

Class Rule Changes

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Amendment One

A.2 DEFINITIONS

Old:

A.2.2 In addition the following terms when used in this document shall have the following meaning:

Maintenance

Maintenance shall constitute work required to retain the original condition of an item of equipment whilst compensating for normal wear and tear in order to achieve its maximum useful life. This includes preventative maintenance which shall be taken as the systematic inspection, detection and prevention of incipient failures before they become actual or major failures.

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Repair

Corrective action following unintended and genuine damage to a component. Repairs shall be carried out using only Permitted Material in the same weight and amount as Originally Supplied. Repairs shall constitute work required to restore the original condition of an item of equipment whilst compensating for any additional material required to return the component to its original characteristics, including by filling, sanding and polishing. Any repair shall (i) only be to the damaged area, and (ii) not be used to reinforce or strengthen a part.

Amend to read:

A.2.2 In addition the following terms when used in this document shall have the following meaning:

Maintenance

Work required to retain the original condition of an item of equipment whilst compensating for normal wear and tear in order to achieve its maximum useful life. This includes preventative maintenance and may include Sanding, Cleaning, Polishing, Painting, **bonding** and Re-finishing which shall be taken as the systematic inspection, detection and prevention of incipient failures before they become actual or major failures.

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Repair

Corrective action following unintended and genuine damage to a component required to restore the original condition, shape and characteristics. This may include including by filling, Sanding, **bonding**, Re-finishing and Polishing. Repairs shall be carried out using only Permitted Material in the same weight and amount as Originally Supplied. Any repair shall (i) only be to the damaged area, and (ii) not be used to reinforce, strengthen or change a characteristic of a part.

Reasons:

A.2.2 Update definitions of "Maintenance" and "Repair" to adopt certain language used in new ERS.

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Amendment Two

C.1 GENERAL

Old:

C.1.1 RULES

- (a) RRS Appendix G1.3(c) shall not apply.
- (b) RRS G1.3(a) is changed so that only one Class insignia on one side of the sail is required.
- (c) RRS G1.3(b) is changed so that national letters and sail numbers are not required to be wholly above an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is 60% of the leech length.
- (d) RRS 42.3 is changed
 - (i) as follows "(j) A boat may be sculled if the sculling does not propel the boat in any direction."; and
 - (ii) by adding: "Where stipulated in the SI, if the average wind speed is clearly over 8 knots across the course the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, except (i) prior to the start, and (ii) when the boat is on a leg of the course designated in the SI as a windward leg." this changes RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c)."
- (e) A trapeze system can be used, which is an amendment to RRS 49.1
- (f) RRS50.1(c) is changed as permitted by the rule itself, to allow the use of trapeze harnesses that are not of the quick release variety.

Amend to read:

C.1.1 RULES

- (a) RRS Appendix G1.5 (a)(1), (4), (b)(c) (2) and (3) shall not apply.
- (b) RRS G1.5(a)(1) is changed so that only one Class insignia on one side of the sail is required.
- (c) RRS 42.3 is changed
 - (i) as follows "(j) A boat may be sculled if the sculling does not propel the boat in any direction."; and
 - (ii) by adding: "Where stipulated in the SI, if the average wind speed is clearly over 8 knots across the course the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, except (i) prior to the start, and (ii) when the **boat** is on a leg of the course designated in the SI as a windward leg." this changes RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c)."
- (e) RRS 49.1 is changed to "A crew member shall use no device to position his body outboard other than a **trapeze**

Reasons:

- (a) to (c) are updated to insert the change numbers and requirements stated in the 2025-2028 RRS

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Amendment Three

C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Old:

C.3.2 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (a) Trapeze harness weight shall not exceed 4 kg.
- (b) The total weight of a competitor's clothing and worn equipment shall not weigh more than 10 kilograms, excluding a hiking or trapeze harness, any knife, and clothing (including footwear) worn only below the knee. In all other respects, the provisions of 50.1(a) and (b) shall apply (but not (c)).

