

SCIRA Proposal Form

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Summary:

Affects:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | By-Laws | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class Rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deed of Gift | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rules of Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> | NoR or SI Template |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | | | | |

Objective:

Specify sail cloth material.

Proposal:

G.3 CONSTRUCTION

(a) Any type of woven polyester fabric or polyester film/scrim three ply laminated material shall be used as long it has a minimum weight of 130 g/sqm for the mainsail and 160 g/sqm for the jib. Laminated ply materials approval is limited to commercially manufactured, readily available materials with woven ply materials and which have been specifically approved by SCIRA on a case-by-case basis. ~~See Part III.H.6 for the complete list.~~ The list is promulgated as a Circular Letter by the SCIRA Rules Committee Chairman.

H.6 Sails

~~APPROVED MAILAR LAMINATES AS FROM JANUARY 1, 2021~~

For both sails ~~Contender ZYP13 (new)~~
~~Bainbridge SL 1000P (no longer in production)~~
~~Diex 60 P (not available in all countries)~~

For main only ~~Dimension Polyant PG45 (new)~~
~~Dimension Polyant PM 05 (1.5 mil), formerly M 290 (no longer in production)~~

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Sail cloth material is specified by Circular Letter promulgated by the SCIRA Rules Committee Chairman.

Reasons:

Before SCIRA joined World Sailing, the choice of sail materials was governed by a Circular Letter issued by the Rules Committee Chairman and was independent of the class rules. However, after the conversion of the class rules to World Sailing format and the subordination of SCIRA to World Sailing, the list of approved laminates became incorporated into the class rules. See page 35 of the current (2021) class rules which lists the approved laminates.

To process a change to the class rules would normally require a rule change request be submitted to the Board of Governors who vote on the change. This only happens once a year with submissions due by 1 March. You can see the form and previous proposals here:
<https://www.snipe.org/rules-proposal/>

Following approval by the Board of Governors then requires approval by World Sailing, which adds even more delay into the approval process.

The availability of sail cloth is becoming a critical issue, and extensive delays in the approval process for new materials or notification of discontinued products hampers the ability of sailmakers to produce sails in a timely manner. By moving the approval process back to the Rules Committee, new materials can be approved when available without an extensive delay. All sail cloths still have to meet the weight and construction requirements specified in the Rules Section G.3