

# Class Rule Changes

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## Amendment One

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### GENERAL FORMAT

#### Amend to Add:

The current Class Rules date from March 2016. After nearly a decade, these rules have been transferred into the new template and subjected to a comprehensive review. The resulting revisions will be incorporated in the forthcoming amendments.

#### Reasons:

Class Rules places in new template

## Amendment Two

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### ADD IFDCO SAIL STICKER NEXT TO IFDCO SAIL BUTTON

#### Old:

##### 7.2 Sail buttons

Each sail manufactured after 1 September 1984 shall have permanently fixed near to its tack an officially numbered IFDCO sail button. No sail will be accepted for measurement without an IFDCO sail button. Buttons must not be transferred from one sail to another. The sail makers must obtain sail buttons from the IFDCO.

#### Amend to add:

##### A.11.5

Each sail manufactured after 1 September 1984 shall have permanently fixed near to its tack an officially numbered IFDCO sail button **or IFDCO sail sticker**. No sail will be accepted for measurement without an IFDCO sail button **or sail sticker**. Buttons **or stickers** must not be transferred from one sail to another. The sail makers must obtain sail buttons **or sail stickers** from the IFDCO.

##### B.4.2

Each sail manufactured after 1 September 1984 shall have a permanently fixed, numbered IFDCO sail button **or IFDCO sticker** near the tack.

#### Reasons:

The Sail buttons are replaced by Sail Stickers. In the transition period both are allowed.

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## SIZE HULL NUMBERS

### Old:

10.3 Hull numbers

The sail number of the boat must be shown on the transom. The height of the letters must not be less than a minimum of ~~30 mm~~

### Amend to read:

A.12.1

The sail number of the boat or personal sail number must be shown on the transom. The height of the letters must not be less than a minimum of **18 mm**.

### Reasons:

In the current rules is mentioned in rule 2: No projections or apertures are permitted in the transom within 20 mm of the outside of the hull other than rudder pintles and 2 drain holes, each no larger than a maximum of 20 mm diameter. Corks or normal drain hole fittings protruding aft of the transom are allowed.

The boat builders are building now according to this maximum. The sail number doesn't fit anymore on the transom. For safety reasons we will continue with the sail number on the transom. 18 mm will fit within the rules.

## Amendment Four

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### INITIAL HULL CERTIFICATION

#### Old:

8. Certificate and Measurement Form

**Measurement certificates** are issued by the IFDCO after **fundamental measurement** by an IFDCO approved measurer, and receipt of the completed measurement forms.

**Measurement Forms:** A **certificate** and sail number will be issued only upon the receipt by the IFDCO registration of 2 of the original 3 measurement forms, each signed by the builder and an IFDCO measurer, which show that the **boat** fully complies with all the rules.

When the **boat** is measured outside the country of origin, it is desirable to have the signature of the builder, but not obligatory. When the **boat** proves to be within the rules, the 2 forms are to be signed by the IFDCO registration. One form is to be kept by the IFDCO Registration (white); one will go to the National Yachting Authority (green); or the National FD Class Association. The third copy (blue) may be kept by the measurer.

~~A certified photocopy of the measurement form will be part of the **certificate**. The~~

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~~certificate together with the certified photocopy of the measurement form must be produced upon demand at official FD regattas.~~

## Amend to read:

### A.14.1

Measurement certificates are issued by the IFDCO after fundamental measurement by an IFDCO approved measurer, and receipt of the completed **(electronic)** measurement form.

### A.14.2

Measurement Forms: A **(electronic)** certificate and sail number will be issued only upon the receipt by the IFDCO registration **of a (electronic) measurement form**, signed by the builder and an IFDCO measurer, which show that the boat fully complies with all the rules.

### A.14.3

When the boat is measured outside the country of origin, it is desirable to have the signature of the builder, but not obligatory. When the boat proves to be within the rules, **the (electronic) form is to be signed by the IFDCO registration.**

### A.14.4

**One (electronic) form is to be kept by the IFDCO Registration.**

## Reasons:

The current process is outdated. We do not work with copies anymore and we are moved to an electronic system.

## Amendment Five

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### RETENTION OF MEASUREMENT FORMS

#### Old:

#### Amend to add:

##### A.17.1

The certification authority shall:

- (a) retain the original (electronic) measurement form upon which the current certificate is based and shall provide the owner with a certified electronic) true copy of the measurement form.
- (b) upon request, transfer the measurement form to the new certification authority if the hull is exported.

#### Reasons:

This process is not explicitly described in the current rules. In the new template it is clearly described.

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## DECISION TO GIVE A WAIVER

### Old:

11.7. Only the IFDCO Executive committee can decide to give a waiver for a rule on which a boat deviates. The deviation and waiver are to be noted and countersigned by the IFDCO Chief measurer on the certificate and all 3 originals of the measurement form, before the certificate can be issued and become valid.