Amend to read:

C.3.2 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (a) Trapeze harness weight shall not exceed 4 kg measured according to RRS Appendix H.
- (b) In accordance with RRS 50.1(b), the total weight of personal equipment worn, excluding trapeze harness and clothing (including footwear) worn below the knee shall not exceed 10 kg, measured according to RRS Appendix H. In all other aspects, the provisions of 50.1(a) and (b) shall apply.

Reasons: C.1.1. RULES – (f) and C.3.2 (b) are removed/amended in light of the change of the 2025-2028 RRS.

Amendment Four

C.4 LICENSED MANUFACTURERS

Old:

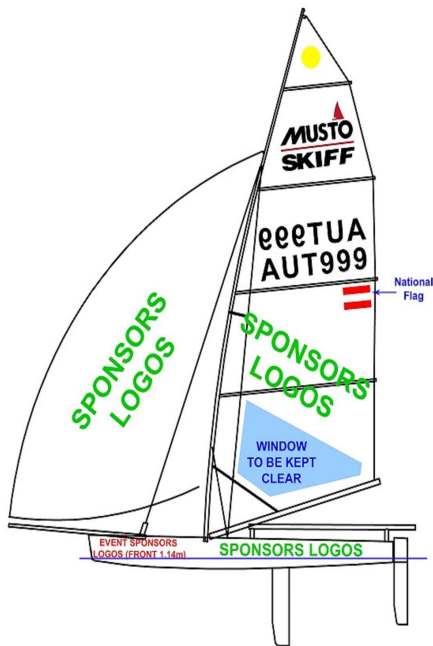
C.4.3 Any advertising on the mainsail will only be displayed in the area shown in the diagram below, and shall be below the third batten. There are no restrictions on areas of the spinnaker where advertising can be displayed. Any advertising that involves cutting or any alteration to a sail other than painting, printing or attaching film shall only be put in place by an LM.

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Amend to read:

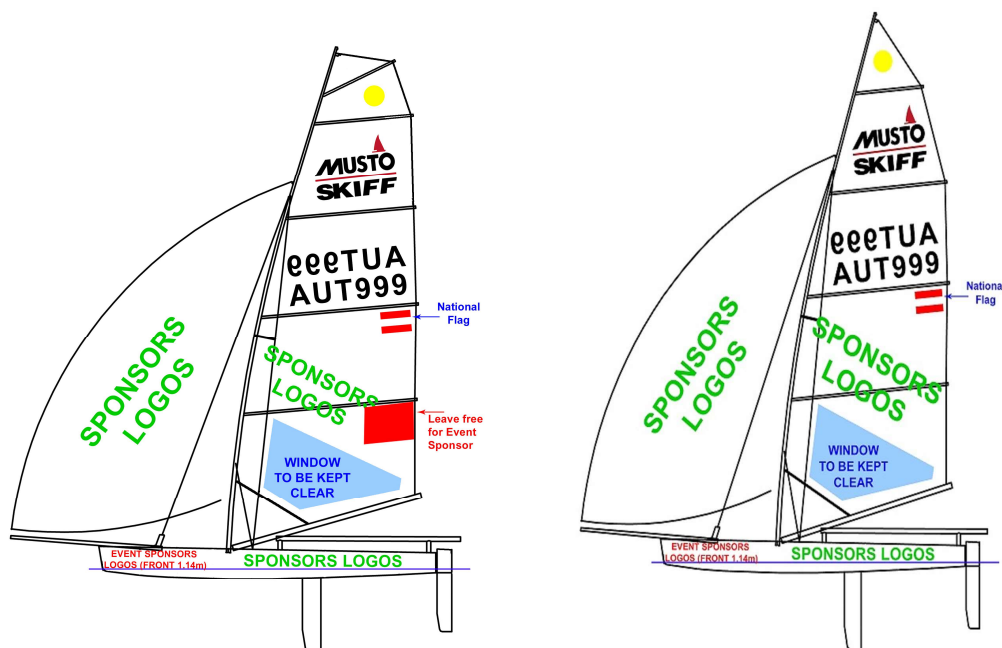
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Reasons:

Insert diagrams in accordance with the practice of the WS Committee, including a diagram of the newly released (2023) mainsail.

