighing.

- 5.3. The number of sails which may be approved during pre-race equipment inspection of the boat shall not exceed two mainsails and three headsails.

## **6. Two Person Keelboat – SKUD 18**

- 6.1. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down, boom, rudder, one set of standing rigging, one set of running rigging and any other equipment required by the Class Rules. The keel fin and bulb shall be removed from the boat and separated for individual weighing.
- 6.2. Any dispensations approved by the class under Class Rule A.16 shall be presented in writing for inspection.
- 6.3. Each SKUD gennaker shall carry the national flag of the competitor and the IPC logo and shall be obtained through Access Sailing.
- 6.4. A second spare gennaker may be also presented for pre-race equipment inspection. This may either be a gennaker with the national flag and IPC logo obtained through Access Sailing, or a standard single colour gennaker. If the spare gennaker is lighter than the first gennaker, the Equipment Inspector will add weight.
- 6.5. The spare gennaker will be placed in the custody of the SKUD 18 Equipment Inspector and carried afloat in the Race Committee boat. In the event of the first gennaker being damaged and replacement approved in accordance with EIR 3.5, the spare gennaker may be retrieved with the authority of the Equipment Inspector and used for any further races on that day. The spare gennaker shall be returned to the Equipment Inspector after the last race of the day and, if repairable, the first gennaker shall be repaired for all subsequent races.

## **7. Three Person Keelboat - Sonar**

- 7.1. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down, boom, rudder, one set of standing rigging, one set of running rigging and any other equipment required by the Class Rules.
- 7.2. The number of sails which may be approved during pre-race equipment inspection of the boat shall not exceed one mainsail and two headsails.
- 7.3. Any dispensations approved by the class under Appendix B shall be presented in writing for inspection.