



# Snipe Class International Racing Association Change Rule - Proposal Form

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Summary...Raise the age for Master Events.....

**Affects**

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

**OBJECTIVE**

Master categories for skippers from 50 years old

**CURRENT RULE**

10. Trophies presented to the top 3 places in the following divisions:  
• Apprentice Master Division (45-54 years)  
• Master Division (55-64 years)  
• Grand Master Division (65-74 years)  
• Master Legends Division (75 years old and onwards)

**PROPOSAL RULE**

10. Trophies presented to the top 3 places in the following divisions:  
• Apprentice Master Division (50-59 years)  
• Master Division (60-69 years)  
• Grand Master Division (69-79 years)  
• Master Legends Division (80 years old and ...)

**REASONS**

Life expectancy has drastically changed in the last couple decades.  
In the 80's and 90's, a skipper of 45 years old may be considered almost at the end of his/her sailing career.  
Nowadays, we can see skippers on their 45-50 at the same level of competition and performance than a 30-35 years old.  
Raising the age for Masters will preserve "A boat for all ages" that is the identity of Snipe Class.