

Class Rule Changes

International Contender Association

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Amendment One

RULE 2.3

Old:

Bona fide amateur builders are permitted for wood construction or for the completion of hull kits only and are limited to the construction and registration of one Contender per year, and this shall be for their own use and not for immediate resale. A hull kit comprises at the minimum a glass fibre hull built by a licensed builder

Amend to read:

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Reasons:

Class Rules Change approved in the past but never implemented in Class Rules by mistake.

Amendment Two

13.12 MAST DRAIN HOLE

Old:

The mast shall be drilled near to the heel with a hole or holes with a minimum total area of 200 mm, so constructed that any water is immediately drained after a capsized.

Amend to read:

The mast shall be drilled near to the heel with a hole or holes with a minimum **5% of the area of the cross-section of the mast**, so constructed that any water is immediately drained after a capsized.

Applicable table:

Diameter up to [mm]	Sectional area [mm ²]	5% of sect. Area [mm ²]	Hole numbers	Hole Diameter [mm]
50	1963	98	2	8
55	2376	119	2	9
60	2827	141	2	9.5
65	3318	166	2	10
70	3848	192	2	11

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With an elliptical mast, the longitudinal measurement should be taken into account as diameter.

Reasons:

With carbon masts, the holes are drilled in the mastfoot, because drilling in the tube can lead to breakage. With minimum-diameter masts of 45 mm it is impossible to fit 200 mm square of holes next to the foot plug.

A mast with smaller diameter takes up less water because of its smaller volume, accordingly a smaller drainage hole doesn't impair safety.

Amendment Three

RULE 19.2

Old:

Hydrofoils, outriggers, ballast, suction bailers, keel bands except in way of centreboard slot, bottom rubbing strakes, electric and electronic equipment, spray deflectors and any projection from the skin other than normal fittings, except for one or more electronic timepiece(s) and electronic/mechanical devices correlating data relating to magnetic North and the boats heading.

Amend to read:

Hydrofoils, outriggers, ballast, suction bailers, keel bands except in way of centreboard slot, bottom rubbing strakes, electric and electronic equipment, spray deflectors and any projection from the skin other than normal fittings, except for one or more electronic timepiece(s) and electronic/mechanical devices correlating data relating to magnetic North and the boats heading and Camera recording equipment and attachments and/or race tracking equipment (GPS) where permitted by the ICA, Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and removable for weighing.

Reasons:

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Amendment Four

RULE 20.2

Old:

20.2 With reference to Racing Rule 22.3(a) the total weight of clothing and equipment worn or carried by a competitor, including any buoyancy apparatus and trapeze belt or harness, shall not be capable of exceeding 12 kg (twelve) when weighed as provided in Appendix H of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Clothing worn underneath drysuits shall be weighed in the condition it is in when the competitor arrives ashore.

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Weight jackets are prohibited.

Amend to read:

20.2) Rule RRS50.1b is changed as permitted by the rule itself, so that a competitors clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 9 kg (including clothing and footwear worn below the knee) and a crew harness shall not weigh more than 3 kg.

Reasons:

The racing rules of sailing have changed considerably since the Contender class rules were written. The reference to RRS 22.3 is no longer correct, RRS 50.1 now defines the weight of clothing and equipment and the method of determining the weight.

This change is to tidy up and avoid any misleading information.

Note: this change was accepted by the class in 2022 but the latest racing rules specifically exclude the crew harness and so we need to list it separately.