



International A Class Catamaran - Classic Discipline

Introduction of the new definition of Classics

Dear Presidents,

After 5 months of hard work of our chief measurer Graeme Harbour with World Sailing, we finally have some definitive answers from World Sailing (below : WS) on our proposed Classic Discipline Rules.

Our latest rewrite dated 14.02.2020 was presented to them with the simple question, would they be acceptable to WS if approved by the class. Their initial answer was only the measurement rules based on the physical properties of the boat on shore that could be measured was allowed and anything based on sailing on the water (i.e. one hull in the water) could not be part of class rules. This was quickly changed after a number of emails. What we are now left with is a list of rules in WS format that they would be prepared to approve if presented. Nothing has fundamentally changed from our rewrite. The rules below are redacted in the format they like. Any differences from our 14.02.2020 trial rules are shown in red.

A request to extend our two year trial period which is due to expire in October due to the Covid 19 pandemic was refused. We are now left in a position if we don't present a set of class rules to WS for approval, we will no longer be able to recognize a WS approved Classic World Champion.

A note about the proposal of VDAC (national association of Germany), sent on 4.5.2020 : The proposal did not get the support of enough countries to be presented to a WGM vote. Besides, these rules would not have been accepted by World Sailing because they were no measurement rules.

The situation is now quite simple : we have this proposal on the table, and nothing else.

- If this proposal is supported by at least 3 countries, accepted by a WGM vote and later a world-wide ballot, we keep the two disciplines as we have had in Hervey Bay 2018 and Weymouth 2019 and formalize them for the future (Cadiz/ESP and St-Petersburg/USA in 2021).
- If the proposal is refused, we are back to a single discipline with the two types of boat racing together along with only one champion at the end.

Definition of Classics – to be proposed to vote

The Class Rules changes

The rules are to be listed in the Class Rules, “Section C - Conditions for Racing” as follows:

C.2 Classic Discipline

C.2.1.1 Definitions

(a) Classic- A classic boat fulfills all class rules and the additional rules described in C.2

Same as Rule 1

(b) Jumping- The movement of the boat in which both hulls are out of the water completely for a brief period of time.
As per our definition with the environmental aspect removed.

(c) Irregular- Occurring at aperiodic intervals: not continuous, steady or stable.

Refer Rule 5.2; we had used the word intermittent that WS has changed to irregular stating that intermittent can also mean periodical, which would be a regular or periodic movement.

C.2.1.2 Classic Boat Limitations

(a) A boat sailing in the classic discipline shall keep at least one hull in the water at all times, except while irregular jumping.

Refer 5.1 & 5.2 listed actions deleted. WS states it doesn't matter what environmental circumstance causes the jumping as long as it is not stable foiling. Helping a person in danger also deleted as in a real rescue scenario several RRS and class rules will be breached.

(b) Rudder rake adjustment whilst racing is not allowed.

Same as Rule 4

(c) Daggerboards have to have either a straight leading & trailing edge or the radius of the chord of the leading edge is to be a constant curve of not less than 1.190m.

Straight daggerboards the same. WS recommended we change chord radius to the “radius of the chord at the leading edge” since the chord may change along the profile and is relatively hard to measure anywhere further back at the profile, especially if the board has cambered sections. This will clear up some ambiguity in place at the moment on how the board is measured.

(d) In any position, no part of the daggerboard shall exceed the transverse projection of a vertical arc of .780m radius centered at the lowest hull point at the leading edge of the dagger board case.

No change in rule just a clean up of our complicated wording to a more simplified format utilizing ERS terminology.

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. The process is detailed on the next page. I hope we have been clear and await your support in this important decision for the class.

Kind regards,

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Process to change the Class Rules :

