SECTION A: ADMINISTRATION

1 GENERAL

1.1 The International Moth is a single-handed development class boat, and these rules are **open class rules**. The intention of these rules is to give the designer and builder the fullest liberty in design and construction, within these rules to develop and produce faster boats.

1.2 The official language of the class is English and in the event of a dispute over translation, the English text shall prevail.

1.3 These rules are complementary to the measurement form. The International Moth Class Association (IMCA) may issue interpretations, which must be ratified by the World Sailing before becoming effective.

1.4 In the event of discrepancy between the rules and the measurement form, the matter shall be referred to the IMCA and World Sailing.

1.5 In countries where there is no National Authority, or where the National Authority does not wish to administer the class, its function as stated in the rules shall be carried out by IMCA or its delegated representatives (National Associations).

1.6 Neither the World Sailing or the IMCA accept legal responsibility in respect of the rules, or any claim rising therefrom.

2 INTERNATIONAL CLASS FEE

2.1 The International Class Fee (ICF) shall be made up of three parts:

Part A due to World Sailing which is set by agreement between World Sailing and the IMCA World Secretary based on 0.5% of the average cost of a new boat ready to sail, taken over the World fleets whether made privately or professionally.

Part B due to IMCA set at each IMCA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Part C due to the National Associations to be set at each IMCA AGM.

2.2 The IMCA is responsible for the collection of the ICF and the distribution of ICF plaques on the above basis.

2.3 The IMCA may delegate its responsibility to collect the ICF and issue plaques to National Associations.

2.4 The ICF is payable by the builder on each boat built whether or not it is subsequently measured and registered. Payment shall be made directly to the IMCA or its delegated representative (National Association), which shall issue an official ICF plaque. The ICF plaque shall be delivered by the builder to the owner upon delivery of the boat.

2.5 World Sailing shall sell the IMCA official ICF plaques at the rate set out in rule 2.1 (Part A) above, to the IMCA which shall sell them at the rate set out in rule 2.1 (Part B) above, to the National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association). The purchase price in each case represents the proportion of the ICF due to the World Sailing and the IMCA. The National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association)
may charge an additional sum (including the amount in rule 2.1 (Part C), but not exceeding the administration cost of carrying out this function.

3 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE
3.1 No boat is permitted to race unless it has a valid measurement certificate issued by the national authority or its delegated representative (National Association).
3.2 Each competitor shall be a fully paid-up member of the relevant IMCA National Association or a direct member of IMCA as per the IMCA Constitution.
3.3 The sail number shall be the same number as the boat’s ICF plaque preceded by national letters, except that the first ten competitors in the most recent World Championship are permitted to carry their overall finishing position as their sail number.
3.4 A National Authority or its delegated representative shall only issue a measurement certificate on receipt of the completed measurement form and evidence that the ICF has been paid.
3.5 Certification Control
  3.5.1 Fundamental measurement
  a). Fundamental measurement shall be performed in accordance with class rule 4
  b). The class measurement form shall be used to record the results of fundamental measurement.
  c). The owner shall be responsible to ensure that fundamental measurement has been performed.
  3.5.2 Certification
  a). The owner shall apply to the Certification Authority for a Certificate by enclosing the ICF plaque number, and the completed measurement form.
  b). The Certification Authority shall record the ICF plaque number and other details on the measurement form.
3.6 It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure that their boat, spars, sails and equipment comply with the rules when racing. Alterations and replacement shall be measured, when relevant, by a measurer recognised by the National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association), who will, if necessary, endorse the measurement certificate accordingly, and shall notify the National Authority or its delegated representative where this would apply.
3.7 Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, World Sailing or the National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association) shall have the power to refuse to grant a certificate to, or withdraw a certificate from any boat.
3.8 The IMCA shall obtain at regular intervals from each National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association) details of measurement certificates issued.

4 MEASUREMENT
4.1 Only a measurer officially recognised by the National Authority or its delegated representative shall measure a boat, its spars, sails and equipment.
The measurer shall sign the declaration form that the boat complies with the class rules.

