



Class Rule C.5.1

Electronic compass



Old Rule

C.5.1 FOR USE

(a) OPTIONAL

3) Any multi function electronic compass with steering and time functions only

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Electronic compass



New Rule

C.5.1 FOR USE

(a) OPTIONAL

3) Any multi function electronic compass with the following functions which can be displayed:

- heading
- heading +/- tacking angle
- time
- race timing information
- device status information

The electronic compass shall not store or transmit such information.

Class Rule C.5.1

Electronic compass



Additional allowed devices

A Notice of Race may include the use of electronic devices with the following functions:

- GPS for tracking
- starting line detection
- OCS warning
- data delivery: to be limited to after racing

only if they can be provided by the OA and if approved by the SCIRA Technical Committee.

Class Rule C.5.1

Electronic compass

What is new?

- The compass functions are better specified
- A NoR may include the use of advanced electronic devices (i.e. Vakaros or similar) but only:
 1. If the OA can provide such devices for rent to those not having one **and**
 2. If the TC approves the use of those devices for that regatta

Class Rule C.6.2

Corrector weights



New Rule

For boats built

from January 1st, 2028

the corrector weights shall be installed to the **lowest part of the cockpit floor** approximately over **the centreline of the boat**, max 1300mm forward or 1300mm aft from the aft part of the daggerboard slot.

If bulkheads are present, between the front and rear bulkheads.

Class Rule C.6.2

This rule is effective for boats built
from January 1st, 2028

Manufacturers have two years to
study and test a possible different
weight distribution in the hull in order
to comply with the rule.

Corrector weights

What is new?
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This will speed up all the verification
procedures

Class Rule C.6.4

Fittings



New Rule

Add to C.6.4:

a) Any mechanical wind index devices

Class Rule C.6.4

Fittings

What is new?



Any mechanical wind index device can be installed anywhere on the boat.

The old rule didn't allowed the use of a mechanical wind indicator (Windex or similar)

Class Rule E.1.4

Appendages identification



New Rule

for Rudders and Daggerboards
manufactured after
January 15th 2026

A serial number shall be engraved:

- On the **daggerboard**, within 100mm below the aft stopper
- On the **rudder**, between the upper gudgeon and the rudder head
- An optional combination of numbers and a logo may be engraved by the manufacturer

Class Rule F.1.3

Rig identification



New Rule

for Masts and Booms
manufactured after
January 15th 2026

A serial number shall be engraved:

- On the **mast**, no more than 250mm below the gooseneck
- On the **boom**, between 100mm and 200mm from the fore end
- An optional combination of numbers and a logo may be engraved by the manufacturer

Identification specs

The serial number shall be engraved on the **starboard side** and shall consist of:

- **4 digits (MM&YY)**
- Minimum height of **7mm**
- Any other combination of numbers and a logo **may be added** by the manufacturer

For both rig and appendages



Identification

What is new?

The serial number will uniquely identify rig and appendages speeding up all the verification procedures either on site and @home

A Measurement Certificate to include these informations is now under development.

Class Rule F.3.3

Mast Weight



Old Rule

	Min	Max
Mast spar weight including whiskerpole fitting	9,1kg	
Corrector weights		100g

Class Rule F.3.3

Mast Weight

Amended Rule

to comply with ERS definitions

The pole launcher fitting is included
in the mast weight

	Min	Max
Mast weight	9,1kg	
Corrector weights		100g

Class Rule F.3.3

Mast Weight

Attention



The mast shall be weighed with necessary fittings, shrouds, spreaders and adjusters (no wind indicator, no compass support).
No bare mast weight!



Class Rule G.2.2

Sails Certification



Old Rule

G.2.2

(a) No certification is issued for Sails.



Class Rule G.2.2

Sails Certification



New Rule

G.2.2

Before they are used in any regattas **sails must be measured by**

- An Official **SCIRA** measurer
- An **MNA** certified measurer
- A World Sailing or MNA **In House Certification Measurer**

Class Rule G.2.2

Sails Certification

What is new?



- To be used in any regattas **sails must be measured**
- SCIRA has adopted the World Sailing **IHC certification process** allowing approved sailmakers to deliver certified sails. Manufacturers will be notified by WS.

Need a recap?

Document available at
[urly.it/31dcxw](https://www.worldsailing.org/urly.it/31dcxw)



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Dear members,
New year, new and improved rules

In 2026, a number of new rules that will improve those currently in force will be effective. The changes concern the Deeds of Gift, the Class Rules and the Rules of Conduct. Let's start with the changes that are **already in force**.

DEEDS OF GIFT

After their publication on snipe.org, the Deeds of Gift for all international events of the Class are finally definitive. Their revision required a long rewriting process to make the text uniform and compliant with the Class Rules and, for most of them, consultation with donors and owners for acceptance of the proposed text. All regattas with a Deed of Gift, organized from 1st January 2026 onwards, must follow the rules set out in the published version. The Organizing Authorities of regattas scheduled for 2026 that have already prepared the Notice of Race must verify that its contents comply with the rules established by the DoG. If any discrepancies are found, the Notice of Race must be modified or amended.

Now for the changes that will come into **effect on January 15th**.

CLASS RULES

The proposed amendments to the Class Rules submitted by March 1st, as approved by the Board in July, were sent to World Sailing, which, after long and in-depth discussions with the Technical Committee, finally approved the definitive text on December 31st.

Compared to what was approved by the Board and published on snipe.org (<https://www.snipe.org/articles-advice-and-education/technical-experts/rules/boards-decisions-on-new-rule-proposals/>), WS has made some changes, specifically in the wording concerning definitions, which must comply with those established in the Equipment Rules of Sailing published by WS.

In summary, here is **what is effective in 2026**:

Identification

Masts, booms, daggerboards and rudders manufactured from 15 January 2026 must bear a **4-digit identification code** and an optional code chosen by the manufacturer that identifies the year and month of manufacture. The codes will be included on the new MDS and MC and will facilitate the verification at all events. Location of codes is specified in the rules.

Portable Equipment

More specific criteria have been defined for electronic compasses. In addition, **Notices of Race may allow the use of electronic devices** with the following functions:

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 - starting line detection
 - OCS warning
 - data delivery: to be limited to after racing
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2026 Class Rules

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www.snipe.org/class-rules/

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Class Rules

Snipe Class International
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The Snipe was designed in 1931 by William F. Crosby and was adopted as a World Sailing class in 1932.

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