

CLASS RULE CHANGES

International 5.5 Metre Class

The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved to be 1st March 2002.

1. Definition of boat - Classic, Evolution and Modern

New: Article 32

The fleet shall be divided by age of boat into three classes named Classic, Evolution and Modern, as follow:

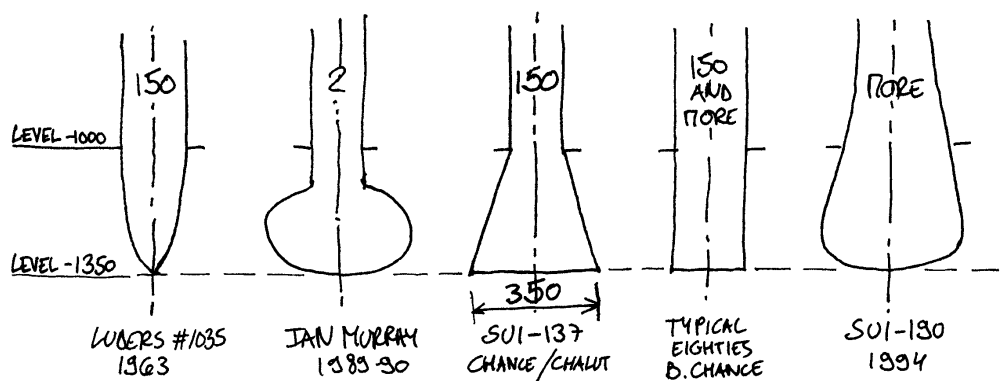
- Classic boats were built and launched before 01.01.1970
- Evolution boats were built and launched after 01.01.1970 and before 01.01.1990
- Modern boats were built and launched after 01.01.1990

A ranking shall be made for each class. The classification of each boat – Classic, Evolution or Modern – shall be written down on the measurement certificate.

2. Keel thickness

New: Article 14 (iv):

The fin-keel shall have a vertical or raked section not less than 150mm wide, from its upper level (junction with the hull) to the level 1000mm below the waterline, and the width shall not exceed 350mm.



As the sketch illustrates, the fleet has been built following one important rule only, the 150 mm minimum width, but the 75mm rule has never been seriously taken into account and has no significance today regarding the diversity of the fleet, hence a cleaner wording is proposed.

3.3. Core Material

New: Article 15.6 (f):

Core material: The nominal density of any core material shall be at least 80kg/m³. Any types of honeycomb cores are prohibited.