

### World Championships for World Sailing Classes

#### Participation Requirements for Large Keelboats – Regulation 10.4(b)

A submission from the International 6 Metre Class Association, International J/111 Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To introduce a displacement or weight variable as alternative to the current length categories in Regulation 10.4(b) which is more appropriate for large keelboats and reflects the difficulties for such boats to get transported to their world championships.

#### Proposal

Amend regulation 10.4(b) as follows:

Meet or exceed the following participation levels for two of the last three World Championships (except that for multihull boats up to 6.0m, the required number of entries is 25):

| Category according to Hull Length <u>or</u> <u>weight</u>      | Number of Entries   |  |  | Number of Countries | Number of Continents |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------|----------------------|
|  | <i>gender open and men's only</i><br><i>World Championships</i> | <i>women's, boys and mixed</i><br><i>World Championships</i> | <i>girls and mixed</i><br><i>Youth World Championships</i> |                     |                      |
| Boats up to 6.0m   | 30  | 20   | 15   | 5                   | 2                    |
| Boats >6.0m to 9.0m  | 25  | 17   | 13   | 4                   | 2                    |
| Boats >9.0m to 12.0m<br><b>and &lt; 2000 Kg</b>                | 20  | 13   | 10   | 3                   | 2                    |
| Boats >9.0m to 12.0m<br><b>and &gt;2000 Kg</b>                 | <del>20</del> <b>12</b>   | <del>13</del> <b>8</b>                                       | <del>10</del> <b>6</b>                                     | 3                   | 2                    |
| <b><u>Boats &gt;12.0m</u></b><br><b><u>and &lt; 7500kg</u></b> | <del>12</del> <b>10</b>   | <del>8</del> <b>5</b>  | <del>6</del> <b>4</b>                                      | 3                   | 2                    |
| <b><u>Boats &gt;7500 to 16000kg</u></b>                        | 8   | 5  | 4  | 3                   | 2                    |

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| <b><u>Boats</u></b><br><b><u>&gt;16000 kg</u></b> | <del>8</del> <b><u>6</u></b> | <del>5</del> <b><u>4</u></b> | <del>4</del> <b><u>3</u></b> | 3 | 2 |
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If a Class has failed to meet this requirement for two of their last three World Championships, it may only call its next such event a World Championships and award World Champion titles if the participation levels at that event meet this requirement.

Before World Sailing rescinds any right to host a world championship, the Class shall be given notice in writing and shall be offered the right to appeal any decision to Council.

### Current Position

As above

### Reason

In recent years, many World Sailing classes of large keelboats have exhibited difficulty in attracting the required number of boats to meet the minimum for a world championship. In most cases, these have been classes of heavier displacement boats that are more difficult and more costly to transport over long distances to a world championship venue.

As an example: using the entry requirement for a 'gender open and men's only World Championships':

|                        |    |   |
|------------------------|----|---|
| Boats up to 6.0m       | 30 |   |
| Boats >6.0m to 9.0m    | 25 |   |
| Boats >9.0m to 12.0m   | 20 | If are within this length range and weight < 2000kg       |
| Boats >9.0m to 12.0m   | 12 | If are within this length range and 2000< weight kg <7500 |
| Boats >12.0m           | 10 | If larger than 12m and weight < 7500kg                    |
| 7500< Weight kg <16000 | 8  | regardless of size  |
| Weight > 16000kg       | 6  | regardless of size  |

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Length<br/>(m)</b> | <b>Disp<br/>(kg)</b> | <b>Current<br/>Requirement<br/>for Worlds</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>Requirement<br/>for Worlds</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Volvo 65     | 20.37                 | 12500                | 8   | 8  |
| 12 Metre     | 19.00                 | 28500                | 8   | 6  |
| TP 52        | 15.85                 | 6975                 | 8   | 8  |
| Swan Club 50 | 15.15                 | 8517                 | 8   | 8  |
| Swan 45      | 13.83                 | 9850                 | 12  | 10   |
| 8 Metre      | 13.35                 | 8600                 | 12  | 8  |
| RC44         | 13.00                 | 3560                 | 12  | 12   |
| Farr 40      | 12.41                 | 4945                 | 12  | 10   |
| X-41         | 12.35                 | 6840                 | 12  | 10   |

|           |       |      |    |    |
|-----------|-------|------|----|----|
| Class 40  | 12.12 | 4510 | 12 | 10 |
| J111      | 11.00 | 4216 | 20 | 12 |
| X-35      | 10.61 | 4490 | 20 | 12 |
| 6 Metre   | 10.40 | 3500 | 20 | 12 |
| IOD       | 10.16 | 3265 | 20 | 12 |
| 5.5 Metre | 9.75  | 1860 | 20 | 20 |
| Melges 32 | 9.50  | 1712 | 20 | 20 |
| Farr 30   | 9.43  | 1860 | 20 | 20 |
| Dragon    | 9.29  | 1700 | 20 | 20 |
| Etchells  | 9.30  | 1508 | 20 | 20 |
| Soling    | 8.20  | 1035 | 25 | 25 |
| J80       | 8.00  | 1315 | 25 | 25 |
| Star      | 6.90  | 671  | 25 | 25 |

The current regulations consider only the length of a hull, which is appropriate for small dinghies and small keelboats. However, large (and heavy) keelboats cause logistical challenges when travelling to World Championship venues very different to boats that can easily shipped in containers or transported on trailers.

It therefore would be appropriate to introduce a second parameter for the numerical requirements for World Championships, considering the weight / displacement of the boat.

At the time of this submission, the affected classes would be 12 Meter, 8 Metre, Swan 45, Farr 40, X-41, Class 40, J 111, X-35, 6 Metre, and International One Design.