4.2 The measurer shall report on the measurement form anything that the measurer may consider to be unusual or to depart from the intended nature of the boat or to be against the general interest of the class and a certificate may be refused, even if the specific requirements of the class are satisfied.

4.3 A measurer shall not measure a boat, spars or equipment owned, designed or built by the measurer, or in which the measurer is otherwise an interested party or has a vested interest.

4.4 New or substantially altered sails shall be measured by a measurer who shall stamp or sign and date the sail near the tack. The details shall be recorded on the certificate and the entry signed by the measurer or secretary of the National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association).

4.5 All boats, spars, sails and equipment shall be subject to re-measurement at the discretion of a race committee or the National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association).

SECTION B: SPECIFICATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL MOTH

5 IDENTIFICATION MARKS

5.1 The class insignia shall be a representation of a Moth and shall conform in shape and size to the pattern held by the World Sailing and IMCA. The colour of the insignia is not restricted, except that Gold insignia are reserved for the optional use by current and former World Champions.

5.2 The ICF plaque shall be fixed to the hull near the transom or on the forward vertical bulkhead. Should this plaque come off or need to be removed at a later date, this shall not invalidate the measurement certificate but the ICF plaque number shall then be permanently engraved on the hull near the transom.

5.3 The sail number, national letters and class insignia on the sail shall conform with World Sailing RRS Appendix G, except that the minimum height shall be 300mm and the minimum space between characters and from the edge of the sail shall be 60mm. This changes rule G1.2(b). Sails certified prior to the effective date of these rules shall meet the sail number dimensional requirements in force when the sail underwent certification control.

6 HULL

6.1 The overall length of the hull, excluding removable rudder fittings and stem fittings shall not exceed 3355mm measured between perpendiculars with hull level transversely and waterline horizontal.

6.1.1 Mechanical fasteners or similar fittings that are permanently attached to the hull and used for the sole purpose of attaching the rudder fittings or stem fittings to the hull shall be disregarded for the purpose of this rule.

6.1.2 Rudder fittings and stem fittings outside the overall hull length, including the gantry shall be secured to the hull with mechanical
fasteners only, and shall be readily removable from the hull. For boats that completed fundamental measurement prior to 22 March 2013, rudder fittings and stem fittings may be bonded onto the hull, as long as they satisfy all other rules.

6.1.3 No attempt at increasing waterline length shall be made by fairings comprising part of, or attached to rudder fittings or stem fittings. Rudder fittings and fairings that are a fair extension of the hull surface or extend beyond the fair extension of the hull surface are not permitted. Unless otherwise permitted, the distance between the hull and any rudder fittings and fairings shall be not less than 30mm when viewed in profile perpendicular to the hull centreplane. The minimum distance between the hull and any rudder fittings or fairings shall not apply;

a) in way of the structural connection points to the hull, and
b) greater than 200mm from a plane parallel with the fair extension of the hull on the centreplane perpendicular to the hull centreplane.

6.1.4 Any fittings or fairings attached to the hull, except for the rudder fittings and stem fittings shall be considered part of the hull.

6.1.5 If the following extend more than 500 mm beyond the limits of the overall length of the hull, the excess shall be added to the measured length of the hull.

a) rudder fittings and/or rudder fitting attachments throughout their full range of movement (excluding the rudder); or
b) stem fittings and/or stem fitting attachments throughout their full range of movement.

6.2 The overall beam shall not exceed 2250 mm.

6.3 Hollows

6.3.1 There shall be no visible air gap dividing the boat longitudinally throughout its length when viewed from fore or aft.

6.3.2 Below the static waterplane and within the overall length of the hull, there shall be no hollow in the hull more than 75 mm in any section closer than 2700 mm from the aft perpendicular as described in rule 6.1. The reference line for this hollow shall be a string line stretched tightly around the underside of the hull from points on the static waterline either side of the hull.

6.3.3 Any foil, excluding the rudder and any rudder mounted foil, shall protrude out of the hull from below the static waterplane.

