

## SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

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### CIRCULAR LETTER

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The circular letter of October 2012 from the Chairman of the Rules Committee specified that the new heavier jibs were mandatory in the International events organised in 2013.

The Rules Committee was then asked to better specify the meaning of the word "International" and, if possible, to list the events in which the heavier jib shall be used. As a result, the Rules Committee decided as follows:

The new jibs in production from Jan 2013 shall be mandatory in the following International regattas:

- Senior World Championship
- Junior World Championship
- North American Championship (selecting for WH&O 2014)
- South American Championship (selecting for Pan Am 2015 & ODESUR 2014)

Decision of the Rules Committee of February 22, 2013

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### Jib Cloth Update

After the decision by the Board of Governors in 2011 to increase the cloth weight for the jibs and in the relationship to the market development of mylar laminates, the following are the laminates currently approved by the class to produce snipe sails.

- Bainbridge SLI000P for both jibs and mains
- Diax 60P for both jibs and mains
- Dimension PM 05 for mains only

No longer in production:

Contender AP8, Challenge P05, Dimension Polyant PL2X and PM2X

As per our rules, the approval of new laminates shall be requested on a case by case basis.

### Rule Change Proposal

During the past years, many snipe class measurers referred about several attempts to move the jib attachment higher than the normal position, using various solutions, with the result to move the attachment forward than the maximum allowed by the rules on a horizontal plane (279mm from point 0).

To prevent those attempts and to clarify the rule and make it easier to check, the Rules Committee has submitted to the Board a proposal to change Rule 31 of the General restrictions.

This proposal shall be added to the Board agenda and, following the new "making decisions process", discussed with the final decision to be taken in September.

#### New rule proposal

Add to rule 31 the following paragraph:

**31.** All boats must have a jib stay and two side shrouds. No backstay may be used. The jib stay must be all metal 2.5mm (3/32") minimum diameter, either wire or rod and must be fastened to a tang or other deck fitting. The length of the jib stay shall be such that it does not allow the mast to touch the back of the partner when the mast is restrained only by the jib stay with shrouds and the mast push/puller off. The length of jib stay and shrouds must be incapable of being changed during a race. **The forward hole of the jib fitting shall be 6mm diameter max and its centre shall be placed between 279 to 311mm from the point 0, measured straight parallel to the base line, and no more than 45mm above the sheer line. The fitting shall be capable to be connected to the spring attachment assembly currently approved.**