

Snipe Class International Racing Association Change Rule - Proposal Form

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Summary:

To prevent that the MC is invalid if a boat is overweight

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:

Change to Class Rule A.13.1 a) that would make boats not eligible to compete in a regatta and delete the address of the owner in the certificate in Class Rule A.11.2 e).

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown):

Current Rule

A.11.2

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- (a) Class.
- (b) Number of Measurement Certificate (Optional).
- (c) Hull number issued by SCIRA.
- (d) Builder/Manufacturers details. ...

Proposal

A.11.2

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- (e) Owner's name. ...

Reasons:

The address of the owner does not add any relevant information and can be considered an infraction of the Data Protection Act in some countries where the Certificates are public.

According to Class Rule A. 13.1 a) a Measurement Certificate becomes invalid if any of the items stated in A.11.2 is changed.

Also, according to Class Rule A.11.1. No boat shall take part in a race unless it has a valid measurement certificate. If a boat has in her Measurement Certificate a total weight of 174 kg but after changing the mast or the rudder, for instance, the total weight of the boat is now 175kg (or 173kg, whatever). That will make her Measurement Certificate invalid, and the boat is not eligible to race.

It is irrelevant if the total weight is above or below to what it is recorded in her Measurement Certificate. If it is different, the Measurement Certificate is invalid.

We all know, from experience, that a boat's weight depends on many factors and the same boat, even without changing any equipment, will weigh differently each time.

According to the Rules, every time that a boat is weighed and does not match what it is recorded in her Measurement Certificate makes the boat not eligible, not to mention what may happen if during the Equipment Inspection of a Major Regatta all the boats do not meet the weight recorded. All of them will become not eligible for racing until a new certificate is issued.

To avoid this situation, I would suggest making point g) as the recorded data that does not make the Measurement Certificate invalid when the boat is overweight.