

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment One

A.9 INTERNATIONAL CLASS FEE AND ISAF/WORLD SAILING BUILDING PLAQUE

Old:

A.9.4 The builder or owner of each new hull shall request a sail number and ISAF/World Sailing plaque from his MNA or NCA as appropriate (or, if none, or if the ICA so permits, directly from the ICA).

Amend to read:

A.9.4 The builder or owner of each new hull shall request a sail number and ISAF/World Sailing plaque from ~~his~~ **their** MNA or NCA as appropriate (or, if none, or if the ICA so permits, directly from the ICA)

Reasons: To align with the ambitions of the Class to be inclusive.

Amendment Two

A.12 INITIAL HULL CERTIFICATION

Old:

A.12.1 (c) The measurer shall report on the measurement form anything which he considers to be a departure from the intended nature and design of the **boat**, or to be against the general interest of the class. The **certification authority** shall pass the report to the ICA. At the request of World Sailing or the ICA the **certification authority** shall not issue or shall withdraw a **certificate** for such a **boat**, even if the specific requirements of the rules are satisfied.

Amend to read:

A.12.1(c) The measurer shall report on the measurement form anything which ~~he~~ **they considers** to be a departure from the intended nature and design of the **boat**, or to be against the general interest of the class. The **certification authority** shall pass the report to the ICA. At the request of World Sailing or the ICA the **certification authority** shall not issue or shall withdraw a **certificate** for such a **boat**, even if the specific requirements of the rules are satisfied.

Reasons: To align with the ambitions of the Class to be inclusive.

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment Three

A.13 VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE

Old:

A.13.1 (e) Any alteration to the corrector weights of the hull unless and until re-weighed by a measurer and an endorsement of the details has been made by him on the certificate.

Amend to read:

A.13.1 (e) Any alteration to the corrector weights of the hull unless and until re-weighed by a measurer and an endorsement of the details has been made ~~by him~~ on the certificate.

Reasons: To align with the ambitions of the Class to be inclusive.

Amendment Four

B.1.1 CLASS RULES AND CERTIFICATION

Old:

B.1.1 (d) have as its owner a person who is a current member of an NCA or, when there is no NCA in his nation, of the MNA.

Amend to read:

B.1.1 (d) have as its owner a person who is a current member of an NCA or, when there is no NCA in ~~his~~ **their** nation, of the MNA.

Reasons: To align with the ambitions of the Class to be inclusive.

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment Five

C.5.1 FOR USE

Old:

(b) OPTIONAL

(3) Flag, burgee, or mechanical wind direction indicator

Amend to read:

(b) OPTIONAL

(3) ~~Flag, burgee or~~ One mechanical wind ~~direction~~ indicator

Reasons: Nowadays the use of flags and burgees has become obsolete and therefore the class rules may be simplified and any reference to flag, burgee and burgee halyard removed

Amendment Six

C.9.4 RUNNING RIGGING

C.9.4.1 FOR USE

Old:

(b) OPTIONAL

(8) A burgee **halyard** may be fitted, led through an eye at the top of the mast and cleat on the mast. Alternatively , a burgee clip or bracket may be fitted.

Amend to read:

(b) OPTIONAL

~~(8) A burgee **halyard** may be fitted, led through an eye at the top of the mast and cleat on the mast. Alternatively , a burgee clip or bracket may be fitted.~~

Reasons: Nowadays the use of flags and burgees has become obsolete and therefore the class rules may be simplified and any reference to flag, burgee and burgee halyard removed

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment Seven

F.3 MAST

F.3.2 CONSTRUCTION

Old:

(e) A mast upper limit mark, a mast lower limit mark and a mid-band shall be permanently marked on the spar.

Add to read:

~~(e) A mast upper limit mark, a mast lower limit mark and a mid-band shall be permanently marked on the spar.~~

Reasons: Move the requirement to have **limit marks** from F.3.2 to F.3.3 to facilitate definition of **mast weight**

Amendment Eight

F.3.3 FITTINGS

Old:

(a) MANDATORY

-

Add to read:

(a) MANDATORY

(7) A **mast upper limit mark**, a **mast lower limit mark** and a mid-band shall be permanently marked on the **spar**.

Reasons: Move the requirement to have **limit marks** from F.3.2 to F.3.3 to facilitate definition of **mast weight**

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment Nine

F.3.3 FITTINGS

Old:

(b) OPTIONAL

- (1) Clip or bracket for flag, burgee, or mechanical wind indicator
- (2) Eye and cleat for burgee halyard

Amend to read:

(b) OPTIONAL

- (1) ~~Clip or bracket for flag, burgee, or~~ One mechanical wind indicator
- (2) ~~Eye and cleat for burgee halyard~~ A removable timing device bracket

Reasons: Nowadays the use of flags and burgees has become obsolete and therefore the class rules may be simplified and any reference to flag, burgee and burgee halyard removed
Use the item (2) that becomes available for a timing device bracket that some sailors use.

