

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REGULATIONS

1. General Requirements

- 1.1 All boats and equipment entered in an **ISAF Sailing World Cup event (SWC)** may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules including Class Rules and this Equipment Regulations (EIR), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 Any changes to these EIR will be approved and posted on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.3 Athletes are reminded that, in accordance with RRS 78.1, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificate, where applicable, remains valid.
- 1.4 When instructed by an Equipment Inspector, a boat shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection.
- 1.5 A boat representative shall be present at all times during equipment inspection. A boat representative is defined as a member of the boat's crew, a team leader or nominated delegate. An interpreter may also be present if approved by the Equipment Inspector.
- 1.6 All equipment and sails shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules.
- 1.7 470s and Finns shall present their valid certification documentation in accordance with Notice of Race 8. For the Finn the certification documentation includes the Measurement Form, and the Certificate with any Reweighing Form. For the International 470 Class the Certification Documentation shall include the Measurement Form and the Measurement Certificate. The certification documentation may be retained by the Chief Equipment Inspector 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, from the class database or by a scanned document emailed from the issuing authority directly to the Organizing Authority.

2. Equipment Limitation

- 2.1 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official **SWC** event stamp or sticker. Some items may receive two control marks, one in a readily visible position when afloat, and a second in a position protected from wear and tear. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the Chief Equipment Inspector so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 2.2 Boats shall apply event limitation control stickers to specified equipment and sign a declaration of compliance prior to racing.
- 2.3 Event limitation control stickers shall be obtained from, and applied in accordance with instructions distributed at the **SWC** Event Registration

3. Repair and Replacement of Boats and Equipment

- 3.1 Applications for alterations, repairs or replacement shall be made on the forms available from an Equipment Inspector or the Race Office and shall be submitted when completed to the Equipment Inspector.

- 3.2 Alterations: no alterations shall be made without the written approval of the Chief Equipment Inspector.
- 3.3 Repairs: athletes wishing to make repairs to boats or equipment after they have passed through equipment inspection shall make an application to the Chief Equipment Inspector. If approved, the Chief Equipment Inspector will arrange a time for such repairs to be inspected.
- 3.4 Unless authorized by the Chief Equipment Inspector through an application as set out in Section 4 of the EIR, repairs or alterations to boats or equipment shall not be made in the equipment inspection areas.
- 3.5 Replacement process: requests for replacements with equipment that has not been inspected for use by that athlete at the Event shall be made to the Chief Equipment Inspector at the first reasonable opportunity. All replacement equipment shall be inspected in accordance with the Event Equipment Rules. In addition, for replacements afloat, athletes shall notify an Equipment Inspector or the Race Committee before racing. The replaced item will be subject to inspection after the race for the Equipment Inspector to confirm that the item had not been useable.
- 3.6 Replacement approval: approval will only be given if the equipment is severely damaged, was not deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost by the athlete or any associated person, and cannot be repaired satisfactorily in the time available. All replacement equipment shall have been certified in accordance with the Class Rules before use.
- 3.7 Only one hull shall be presented by an entry in a **SWC** Event. However, the Chief Equipment Inspector may permit the substitution of the first hull in the following cases:
- a hull that fails in a serious matter like shape or construction that is proven to not be the fault of the athlete(s) or their team; or
 - a hull which is too light and which cannot be made to comply with the Class Rules.

4. Equipment Control during the Event

- 4.1 After any race, a boat may be informed by an Equipment Inspector that it has been selected for post-race inspection. When hailed, the boat shall return directly to the designated area at the Sailing Venue.
- 4.2 When a boat has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat without permission from the Equipment Inspector. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat without permission from the Equipment Inspector. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the Equipment Inspector. After inspection of the crew clothing and equipment, at least one boat representative shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The Equipment Inspector may require the boat to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

5. Medal Race Equipment Inspection

- 5.1 On completion of the opening series, the boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race for each Event may be subject to equipment inspection. This includes boats that may qualify for the Medal Race following a protest or request for redress.