

## World Cup Series

### EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

#### 1. General Requirements

- 1.1 All boats and equipment entered in a World Cup Series event may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules including Class Rules and these Equipment Regulations (ER), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park or harbour.
- 1.3 All boats are required to comply with RRS 78.1 and Event Equipment Rules from 1000 on the day before the first scheduled race (hereinafter referred to as “Day Zero”) onwards. Non-compliance from 1000 hrs. on Day Zero until the start of the first race shall be reported, protested and penalized as if it were discovered after racing on the first day on which races for that boat have been completed.
- 1.4 Competitors 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, where applicable, remains valid.
- 1.5 All equipment and sails shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules.
- 1.6 For 470 and Finn events, competitors shall present, or verify the existence of valid certification documentation for their boat. For the Finn the certification documentation includes the Measurement Form, and the Certificate with any Reweighing Form. For the International 470 Class the Certification Documentation shall include the Measurement Form and the Measurement Certificate. The certification documentation may be retained by the Chief Equipment Inspector for the duration of the event. If any document is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority, from the class database or by a scanned document emailed from the issuing authority directly to the Organizing Authority.
- 1.7 Any changes to these ER will be approved and posted on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

#### 2. Equipment Limitation

- 2.1 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official SWC event 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 Chief Equipment Inspector so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 2.2 Competitors shall apply event limitation control stickers to specified equipment and sign a declaration of compliance prior to racing.
- 2.3 Event limitation control stickers shall be obtained from, and applied in accordance with instructions distributed at the SWC Event Registration.

#### 3. Repair and Replacement of Boats and Equipment

- 3.1 Alterations, repairs or replacements shall not be made after 1000 hrs on Day Zero without the prior written approval of the Equipment Inspector. However; alterations,

repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race, provided either the Race Committee or Equipment Inspector are notified before racing.

- 3.2 Equipment subject to inspection shall only be replaced if:
- (a) The replacement was certified if required by the Class Rules before use, and
  - (b) The equipment being replaced has been severely damaged and cannot be repaired in the time available before the next race.
- However, equipment shall not be replaced if it has been deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost by the competitor or any associated person.
- 3.3 Unless approved in writing by the Equipment Inspector repairs or alterations shall not be carried out in the equipment inspection areas.
- 3.4 Boats assigned places in the harbour shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the equipment inspector.
- 3.5 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 3.6 Forms to request approval of alterations, repairs or replacement will be available from the Equipment Inspector or the Race Office.
- 3.7 Only one hull shall be presented by an entry in a SWC Event. However, the Chief Equipment Inspector 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.

#### **4. Equipment Inspection**

- 4.1 When instructed by an Equipment Inspector, a boat shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection. A notice may be posted on the Official Notice Board identifying the boats that have been selected for inspection and the time when they shall be presented in the Equipment Inspection Area.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 All boats selected for equipment inspection 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 specific Class Rules. Where not specified in the Class Rules, the personal flotation device shall provide buoyancy in compliance with EN 393 or ISO 12402-5, level 50 or an equivalent. Personal flotation that relies on inflation devices to achieve buoyancy is not accepted.
- 4.4 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.

- 4.5 When a boat has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat without permission from the Equipment Inspector. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat without permission from the Equipment Inspector. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the Equipment Inspector. After inspection of the crew clothing and equipment, at least one boat representative shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The Equipment Inspector may require the boat to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

**5. Medal Race Equipment Inspection**

- 5.1 On completion of the opening series, the boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race for each Event may be subject to equipment inspection. This includes boats that may qualify for the Medal Race following a protest or request for redress.