1. GENERAL

1.1. All boats and equipment entered for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition shall be inspected in accordance with the relevant rules including Class Rules, Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SI), Part 1 and its addendum of Para World Sailing Race Management Manual (RMM) and Equipment Regulations (ER), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.

1.2. The Equipment Inspection Committee (EIC) shall be the final authority for determining if equipment complies with the Event Equipment Rules and for interpreting the Class Rules during the Regatta.

1.3. Only entered competition boats may be kept in the boat park and Marina da Glória unless an exemption is permitted by the Organising Authority.

1.4. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park and Marina da Glória. After a boat or equipment has passed through equipment inspection, it shall remain in the Sailing Venue or the Exclusion Zone but shall not be taken to the container park without prior written permission of the EIC.

1.5. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from the time of being presented for equipment inspection until the end of their Event.

1.6. Each boat is required to comply with RRS 78.1 and Event Equipment Rules from the time of being presented for equipment inspection onwards unless otherwise approved by the EIC. In accordance with the SIs, non-compliance may be protested and penalized as if it were discovered after racing.

1.7. Boats may be hauled out each day and re-launched the following day. Instructions for these operations will be posted daily on the official notice board.

1.8. In accordance with RRS 78.1, athletes are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificate, where applicable, remains valid.

1.9. All equipment and sails shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules from the time of being presented for equipment inspection onwards.

1.10. Any changes to these ER will be posted after approval on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2. EQUIPMENT LIMITATION

2.1. All items of equipment subject to event limitation control shall be marked with the official event limitation marks. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the EIC before the next race so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or, if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
3. REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

3.1. Repairs or replacements shall not be made after completion of Equipment Inspection without the prior written approval of the EIC. However, repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race provided that either the Race Committee or the EIC is notified before racing again.

3.2. Equipment subject to inspection shall be replaced only if:
   (a) The replacement is certified if required by the Class Rules before use, and
   (b) The equipment being replaced has either been lost or severely damaged and cannot be repaired in the time available before the next race.
   However, equipment shall not be replaced if it has been deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost.

3.3. Unless approved in writing by an EIC member, repairs shall not be carried out in the equipment inspection areas.

3.4. Repair / replacement request forms will be available from the EIC Office.

3.5. Any item that has been repaired or replaced in accordance with section 3 of the Equipment Regulations shall have the appropriate event limitation marks, Look of the Games and national flags applied.

3.6. Only one set of items of equipment that are to be inspected or controlled shall be presented for pre-race equipment inspection by an entry in each Event. However, the EIC may permit the substitution of a first item of equipment in the following cases:
   - an item of equipment that fails to comply with the Event Equipment Rules in a serious matter like shape or construction that is a manufacturing defect; or
   - an item of equipment which is too light and which cannot be made to comply with the Class Rules.

4. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

4.1. Pre-race equipment inspection for an Event will take place in accordance with the competition schedule in the Notice of Race. It shall be completed by 18:00 on the day before the first race for that Event, unless extended by the EIC. Any schedule updates authorised by the EIC will be published on the Official Noticeboard. Boats and equipment shall be presented as outlined below at the designated time in accordance with the boat-specific requirements sections of the ER.

4.2. Further pre-race equipment inspection may take place after launching and may require all crew members to be present.

4.3. Boats and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item that is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the EIC may be quarantined by the EIC for up to 48 hours. All equipment shall have event limitation stickers from previous events removed.

4.4. All boats shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment as required or permitted by the Class Rules, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and any personal electronic equipment items.

4.5. Personal electronic equipment that includes functions other than magnetic bearing and timing are not permitted unless otherwise specified in the class rules or Event Equipment rules.
4.6. Mainsails shall have the Class insignia as required by the class rules. All mainsails and jibs shall be presented in accordance with NoR 3.2.

4.7. For SKUD 18, a spare gennaker may be inspected and placed in the custody of the EIC. A spare gennaker shall comply with the requirements of ER 7.5.

4.8. At least one athlete or support team member shall be present at all times during equipment inspection. An interpreter may also be present if approved by the EIC.

4.9. After any race, a boat may be informed by an EIC member that it has been selected for post-race inspection. When hailed, the boat shall move directly to the indicated area at the race area or at the Sailing Venue.