Amendment Ten

F.3.3 FITTINGS

Old:

(c) OPTIONAL

- (3) Compass bracket

Amend to read:

(b) OPTIONAL

- (3) ~~Compass bracket~~ Bracket for removable compass

Reasons: To make clear the compass itself, if fitted to the mast, shall be removable

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment Eleven

F.3.3 FITTINGS

Old:

(b) OPTIONAL

(8) A stop may be fitted to the **mast** to prevent the **mainsail** from being pulled beyond the **upper point**.

Amend to read:

(b) OPTIONAL

~~(8) A stop may be fitted to the **mast** to prevent the **mainsail** from being pulled beyond the **upper point**.~~

Reasons: Housekeeping – The stop became in an earlier revision of the class rules a mandatory fitting (see F.3.3 (a)(6))

Amendment Twelve

F.3.5 WEIGHT

Old:

	Minimum	Maximum
Mast weight including fixed fittings but excluding standing and running rigging and shroud lanyards	4 kg	

Amend to read:

The mast weight, without **rigging** and with fittings specified in F.3.3 and riveted or adhesively bonded compass bracket, but without wind indicator, compass and/or timing device & bracket shall be minimum 4 kg

Reasons: to clarify what is included in the mast weight and what is not

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment Thirteen

G.2.3 ROYALTY LABEL OR BUTTON

Old:

- (a) **Sails certified** after 1st March 1987 shall have an official International Cadet class label or button fixed to the **mainsail** and **headsail** near the **tack** and the **spinnaker** near the **head** (**Spinnakers certified** pre-March 2002 may have the label near the **clew**) before the **sail is certified**.

Amend to read:

- (a) **Sails certified** after 1st March 1987 shall have **permanently** fixed an official International Cadet class label or button.
For **mainsails** and **headsails** the label or button shall be located **at the tack**. For **spinnakers** the label or button shall be located **at the head**. **Spinnakers certified** pre-March 2002 may have the label **at the clew**.
No sail shall be accepted for certification control without a sail label or button.

Reasons:

- (1) Clarify the fact that the label or button shall be permanently affixed.
- (2) Avoid multiple embedded phrases by splitting them.
- (3) Tack, head and clew are regions of the sail and therefore "at the" is more appropriate than "near the".
- (4) The old wording allows for application of royalty labels or buttons during the certification control which is to be avoided.

Class Rule Changes

International Cadet Class Association

Effective date: 2026-04-01

Status: Approved



Amendment Fourteen

G.3.2 CONSTRUCTION

Old:

- (b) The following are permitted: Stitching, glues, **tabling**, **seams**, **tucks**, **darts**, seizing, bolt ropes/shock cord, corner eyes or cringles, headboard with fixings, cunningham eye, cringle or block, **batten pocket patches**, **batten pocket** elastic, **batten pocket** end caps, **flutter patches**, **chafing patches**, **mast** and **boom** slides, one line of reef points (which may consist of lines sewn onto the sail or eyes or cringles), tell tales, sail shape indicator stripes, flag or burgee clip attached to the headboard, **mast** and **boom** slides, shackles, pin, lanyard or strap for attaching **tack** to **boom** or **mast**, one **window** (which need not be of **woven ply**), sailmaker's marks and items as permitted or described by other applicable *rules*.

Amend to read:

- (c) The following are permitted: Stitching, glues, **tabling**, **seams**, **tucks**, **darts**, seizing, bolt ropes/shock cord, corner eyes or cringles, headboard with fixings, cunningham eye, cringle or block, **batten pocket patches**, **batten pocket** elastic, **batten pocket** end caps, **flutter patches**, **chafing patches**, **mast** and **boom** slides, one line of reef points (which may consist of lines sewn onto the sail or eyes or cringles), tell tales, sail shape indicator stripes, ~~flag or burgee clip attached to the headboard,~~ **mast** and **boom** slides, shackles, pin, lanyard or strap for attaching **tack** to **boom** or **mast**, one **window** (which need not be of **woven ply**), sailmaker's marks and items as permitted or described by other applicable *rules*.

Reasons: Nowadays the use of flags and burgees has become obsolete and therefore the class rules may be simplified and any reference to flag, burgee and burgee halyard removed

Amendment Fifteen

H.8 BUOYANCY TESTS

Old:

- H.8.2 A measurer (which for this purpose shall include a Squadron Captain) may place a buoyancy endorsement on a certificate when he has successfully carried out the test described above and has inspected all buoyancy apparatus, bulkheads, and inspection and drainage holes and their covers or stoppers, and has satisfied himself that all are in sound condition

Amend to read:

- H.8.2 A measurer (which for this purpose shall include a Squadron Captain) may place a buoyancy endorsement on a certificate when ~~he has~~ **they have** successfully carried out the test described above and has inspected all buoyancy apparatus, bulkheads, and inspection and drainage holes and their covers or stoppers, and ~~has is~~ satisfied ~~himself~~ that all are in sound condition

Reasons: To align with the ambitions of the Class to be inclusive.