



## International A Class Catamaran Classic Discipline

### Classic Statement

The discipline is a means to continue the tradition of non-foiling A Class catamarans, which formed the basis of the great class we have today.

Its philosophy is to meet all current A Class rules with only minimal restrictions in place to eliminate the boat's foiling ability, without limiting its open development nature.

The discipline is built on the base of trust and ethics from the competitors involved to ensure the criterion is met and for all to enjoy fair racing in a non-foiling mode.

### Definition of a classic boat

1. The "classic discipline" A Class must fit all the current class rules.
2. Dagger boards are to have either a straight leading and trailing edge or be of a constant "C" curved shape with a minimum chord radius of 1190mm. All other requirements of Rule E.3 & E.4 apply.
3. The dagger board flush with the bottom of the hull and in all positions after exiting this point until fully down must fit within 780mm of the imaginary line drawn between the bottom of the hull at the leading edge of the dagger board on each hull. This measurement is to be taken parallel to boat centreplane. It shall be measured through the full range of motion (i.e. extension/retraction, cant and rake) permitted by the daggerboard case configuration and without taking into account the daggerboard deformation produced by forces expected during its normal use while racing.
4. Rudder rake adjustment whilst racing is not allowed. All other requirements of Rule E.5 (a), (b), & (c) apply.
5. A boat shall not have two hulls clear of the water for a distance of more than 5 boat lengths.

### Validity and coverage of these rules

The only class rules that can be approved are in terms of the constitution, firstly needing a president's vote to go forward and then a world ballot of all members. What IACA has approved above are "trial rules" in terms of our approval from World Sailing.

The original version of these "trial rules" – used in Hervey Bay Worlds – and remarks from officials have urged us to update these "trial rules" to remove the gentlemen agreement. Instead, we have defined (5.) above to cover the "non-foiling" aspect of the classic discipline, in terms acceptable by World Sailing.

**These new "trial rules" are valid from 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2019**, and will be applied during the World Championships in Weymouth, UK. If further refinements are needed, a further look at them will take place at, or straight after Weymouth.

### Dispensation

We believe the majority of classic boats will fit these proposed "trial rules" and it is not our wish to penalize any boat that holds a valid measurement certificate issued prior to the implementation date. The following dispensations will apply:

- All boats measured prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 shall comply with : "Trail Rules" 1, 4 & 5 and have daggerboards restricted to either a straight or constant curve axis.
- All boats measured from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 shall comply with : "Trial Rules" 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5