

## **Standard Notations for Description of Boats**

### Equipment Rules of Sailing

A submission from the Norwegian Sailing Federation

#### **Proposal:**

In 2004 the ISAF Empirical Handicap Sub Committee decided on standard parameters and notations for boat descriptions. It is proposed that these notations are introduced into the ERS. Se enclosed files “NSF 1, 2005, Standard notations” and “NSF 1, 2005, Appendix-Standard notations”.

#### **Current Position:**

There are no internationally recognized notations for boat parameters. All existing class rules and handicapping systems, both empirical systems and rule systems, use different terminology, different sets of parameters and different notations. This makes it very difficult, in practice impossible, to exchange data in a rational manner. ERS provides an excellent basis for definitions of those parameters defined there, and how to make measurements, but is lacking abbreviated notations.

#### **Reason:**

- To provide a universal set of notations for boat parameters
- To make it possible to exchange data in a rational manner.
- To enhance the quality of class rules, handicapping and rule systems as well as data bases.

**ISAF Note: A supporting paper containing the terms suggested will be on the agenda of the reporting committee**