

Class Rule Changes

International 5.5 Metre Class Association

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Amendment 1

33.4 Modern boats :

33.4.1 First certificate issued after 01.01.1994.

Amend to Read:

33.4 Modern boats:

33.3.1 First certificate issued after 01.01.1997

Reasons:

In November 2024 the Intl. 5.5 Metre Class requested that the classification dates for the Evolution division of the International 5.5 Metre Class be amended so that boats with their first certificate issued from 01.01.1970 to 31.12.1996 would be classified as an 'Evolution' in the Class. The adjustment was a new end date of 31.12.1996. At the time this request was made (and granted by WS) the Class did not also amend the start date of the 'Modern' division classification which should now be any boat with a first certificate issued after 01.01.1997. This change request rectifies this omission from the previous change request.

Amendment 2

33.2 Classic boats :

Delete:

33.2.8 ~~Rudder: it is not allowed to fit a separate rudder to a Classic Yacht.~~

Reasons:

The Class held a referendum of all members asking them to vote on changes proposed by the Technical Committee which arose from matters raised at the AGM with regard to the Class Rules pertaining to Classic Rudders. The Class voted in favour of the Technical Committee's proposal.

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Amendment 3

33.2 Classic boats :

Amend to Read:

33.2.9 Any "violation" to the previously mentioned limits will automatically switch the boat from the Classic to the Evolution class. ~~The already existing transformations (made before 01.03.02) are not concerned by the above mentioned rules and the boat may stay in the Classic class~~

Reasons:

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Amendment 4

33.2 Classic boats :

Amend to Read:

33.2.13 Tolerances on the measurement which do not affect the formula, like the draft and the freeboards, the following applies: if the extra-draft and insufficient freeboard of an aged boat is due to an extra-weight; and if that boat has been ~~correctly~~ measured once (original certificate); and if there has been no modifications or alterations of the hull and appendages, it shall be accepted like this. This tolerance means that the boat gets new flotation marks and must float according to those new marks.

Reasons:

The IM for the Class has requested a minor wording change to remove the word 'correctly' from the paragraph above as it should be assumed that a boat measured, is measured correctly without explicitly stating it. The only change to 33.2.13 is to remove the word 'correctly' from the paragraph.
