

Class Rule Changes

International J/70 Class Association

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1. Amendment

C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA's Technical Committee under E.2.2:

(a) The **hull appendages** may be lightly sanded for the purpose of applying anti-foul paint. If an epoxy barrier coat is applied, then anti-foul shall also be applied.

Amend to Read:

C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA's Technical Committee under E.2.2:

(a) The **hull appendages** may be lightly sanded for the purpose of applying *epoxy and/or* anti-foul paint. If an epoxy ~~barrier coat~~ is applied *alone, it must be white in color.*~~, then anti-foul shall also be applied.~~

Explanation: This amendment changes the requirement for bottom paint if an epoxy is applied to keel and rudder. This allows for repairs at a lower cost than trying to repair the gel coat on both keel and rudder.

2. Amendment

Old:

F.4.2. PURCHASE SYSTEMS

System	Min purchase	Max purchase
Backstay Control	2:1	2:1

Amend to Read

F.4.2

PURCHASE SYSTEMS

System	Min purchase	Max purchase
Backstay Control	2:1	4:1

Explanation: A backstay control option of 4:1 to make backstay easier for all to manage.

3. Amendment

Old:

C.1.1 RULES

- (a) The ERS Part I – Use of Equipment shall apply.
- (b) RRS 42.3(c) is modified to read “When surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the main and jib may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind, but the gennaker sheet may be played without restriction.”

Amend to Read:

C.1.1 RULES

- (a) The ERS Part I – Use of Equipment shall apply.
- (b) RRS 42.3(c) is modified to read “When surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, **to initiate surfing or planing**, the main and jib may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind, but the gennaker sheet may be played without restriction.”

Explanation: Change is to better clarify the CR C.1.1 (b).

4. Amendment

CR Amend to Read:

I.14 OSCAR FLAG

The change to RRS 42.3(c) described in Class rule C.1.1 (b) is only in effect when the race Committee displays the code flag Oscar.

Explanation: This new Class Rule allows the Race Committee to better control the additional gennaker pumping described in C.1.1 (b)

5. Amendment

CR Amend to Read:

I.10 MIXED-PLUS DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Mixed-Plus division. To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the **crew** shall consist of 4 or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over 18 years of age. The Mixed Plus division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.

Explanation: This new Division is to promote more woman and youth in the Class. The rule will require each team to sail with two or more woman crew or some combination of woman and youth sailors.

6. Amendment

CR Amend to Read:

I.11 MIXED-PLUS EVENT

Class Rule C.3 is modified so the **crew** shall consist of 4 or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over 18 years of age. (This Rule shall not be used to modify C.3 for Continental or World Championships.)

Explanation: This new Event Rule is to promote more woman and youth in the Class. The rule will require each team to sail with two or more woman crew or some combination of woman and youth sailors.

7. Amendment

CR Amend to Read:

I.12 YOUNG CREW DIVISION

Regatta organizers will present awards for a Young Crew division. To be considered as a Young Crew team, Class Rule C.3 is modified so the entire **crew**, including the owner/driver, shall

provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age. The Young Crew division shall be scored as a sub-division of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores.

Explanation: This new Division is to promote young teams.

8. Amendment

CR Amend to Read:

I.13 YOUNG CREW EVENT

Class Rule C.3 is modified so the entire **crew**, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 years of age. (This Rule shall not be used to modify C.3 for Continental or World Championships.)

Explanation: This new Event is to promote young teams.

9. Amendment

Old:

C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

(d) Modification of the keel wedges is prohibited.

Amend to Read:

C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

(d) Modification of the keel wedges **and their position** is prohibited **except at described in E2.2 (c)**.

Explanation: Clarify keel wedge modifications