

**REPORTING COMMITTEE - CENTREBOARD BOAT  
OTHER COMMITTEE -**

**Class Rule Changes**

**A submission from the B14 Class**

**PROPOSAL:**

Amend current rule C.2.2(f) as follows:

**C.2.2 Optional**

f. Shock cord tails and associated blocks are permitted so long as they are used only to tidy ropes and do not provide additional functionality.

Add new rules C.2.2(u) and C.2.2(v) to read as follows:

u. A sacrificial rubber strip of up to 5 mm thick and 50 mm wide and 60 mm long may be added at the rear of the dagger board case at inner cockpit deck level.

v. Up to 3 tab like pads measuring no more than 30 mm above the deck profile and 50 mm wide may be added to each side of the foredeck but not within an arc of 1000 mm from the front face of the bow plate.

**CURRENT POSITION:**

See above.

**REASON:**

**Specific:**

1. This means that any member may add a rubber strip to the rear end of the dagger board case so as to avoid having the dagger board cutting into the fabric of the boat.

These items have been in use on the Laser single handed boats for over 20 years. Many members with older boats have shown concern over wear in this area of the boat and have asked for a sacrificial strip to be legalized. The above ruling will cover these requirements.

2. This means that any member may use up to 3 tabs on either side of the foredeck to assist in retaining the gennaker sheets on board. They will not however, be within an arc of 1,000 mm. taken from the front face of the bow ring. The reason for this is that they may chafe or be torn off by the jib. This is to assist in keeping the gennaker sheets on the foredeck and so reduce the possible problem of dragging them in the water or more importantly, running them over.

**General:**

The membership of the B 14 International Class Association has since the Worlds at Garda in 2001 wanted to voice their opinions on how the class should move forward.

The elected UK Committee put forward to the membership several proposals so as to tighten the rules and to bring the boat into line with requirements of the International

membership. The active regional councils also joined with us in formulating the proposed amendments listed below.

Voting Procedure

Each member was given one vote linked to an individual serial number so as to avoid multiple votes. From the issuing date to closing date the response was high.

The regional votes/results were then taken to the World Council meeting in early January 2003 at McCrae in Victoria, Australia. The World Council voted on the issues that had passed the first voting stage successfully. The requirement had been for 60% of all returns to be in favour of each individual issue. All bar one resolution was carried forward by the World Council.