

# SNIFE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Stefano,

Snipe hull 30514 was substantially changed in the deck shape in 2012. After that change, according to Rule 3 of the Instructions for Measurers, the owner requested a re-measurement which was not done by the measurer, in compliance with Rule 1 of the Instructions for Measures, so a new MDS was not completed.

The owner of 30514 then submitted an appeal to the Chairman of the Rules Committee who rejected the appeal in compliance with Rule 1 of the General Restrictions of the Snipe Class.

According to Rule 6 in the Instructions for Measurers such decision is final; nevertheless the owner of the 30514 requested once again the issuance of a Measurement Certificate to the Chairman of the Rules Committee. Being that the decision was final, the request of 30514 must be rejected.

According to Section 6 of the SCIRA By-Laws and the previous decision of the Chairman of the Rules Committee, the boat must be modified to the original shape to comply with the Rules to receive a Measurement Certificate.

Although not obliged, the Chairman discussed the request among the Technical Committee to determine if new findings were to be considered.

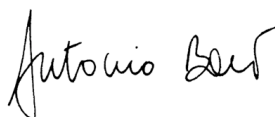
To begin with, 30514 has no MDS on file nor a MOI completed after the change in the deck shape; consequently, no Measurement Certificate can be issued.

To follow, the Rules Committee found that the previous decision of the Chairman of the Rules Committee to stand as correct. In detail:

1. The physical dimensions of the deck crown of 30514 complies with Rule 11.2
2. However, the deck crown of the 30514 does not comply with the tolerances allowed for the stay attachment, placing it further forward than permitted to obtain a racing advantage. Due to the crown of the foredeck, it is not possible to check the jib attachment position correctly according to the side view diagram printed in the current SCIRA Rulebook. As clearly shown in the drawing, the position shall be measured parallel to the base line from point -0- to the jib attachment and neither alongside the sheer line in the fore-aft position nor along the deck in the height, as 30514 assumes.
3. Being closed class rules, as per ISAF definition, and in compliance with Rule 1 of the SCIRA General Restrictions and with Rule 1 of the Instructions for Measurers, hull 30514 cannot be issued a Measurement Certificate.

In addition, the Rules Committee found that the position of the stay attachment will not allow the attachment of the spring currently approved to measure the MOI in the correct position. The result is that the MOI, which is required for completing the MDS, cannot be properly measured.

According to Rule 6 of the Instructions for Measurers the decision is final and no further appeals can be considered.



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