

# Class Rule Changes

## International Topper Class Association

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## Amendment One

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### A.1 GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF ONE-DESIGN

Old:

- A.1.4 Only builders and sailmakers, currently holding valid licenses (Approved Licensee) from the Copyright Holder of the International Topper design and approved by World Sailing shall be entitled to manufacture Topper **hulls, spars, foils, rig**, equipment or **sails**. A list of such licensees shall be obtainable from the ITCA (World).

Amend to read:

- A.1.4 Only builders and sailmakers, currently holding valid licenses (Approved Licensee (AL)) from the Copyright Holder of the International Topper design and approved by World Sailing shall be entitled to manufacture Topper **hulls, spars, foils, rig**, equipment or **sails**. A list of such licensees shall be obtainable from the ITCA (World).

## Amendment Two

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### A.1 GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF ONE-DESIGN

Amend to add:

- A.1.7 Any design features incorporated into International Toppers from Sail Number 49050 (the polyethylene version) shall not be permitted in earlier designs (the polypropylene version) unless approved by these class rules.

## Amendment Three

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### B.1 WS PLAQUE, BUILDERS IDENTIFICATION MARKS AND SAIL NUMBER

Amend to add:

- B.1.3 All International Toppers from Sail Number 49050 shall display on the forward end of the port bulkhead in the cockpit a WS Building Plaque, which shall be fixed by the AL.

## Amendment Four

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### B.2 EQUIPEMENT INSPECTION

Old:

- f) In the case of an **Equipment Inspection** dispute not explicitly covered by these rules, a sample of 10 other boats shall be taken and inspected using identical techniques. The dimensions of the disputed boat shall be equal to, or between the maximum and minimum dimensions obtained from these 10 boats. If the boat in question is outside these dimensions the matter shall be referred to ITCA (World)'s Technical Committee, who shall give a ruling and notify WS.

Amend to read:

- f) In the case of an **Equipment Inspection** dispute not explicitly covered by these rules, a sample of 10 other boats taken from boats manufactured by the same moulding

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technique shall be taken and inspected using identical techniques. The dimensions of the disputed boat shall be equal to, or between the maximum and minimum dimensions obtained from these 10 boats. If the boat in question is outside these dimensions the matter shall be referred to ITCA (World)'s Technical Committee, who shall give a ruling and notify WS.

## Amendment Five

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### C.5.2.2 MODIFICATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Old:

- b) For the purposes of measuring, the three moulding marks in the **hull** shall be seen as imperfections and may be repaired flush with the original surface without altering the profile using a suitable marine filler. Tape shall not be used to cover these areas, as the tape may have an environmental impact if it is lost to the water.
- c) A badly fitting **daggerboard** plate may be fitted flush with the **hull** by removing the **daggerboard** plate and reducing the height of the surface below including making brass inserts flush with the surrounding area. Filler of any type shall not be used to cover or fill the **mast** step screw or the screws or gap around the **daggerboard** plate. Tape shall not be used to cover these areas, as the tape may have an environmental impact if it is lost to the water.
- d) Hatches and holes are not permitted in the **hull**, deck or cockpit. If large holes or large areas of damage need repairing these shall be executed by an AL.
- e) Routine maintenance such as small repairs, sanding with wet and dry paper and by removing scratches with a blade and filling. The use of polish and cleaners is permissible as long as their use does not contravene the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Amend to read:

- b) For the purposes of measuring, the three moulding marks in the polypropylene **hull** shall be seen as imperfections and may be repaired flush with the original surface without altering the profile using a suitable marine filler or tape.
- c) A badly fitting **daggerboard** plate on a polypropylene hull may be fitted flush with the **hull** by removing the **daggerboard** plate and reducing the height of the surface below including making brass inserts flush with the surrounding area. Filler of any type shall not be used to cover or fill the **mast** step screw or the screws or gap around the **daggerboard** plate. Tape may be used to cover these areas
- d) Additional or new hatches and holes are not permitted in the **hull**, deck or cockpit. If large holes or large areas of damage need repairing these shall be executed by an AL. All International Toppers from **Sail Number** 49050 will be supplied by the AL with three hatches. These hatches are required for the building process and may not be changed, nor shall additional hatches be permitted.

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- e) Routine maintenance such as small repairs, sanding with wet and dry paper and by removing scratches with a blade and filling to the hull's original form is permitted. The use of polish and cleaners is also permissible as long as their use does not contravene the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

## Amendment Six

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### C.5.5.5 SAIL CLEW OUTHHAUL

Old:

- a) The **sail clew outhaul** arrangement may be replaced or altered, subject to it being a block and tackle system of maximum mechanical advantage of 4:1, attached to the sail **clew** by an asymmetric carbine hook / carabiner rendering it immediately detachable.

Amend to read:

- A) The **sail clew outhaul** arrangement may be replaced or altered, subject to it being a block and tackle system of maximum mechanical advantage of 4:1, attached to the sail **clew** or to the foot lengthening strop used on the 4.2m<sup>2</sup> sail by an asymmetric carbine hook / carabiner rendering it immediately detachable.

## Amendment Seven

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### C.5.6 TOESTRAPS

Old:

- e) The centre toestrap may be replaced with an adjustable centre toestrap, which shall be adjustable in length with a one-handed operation. The adjustment mechanism shall be made only of rope and/or elastic shock cord and/or plastic.

Amend to read:

- e) The centre toestrap may be replaced with an adjustable centre toestrap, which shall be adjustable in length with a one-handed operation for boats before sail number 49050. The adjustment mechanism shall be made only of rope and/or elastic shock cord and/or plastic.
- f) All International Toppers from Sail Number 49050 will be supplied with adjustable toestraps in place of those described in C.5.6 b). These toestraps may not be fitted to International Toppers before Sail Number 49050.