

Regulation 10 – World Sailing Class Associations

Improving safety through Class Rules and/or Building Specifications

A submission from the Chair of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

To provide World Sailing with the means and a process to require changes to the Class Rules and/or the building specifications for the purpose of improving safety

Proposal 1

Regulations on Administering World Sailing Classes

10.5 To maintain its World Sailing designation, a World Sailing Class shall: (...)

- (n) permit World Sailing to amend Class Rules and/or require changes to the building specification through the process of regulation 10.11.10.**

Class Rule Changes (...)

10.11.10 Changes to the Class Rules and/or to the building specification to address safety may be implemented upon request of the Equipment Committee.

Proposal 2

Regulations on Administering World Sailing Classes

10.5 To maintain its World Sailing designation, a World Sailing Class shall: (...)

- (o) upon request of the Equipment Committee, provide a report endorsed by a World Sailing recognised institute or specialist, evaluating any proposed changes to the building specification including a validation against the presented reasons for the change.**

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Incident reports show that some classes are more prone to accidents than others. All stakeholders shall aim for zero accidents and where it proves to be challenging the aim shall at least be a reduction in either frequency, severity or both.
 2. An incident reporting system that provides information about total quantity, frequency and severity provides the stakeholders with (lagging) indicators and remains results-based rather than process-based. It is on one hand highly dependent on whether every stakeholder systematically reports every incident and on the other hand may be a function of luck and/or normal variation in accident occurrence.
 3. Although the main initiator for improving safety shall remain the Class through their class rules and building specifications, this submission allows the Equipment Committee and the Executive Office to monitor and guide the process that leads to safety improvement. This includes the involvement of a third-party advisor where needed.
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