

World Championships for World Sailing Classes

Participation Requirements for Large Keelboats – Regulation 10.4(b)

A submission from 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 or weight	Number of Entries			Number of Countries	Number of Continents
	<i>gender open and men's only World Championships</i>	<i>women's, boys and mixed World Championships</i>	<i>girls and mixed Youth World Championships</i>		
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Boats >12.0m to 15.0m OR >2000 <7500	12	8	6	3	2
<u>Boats >12.0m to 15.0m</u> <u>AND</u> <u>>2000</u> <u><7500kg</u>	12 <u>10</u>	8 <u>5</u>	6 <u>4</u>	3	2
Boats >15.0m OR >7500 <20000kg	8	5	4	3	2
<u>Boats >20000 kg</u>	8 <u>6</u>	5 <u>4</u>	4 <u>3</u>	3	2

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.

Class	Length (m)	Disp (kg)	Current Requirement for Worlds	Proposed Requirement for Worlds
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.