4.10. When a boat has been informed that it has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat without permission from the EIC. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat without permission from the EIC. The notified athletes shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the EIC. After inspection of the athlete clothing and personal equipment, at least one athlete or support team member shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The EIC may require the boat to be quarantined in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

5. **CAMERAS AND TRACKING EQUIPMENT**

5.1. Boats may carry Organising Authority equipment in accordance with NoR 20.

5.2. Rope, elastic and tape may be attached to Organising Authority equipment mounts and brackets provided that it does not interfere with the operation or field of view of the associated Organising Authority equipment (e.g. cameras and tracking equipment).

**BOAT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

6. **ONE PERSON KEELBOAT – 2.4 Norlin OD**

6.1. Each boat shall be presented for pre-race equipment inspection with her certification documentation in accordance with NoR 13.2. The certification documentation may be retained by the EIC for the duration of the event. If any document is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority, or by a scanned document emailed from the issuing authority directly to the Organizing Authority.

6.2. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down. All inspection hatches and covers shall be open.

6.3. Internal ballast shall be removed and presented separately for weighing.

6.4. If crew restraints are used, each and every release mechanism must be identified with a bright red or yellow tag for ease of identification in case of emergency.

7. **TWO PERSON KEELBOAT – SKUD 18**

7.1. Each boat shall be presented for pre-race equipment inspection with her certification documentation as in ER 1.8. SKUD 18 certificates will be completed at the end of Equipment Inspection.
7.2. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down. All inspection hatches and covers shall be open.

7.3. No more than one hull, one mast, one boom, one bowsprit, one set of rudders, one keel fin and bulb, one set of standing rigging, one set of running rigging, two mainsails, two jibs, one first gennaker, an optional second (spare) gennaker, and any other equipment required by the Class Rules shall be presented for pre-race equipment inspection. The keel fin and bulb shall be removed from the boat and separated for individual weighing.

7.4. Any dispensations approved by the class under Class Rule A.16 shall be presented in writing for inspection.

7.5. Gennakers shall be manufactured by the approved manufacturer with a representation of the relevant national flag. In alteration to Class Rule C.10.5(a), the gennakers may have graphics which extend to any point of the sail.

7.6. A first gennaker shall be selected by the crew for use throughout the event. If presented for inspection and approved, a second (spare) gennaker will be carried afloat in an Equipment Support boat. In the event of the first gennaker being damaged and replacement approved in accordance with ER 3.2, the spare gennaker may be retrieved and used for any further races on that day. The spare gennaker shall be returned to the EIC after the last race of the day. If repairable, the first gennaker shall be used for all subsequent races after repair.

7.7. Crew restraints shall be in accordance with RMM Addendum to Part 1, information to RMM 6.2(j).

7.8. An electronic compass per Class Rule C5.1(a)(2) shall derive heading from the earth’s magnetic field. A device deriving heading from GPS signals is not permitted. Compasses with advanced functions or GPS functionality such as TackTick Race Master and Velocitek are prohibited. Compasses such as TackTick Micro are permitted.

7.9. Class rule H1.2 is changed to: Only the following combination of sails and battens are allowed.

- Horizon Mainsails – complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Horizon battens or complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Permex battens are permitted.
- Hyde Mainsails – Complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Hyde battens or complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Permex battens are permitted.
- Horizon Jibs – Complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Horizon battens or complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Permex battens are permitted.
- Hyde Jibs – Complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Hyde battens or complete sets of unaltered SKUD 18 Permex battens are permitted.
- Battens from different manufacturers shall not be mixed in the same batten set.

7.10 A short line or strap may be attached to the boom for use by the Trimmer in accordance with Class Rule C1.1.(c) and C9.8(b)(13).
8. THREE PERSON KEELBOAT – SONAR

8.1. Sonar certificates will be accepted from the Class online database and verified during equipment inspection.

8.2. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast, boom and standing rigging removed from the hull. All inspection hatches and covers shall be open.

8.3. No more than one hull with keel, one rudder, one mast, one boom, one whisker pole, one set of standing rigging, one set of running rigging, one mainsail and two headsails shall be presented for pre-race equipment inspection.

8.4. Any dispensations approved by the Class under Appendix B shall be presented in writing for inspection.

8.5. If crew restraints are used, each and every release mechanism shall be identified with a bright red or yellow tag for ease of identification in case of emergency.

8.6. The mandatory hatch cover per Class Rule C3.1(vi) shall be in place while sailing except as permitted by Class Rule C2.1.