### Amend to add:

D.1.2.e.

Only the IFDCO Executive committee can decide to give a waiver for a rule on which a boat deviates. The deviation and waiver are to be noted and countersigned by the IFDCO Chief measurer on the **(electronic) certificate** before the **certificate** can be issued and become valid.

### Reasons:

The current process is outdated. We do not work with copies anymore and we are moved to an electronic system.

## Amendment Seven

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### CLASS RULES AND CERTIFICATIONS

#### Old:

#### 9. Owner's Responsibility

No boat shall take part in Class Races unless it has:

- a. A valid certificate and certified copy of the measurement form with Sail number, and World Sailing (ISAF) plaque number shown;
- b. Registration in the owner's name;
- c. A numbered World Sailing (ISAF) plaque glued to the boat at the required place;
- d. The helmsman and crew have IFDCO membership cards, with valid year stickers;
- e. A numbered IFDCO sail button on each sail;

#### Amend to read:

B.2.1.e

The crew have **proof of yearly payment to the IFDCO**

B.2.1.f

A numbered IFDCO sail button **or sail sticker** on each sail

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We have an electronic process for the annual payment (see also Amendment SEVEN) and are not using the membership cards, with the valid year stickers anymore.  
For the Sail sticker (see Amendment TWO)

## Amendment Eight

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### CLASS MEMBERSHIP

Delete:

#### ~~9.1 Annual Subscription Sticker~~

~~A subscription sticker shall be sent by the National FD Secretary to every member who has paid his annual subscription, as a receipt. The National FD Secretary shall issue a membership card to each new member. The annual sticker shall be applied to this card as proof that the current subscription has been paid.~~

Reason:

This is not part of the Class rules and described in the IFDCO Bylaws.

## Amendment Nine

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### BOOM

Old:

66.

The boom, without fittings, must be able to pass through a circle having a diameter of 150 mm.

	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Boom diameter</b>		150 mm
<b>Spinnaker Pole length</b>		2500 mm
<b>Spinnaker pole fitting projection</b>		50 mm

Amend to read:

F.2.2.

Text remains the same, only the text in the table is adjusted

The boom, without fittings, must be able to pass through a circle having a diameter of 150 mm.

	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Boom must pass through a circle of</b>		150 mm

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Boom spar axis to aft edge of mast spar		90 mm
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## Reason:

The text “boom diameter” in the table leads to confusion on how to measure. The text from line F.2.2 has been chosen to take over.

## Amendment Ten

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### MAST STOP

#### Old:

68 **Limit marks** must be bands around the whole spar, of minimum limit marks width 10 mm, white or yellow on black masts, in contrasting colour for other spars, and except for Limit Mark 1 which shall be below deck level, must remain visible while racing. The relevant edge shall be as follows:

- No 1: The upper edge of this limit mark (band) must be under the deck level at the mast.
- No 2: The Lower point (Mast Datum Point), the upper edge of the Lower limit mark (band) must be less than a maximum of 800 mm above the upper edge of band No 1.
- No 3: The Upper point, the lower edge of the Upper limit mark (band) must be less than a maximum of 6400 mm above the lower point (upper edge of band No 2).
- No 4: The lower edge of this limit mark (band) must be less than a maximum of 5250 mm above the upper edge of band No 1.

#### Amend to read:

#### F.1.9

**Limit marks** must be bands around the whole **spar**, of minimum **limit marks** width 10 mm, white or yellow on black **masts**, in contrasting colour for other **spars**, and except for **Limit mark** 1 which shall be below deck level, must remain visible while racing. The relevant edge shall be as follows:

- (a) No 1: The upper edge of this **limit mark (band)** must be under the deck level at the **mast**.
- (b) No 2: The Lower point (**Mast Datum Point**), the upper edge of the **Lower limit mark (band)** must be less than a maximum of 800 mm above the upper edge of **band** No 1.
- (c) No 3: The Upper point, the lower edge of the **Upper limit mark (band)** must be less than a maximum of 6400 mm above the lower point (upper edge of **band** No 2).
- (d) No 4: The lower edge of this **limit mark (band)** must be less than a maximum of 5250 mm above the upper edge of **band** No 1. **There must be a stop to prevent extending beyond Upper Point.**

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## Reason:

In item (d), a requirement has been added to place a stop at band 1. Practical observation has shown that, without such a stop, sailors can inadvertently exceed the limit, undermining the intended control of the spar position. The added provision ensures consistent compliance and preserves the integrity of the measurement rule.

## Amendment Eleven

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### INSTRUCTIONS

#### Amend to Add:

All measurement instructions are removed from the class rules and placed in a separate measurement document published on the IFDCO website.

#### Reasons:

Measurement instructions are not part of Class Rules