

## **INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST CLASS**

The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2001, except Rule 2.8 Sponsorship, which is to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2001.

### **Buoyancy**

#### **Rule 3.2.7.1**

**Amendment:** Delete current rule and replace with the following words: "The hull shall be fitted with three buoyancy units in the form of inflated air bags made of strong fibre-reinforced material. Each unit shall be 45 +/- 5 litres. Each unit shall be equipped with a fill valve that positively prevents the accidental release of air (i.e.- Non-return valves and/or threaded valves with attached screw-on caps). The minimum weight of each unit shall be 200 grammes."

### **Mainsail construction**

#### **Rule 6.2.1.4**

**Amendment:** Delete sentence 3 "Secondary reinforcements ...." and replace with: "Edges of secondary reinforcements shall be fixed by a maximum of two lines of stitches or bonding agents. Parallel or nearly parallel lines of stitching or bonding agent used elsewhere in the secondary reinforcement shall be more than 40mm apart. If two rows of closely positioned stitching are used to fix the edge of the secondary reinforcement then any inner lines of parallel stitching shall be more than 40mm distant from the inner line of edge stitching."

### **Wood and Wood/Epoxy Construction**

#### **Rule Appendix A 3.2.1.2**

**Amendment:** Delete the words: "shall have not less than 5 veneers excluding doubling pieces" and replace with: "shall have not less than 3 veneers excluding doubling pieces"

### **Sponsorship**

#### **Rule 2.8**

**Amendment:** Delete current rule and replace with the following words: "The Optimist Class is Category A."