

### **SAILOR CLASSIFICATION COMMISSION**

A report from the Chairman of the Classification Commission

20 September, 2018

The Classification Commission annual Meeting formerly held at the World Sailing home office in the fall was postponed until early 2018 due to the move of World Sailing office from Southampton to London England in August. The meeting was held in early February to make up this and also get ahead of the 2018 sailing season. This timing allowed Gary Jobson to stay in London after the Board meeting just prior and attend the Classification Commission meeting as well.

Classification support and regatta reviews were held for the 2018 Newport Bermuda Race, Melges 24 Worlds and Europeans, ORC/IRC Worlds and ORC Europeans, the New York Yacht Club Resolute Cup, Rolex Swan Cup, J 70 Worlds and numerous J Boats classes including a new J70 Corinthian event. Other classes continue to draw on our support including the Farr 40 Worlds, North Americans and Europeans, Sydney 38 and M38 in Australia as well as J 111 and Beneteau 36.7 classes in the USA.

Our website based registration system and support for the same continued to experience numerous issues which hampered our effort to review applications in a timely manner. This was likely due to lack of any in house IT support in the aftermath of the move to London. We are hopeful that a solution will soon be discovered by management that can clear up these and other lingering issues with the online system.

Our membership remains static with 10 Commission members and two liaison appointments, one from the Constitution Committee and one an IT specialist.

Two Changes to Regulation 22 were discussed and a Submission encompassing these was proposed on our behalf by the Board of directors.

1. A change in the Classification Code to reduce the minimum age with an exemption for Group 3 activity less than 100 days in the previous two years from 24 to 22 years.
2. An addition to the Classification Code which will make any form of paid coaching a Group 3 activity.

Translations from 6 Languages are now up on the Sailor Classification Home Page for the Classification Code(Regulation22) and Frequently Asked Questions- Russian joins English, French, Spanish, Italian and German

Japanese Translations are now with the World Sailing IT Administrator to be posted as our Seventh Language- This is in keeping with our goal of diversity and especially in mind of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Respectfully submitted,

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Classification Commission Chairman