

SCIRA Proposal Form

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Summary: Centerboard retaining system – General Restrictions (rule 18)

Affects:

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Objective:

Avoiding that sailors raise and held up the daggerboard too much (so that the centerboard band is above the deck) when sailing downwind.

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in **red**): *Example: By Laws: **Section 1. Racing Season***

*The official ~~racing~~ **sailing** season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1st and ending on December 31st.*

General Restrictions – Centerboard **Daggerboard**

18. The centerboard **daggerboard** must be restricted while racing in such a manner that no point of the bottom edge extends less than 305mm (~~12"~~) below the keel. To permit checking the position of the centerboard **daggerboard** while racing a band **of min 25mm (1"** wide **and 150 mm long** shall be painted on each side of the board. The top of the band being even with the surface of the deck at the centerline of the boat while the board is raised on this maximum height. A safety line must be used on centerboard **daggerboard** while racing. The safety line length **may** ~~shall be long enough to~~ permit, when completely tight, to raise the board ~~up to~~ **max 50 mm** over the upper part of the board band to deck, ~~and shall not be adjustable and shall be fastened to the boat and to the centerboard by a shackle or snap of suitable dimension. Any type of retaining system may be used, the centerboard safety line length shall be long enough to permit, when completely tight, to raise the board up to 50 mm over the upper part of the board band to deck and~~ **The retaining system shall either consist of a flipping tablet or/and a hook and cutouts on the daggerboard and shall permit** the crew to extend the board completely when the boat is capsized without swimming under the boat. Only one centerboard **daggerboard** may be used during a regatta unless irreparable damage has occurred.

Reasons:

In the recent years we have seen a growing number of sailors who don't respect the rule and sail downwind with the daggerboard too high (and often with the safety line

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unlocked). This is a major advantage over the people who sail fair and this issue is becoming a growing problem. We think that in many cases the cheaters use a shockcord as retaining system. Ruling about the legal retaining system,, would make it more difficult to cheat.

"Safety" is also an issue, especially in windy or wavy conditions and in cold water. Boats that capsize without a board take longer to help - this often requires the help of a support boat that may be needed for other activities during the race (moving marks).