Amendment Five

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

Old:

C.5.1 OPTIONAL

The following optional equipment may be used so long as it is generally commercially available (and is removed for weighing):

- (1) one or more devices that can only display information relating to:
 - a. Time
 - b. Speed
 - c. Compass heading.
 - d. No device may display any information relating to actual and relative position; previous/historical heading (lift/ header indicator); VMG; distance to a point/ line; and environment factors {including tide, waves, water depth, temperature, air pressure and wind speed}..
- (2) Velocitek Speedpuck
- (3) non-electronic maps, charts and a marking pencil or pen for recording courses and compass headings.

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- (4) mobile phone, solely for emergency communications and provided that it is placed in a sealed bag attached to the mast and not accessed during the time that the boat leaves and returns to the beach.
- (5) camera to record video and pictures provided that the data and output is not viewed or used by the crew until he/she is onshore after a race has finished; it may be used for producing broadcasts to the general public during a race but it will not be viewed or used by the crew during a race.
- (6) bags, bottles, velcro and tape to secure safety equipment, a paddle, loose clothing and to stow food and/or drinks and tools (as well as food, drink, tools, paddle and safety equipment).
- (7) any additional equipment required by the Sailing Instructions for the event.
- (8) a towing line provided that it is only to be attached to existing fittings or parts.
- (9) up to 2 mast head floats
- (10) any number and design of mechanical wind indication devices may be fitted.
- (11) mounts, rope, shock cord, tape and Velcro for attaching any equipment in (1) to (11) above and the equipment referred to in C.5.2 below; the mounts may be attached to the Boat using tape, Velcro, cable ties, bonding or sealing material; providing that attachments do not puncture the surface of the boat and can be removed without damage to the boat.

Amend to read:

C.5.1 OPTIONAL

The following optional equipment may be used so long as it is generally commercially available (and is removed for weighing):

- (1) one or more devices that can only display information relating to:
 - Time
 - Speed
 - Compass heading.

No device may display any information relating to actual and relative position; previous/historical heading (lift/ header indicator); VMG; distance to a point/ line; and environment factors {including tide, waves, water depth, temperature, air pressure and wind speed}..

- (2) non-electronic maps, charts and a marking pencil or pen for recording courses and compass headings.
- (3) mobile phone, solely for emergency communications and provided that it is placed in a sealed bag attached to the mast and not accessed during the time that the boat leaves and returns to the beach.
- (4) camera to record video and pictures provided that the data and output is not viewed or used by the **crew** until he/she is onshore after a race has finished; it may be used for producing broadcasts to the general public during a race but it will not be viewed or used by the **crew** during a race.
- (5) bags, bottles, velcro and tape to secure safety equipment, a paddle, loose clothing and to stow food and/or drinks and tools (as well as food, drink, tools, paddle and safety equipment).
- (6) any additional equipment required by the Sailing Instructions for the event.
- (7) a towing line provided that it is only to be attached to existing fittings or parts.
- (8) up to 2 mast head floats

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- (9) any number and design of mechanical wind indication devices may be fitted.
- (10) mounts, rope, shock cord, tape and Velcro for attaching any equipment in (1) to (11) above and the equipment referred to in C.5.2 below; the mounts may be attached to the **Boat** using tape, Velcro, cable ties, bonding or sealing material; providing that attachments do not puncture the surface of the **boat** and can be removed without damage to the **boat**.

Reasons:

C.5.1 (2) is removed following a class vote; and the subsequent sub-clauses renumbered.

