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Summary: JUNIOR AGE

Affects:

Constitution ~~By Laws~~ ~~Class Rules~~
 ~~Deed of Gift~~ ~~Rules of Conduct~~ ~~NoR or SI Template~~
 ~~Other~~

Objective:

To allow very young Junior skippers to sail with crews slightly over the junior age.
 To improve participation, numbers and better sailing conditions.

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.

Section 11. Activities

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A sailor is considered a Junior until the year of his/her twenty second birthday.

I crew is considered Junior if the skipper is a Junior and the combined age of skipper and crew is 45 years or less in the year of the regatta.

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Reasons:

The snipe is a very tough boat. Not easy to handle, not easy to learn.

With the years, we competed as a class against newer, faster, lighter and easier to handle boats. We will not change it, but we may improve the conditions.

Most juniors that try the boat and leave the class soon are doing that because they have nobody to learn from and have a rough time on board.

Very young sailors (15 to 18), are more often too small and have even more trouble to handle the boat, lack of size and strength.

The objective of this change is, while keeping the same "Junior age", to allow "Junior Crews" as defined above, allowing younger sailors to sail with more experienced crews.

This will for example allow a 18 years old to sail with a 25 years old crew.

¹ Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to 1st March.

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For a Junior, there is no biggest challenge today than finding a Junior crew, that might sail, travel, and pay for things.

The Junior skipper might not only learn faster from a crew with some more years in the class, but also, it is very likely that some crews race seniors and juniors with the same people on board, exchanging positions and sharing the boat.

This change will, in a degree, level the competition in juniors, where today a very young sailors has little to do against the sailors close to the limit of age.

In addition, the biggest problem of young sailors is having a car and economic independency in order to get to the regattas. This might solve the problem in some cases.

This rules would be in line to what the class does with the masters, where only the skipper is a master (is not even defined in our Constitution), and the age of the crew is free, providing they get to 80 in the addition.