

Class Rule Changes

International iQFOiL Class Association

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Amendment One

C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Old:

C.3.2 MANDATORY

(a) For Use:

- (i) The **crew** shall wear a helmet that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN 966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent, with a brightly colored region of at least 300 square centimeters of the exterior surface that can be seen from above the water with crew lying face down or face up. The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may change this rule to prescribe alternative or additional standards.
- (ii) The **crew** shall carry a whistle
- (iii) Except when the use of a **personal flotation device** is required by RRS 40, the **crew** shall wear an impact vest. An impact vest is a garment worn on the torso which is specifically designed to protect the wearer around the torso from impact. The impact vest may act as **personal flotation device** if in accordance with C.1.1(a). From January 1st 2024, the impact vest shall comply with the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent, and shall be used at all times.

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- (ii) The **crew** shall carry a whistle
- (iii) The crew shall wear an **impact vest** which complies with the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent, and shall be used at all times. An impact vest is a garment worn on the torso which is specifically designed to protect the wearer around the torso from impact.

Reasons:

While reviewing the Class Rules for both the Senior and Youth & Junior Classes, we noticed that certain provisions are not drafted consistently between the two sets of rules. We believe there is an opportunity to align these points to ensure greater consistency across all iQFOiL Class Rules.

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Amendment Two

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C.3.3 OPTIONAL

In addition to food and personal effects to keep warm and/or dry, and/or to protect the body, the **crew** may wear the following:

- (i) A **crew harness** with a maximum permitted weight of 4kg.
- (ii) a **personal flotation device** to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent.
- (iii) additional body protection gear.
- (iv) a drinking container in compliance with RRS Appendix B, B.50.1(a).
- (v) an electronic or mechanical timing device.
- (vi) a heart rate monitoring device

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Reasons:

Since wearing an impact vest is MANDATORY this sentence is redundant

Amendment Three

C.6 WINDSURFER

C.6.1 REPAIR

- (a) All **repairs** require written approval unless stated otherwise in these rules.
- (b) Approval may only be granted by the iQFOiL Technical Committee: technical@iqfoilclass.org
- (c) Permission to undertake a **repair** during an event may be granted by the Event Technical Committee. The required written approval by the iQFOiL Technical Committee may be granted after the event.

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- (d) **Repairs** shall not be used to reinforce an existing part and shall not alter the essential shape, characteristics, and function of the original equipment.

C.6.2 LIMITATIONS

- (a) No more than 1 **hull**, 1 **sail**, 1 **mast**, 1 **boom**, 1 fin and 1 foil system with two fuselages (one of each type), may be registered for an event. When lost or accidentally damaged beyond **repair**, a replacement may be used if approved by the Event Technical Committee.
- (b) The use of either a fin or foil system shall be governed by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instruction.
- (c) Replacements to registered equipment during an event shall only be made with the approval of the Event Technical Committee unless otherwise permitted in the **class rules**.

Amend to add:

C.6.3 MAINTENANCE

- (a) All serial numbers and QR codes may be protected with a clear transparent covering where required. The serial number and QR code should remain clearly legible if covered and should not be altered.

Reasons:

The class is moving to a scanning system for the foil mast, front wing and tail wing – which need to remain identifiable to be able to link factory scans to equipment presented at events. The change ensures that only equipment with clearly legible serial numbers as applied by the manufacturer are permitted for use.

The change also allows for transparent covering to be applied to serial numbers and QR codes to protect them from damage.

Amendment Four

E.2 IDENTIFICATION

- (a) The fin, foil mast, front wing, tail wing and fuselage shall carry a unique WS QR sticker issued by the manufacturer.

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- (a) The fin, foil mast, front wing, tail wing and fuselage shall carry a unique WS QR sticker issued by the manufacturer.
- (b) When this rule is invoked by the Notice of Race the following equipment limitations shall apply:

The manufacturer serial number on the foil mast 95cm, front wing 900 and tail wing 255 shall remain present and clearly legible.

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