7 BUOYANCY

7.1 Boats shall not have less than two separate buoyancy tanks or bags attached firmly to the hull which together must be sufficient to float the boat's own weight plus 75 kg, approximately level when capsized or full of water, and which, with any one tank or bag flooded, must be sufficient to float the boat's own weight plus 10 kg. If a measurer cannot ascertain compliance with this Rule by visual inspection, the measurer may undertake a buoyancy test.
8 SPARS
8.1 The overall length of mast spars shall not exceed 6250 mm.
8.2 Any boom spar section, or mast part below 5185 mm from the top of the mast shall be capable of passing through a ring of 90 mm internal diameter, excluding fittings.
8.3 The area of the mast from the top point to a point measuring 5185 mm below the top point shall be added to the calculated total sail area in accordance with rule 9.1. The mast spar area is to be measured under rule 9.3.

9 SAILS
9.1 The boat shall carry only one sail when racing, with the total measured area of the rig excluding fittings being not greater than 8.25m². For the purpose of this rule, only the mast area excluding fittings within 5185mm from the top point shall be measured. Mast area enclosed by the sail shall not be added to the calculated total sail area.
9.2 The sail shall not extend more than 5185 mm from the throat point.
9.3 Sail area shall be measured by triangulation in the case of soft sails or via the half girth method for masts and wing sails or wing masts in accordance with the IMCA Measurement Manual.
9.4 All sail area calculations are to three decimal places, rounded to two at the total area.
9.5 In line with 9.1 (one sail), wing sails if used shall be of a single element configuration only. No slots shall be visible in the section whilst sailing.
9.6 No part of the sail may project above a reference line passing through the throat point drawn at 110° from the luff.

10 CREW
10.1 There shall only be one person on board when racing.
10.2 The righting moment of the crew weight shall only be transferred to the sail through the hull, rigging or mainsheet system, in which case it shall include blocks attached to the hull. Hiking straps are permitted but shall only be attached to the hull.

11 PROHIBITIONS
11.1 Moving or detachable seats and trapezes are prohibited.
11.2 Catamaran or multihull configurations are prohibited. Sailing any type of permitted hull design consistently as a catamaran or multihull is also prohibited.

12 ALTERATIONS TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING
12.1 RRS 42.3(c) is amended to read:
When surfing (rapidly accelerating down a wave), foiling (sailing with the hull clear of the water due to the effect of hydrofoils) or planing is possible, the boat’s crew may pump the sail in order to initiate surfing, foiling or planing, but only twice for each wave or gust of wind or twice just after having completed a tack or a gybe. Rapid and/or repetitive body movements that exert
force upon the hull for the specific purpose of promoting foiling or pumping of the sail are prohibited.

12.2 In alteration to RRS 52, only remote controls using stored power are prohibited. The use of commercially available small springs, shockcord, and similar devices are permitted in remote controls.

APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS

Words in bold in the main text but not listed below refer to the definition in the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing.

1. **Static waterplane** The plane containing the static waterline of the hull is determined with the boat fully equipped, afloat and upright without crew.

2. **Hull** Includes a single buoyant hull, and hiking racks, which must be rigidly connected while racing. Excludes rudder, rudder fittings, stem fittings, centreboard, and other foils.

3. **Hiking racks** Structures which are used only to support the crew or rig outboard of the buoyant hull. May include buoyant components which are not normally immersed.

4. **Rudder** A steering device mounted to the hull, or rudder fittings.

5. **Foil** Any centreboard, fin, hydrofoil used for lift, stability or lateral resistance.

6. **Rudder fittings** Non buoyant structure used solely to support the rudder.

7. **Stem fittings** A device to connect an object pertaining to rig or foils to the hull.

8. **Rig** The sail and any structure to support or control the sail.

9. **Sail** An item of equipment attached to the rig, used to propel the boat. May consist of a soft sail set on spars or a wing sail.

10. **Spars** Any rigid elements included in the rig to support the sail.

11. **Soft Sail** A sail where the body of the sail is capable of being folded in any direction without damaging any ply other than by creasing.

12. **Wing sail** A rigid or semi rigid structure (encompassing a traditional mast and mainsail structure), similar to an aircraft wing orientated to provide propulsion from the wind.