Amendment Six

C.10 MAINSAIL

Old:

C.10.3 MAINSAIL

- (a) USE
 - (i) A halyard shall be used to hoist the sail. The arrangement shall permit hoisting and lowering of the sail at sea.
 - (ii) The clew strap may be shortened, but not such that this prohibits it sliding along the boom when the vang tension is released.
 - (iii) The luff bolt rope shall be in the mast track.
- (b) IDENTIFICATION
 - (i) The class insignia shall conform with the dimensions and requirements as detailed in the Building Constructions and be placed entirely within the area as supplied by the LM (displayed on the port side only).
 - (ii) RRS Appendix G1.4 (b) to 1.6 are amended as follows`:
 - (a) The standard sail numbers and national letters shall be minimum 300mm high sail numbers and letters with a spacing between adjoining characters of minimum 60mm). The small ("X") sail numbers and national letters shall be minimum 230mm high with a spacing between adjoining characters of minimum 45mm.
 - (b) The sail numbers shall be displayed on each side of the 2023 issued mainsail between the 3rd and 4th batten down, in the positions shown in section C.4 first drawing above. On pre-2023 design mainsails the sail numbers shall be displayed on each side of the mainsail between the 2nd and 3rd batten down, in the positions shown in section C.4 second drawing above.
 - (c) The National Letters and Sail Numbers are optional on the spinnaker. This changes RRS Appendix G1.1(2).
 - (d) The National Letters and Sail Numbers may be on the same line. This changes RRS Appendix G1.5(c) (3).
 - (iii) A crew who has won a Musto Skiff World Championship or Gold Cup may add a 45mm diameter gold dot for each World Championship title won above the top batten pocket from the head point.

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- (iv) The name of the crew may be applied on one or both sides of the sail, immediately below the bottom batten and no closer than 60 mm to the leech

Amend to read:

C.10.3 MAINSAIL

(a) USE

- (i) A **halyard** shall be used to hoist the **sail**. The arrangement shall permit hoisting and lowering of the **sail** at sea.
- (ii) The clew strap may be shortened, but not such that this prohibits it sliding along the **boom** when the vang tension is released.
- (iii) The **luff** bolt rope shall be in the **mast** track.

(b) IDENTIFICATION

- (i) The class insignia shall conform with the dimensions and requirements as detailed in the Building Constructions and be placed entirely within the area as supplied by the LM displayed on the port side only, see rule C.4.3.
- (ii) RRS Appendix G1.2 is amended as follows:
 - (a) The standard sail numbers and national letters shall comply with the specifications in the RRS Appendix G1.2 for boats not under 3.5 metres (namely minimum 300mm high sail numbers and letters with a spacing between adjoining characters of minimum 60mm). The small ("X") sail numbers and national letters shall be minimum 230mm high with a spacing between adjoining characters of minimum 45mm.
 - (b) The sail numbers shall be displayed on each side of the 2023 issued mainsail between the 3rd and 4th batten down, in the positions shown in section C.4 first drawing above. On pre-2023 design mainsails the sail numbers shall be displayed on each side of the mainsail between the 2nd and 3rd batten down, in the positions shown in section C.4 second drawing above.
 - (c) The National Letters and **Sail** Numbers are optional on the spinnaker. This changes RRS Appendix G1.1(2).
 - (d) The National Letters and **Sail** Numbers may be on the same line. This changes RRS Appendix G1.5(c) (3).
- (iii) A crew who has won a Musto Skiff World Championship or Gold Cup may add a 45mm diameter gold dot for each World Championship title won above the top batten pocket from the **head point**.
- (iv) The name of the crew may be applied on one or both sides of the sail, immediately below the bottom batten and no closer than 60 mm to the leech

Reasons:

C.10.3(b) (ii) are updated to insert the change numbers and requirements stated in the 2025-2028 RRS.