

Class Rule Changes

International Formula 18 Class Association

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Amendment One

A.3 AUTHORITIES

Old:

- A.3.3 The **certification authority** may delegate its authority to certify to an **official measurer** who is recognized by the **certification authority**.

Amend to read:

- A.3.3 The **certification authority** may delegate its authority to certify to a **certification measurer** who is recognized by the **certification authority**. **The certification authority may waive ERS H.1.1.**

Amendment Two

C.1 GENERAL

C.1.1 RULES

Old:

- (a) The ERS shall apply.
- (b) ~~RRS 49.1 and RRS Appendix G.1.3(c)(3) shall not apply.~~
- (c) ~~RRS 50.1(e) is changed, as permitted by the rule itself, to allow the use of crew harnesses that are not of the quick release variety.~~
- (d) RRS Appendix G.1.3(a) is changed as follows (see **class rule G.3.1**): The class insignias shall only be placed on the starboard side.

Amend to read:

- (a) The ERS shall apply.
- (b) **RRS 49.1 is changed to: 'A crew member shall use no device designed to position his body outboard other than a trapeze, hiking straps and hiking aids worn under the thighs.'**
- (c) RRS Appendix G.1.3(a) is changed **to: 'The class insignias shall only be placed on the starboard side.'**
- (d) RRS Appendix G.1.3(c)(3) shall not apply.

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Amendment Three

Old:

D.2 GENERAL

D.2.8 FITTINGS

(c) OPTIONAL

~~(6) Steering compass and compass bracket~~

New:

F.2 GENERAL

F.2.4 FITTINGS

(b) OPTIONAL

(3) Compass bracket

Amendment Four

ERS DEFINITIONS – VARIOUS CLASS RULES

Old:

A.3.3 The **certification authority** may delegate its authority to certify to an **official measurer** who is recognized by the **certification authority**.

A.11 INITIAL CERTIFICATION

A.11.1 For a **certificate** to be issued to a **boat** or a **sail** not previously **certified**:

(a) **certification control** shall be carried out by the **official measurer** who shall complete the appropriate documentation.

C.1 GENERAL

C.1.1 RULES

(c) RRS 50.1(c) is changed, as permitted by the rule itself, to allow the use of trapeze harnesses that are not of the quick release variety.

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C.4 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

C.4.2 OPTIONAL

- (a) **Trapeze** harness for each **crew** member

D.2 GENERAL

D.2.2 CERTIFICATION

The **official measurer** shall certify the **hulls** and shall affix **certification marks** to the transoms (see Appendix B).

E.2 GENERAL

E.2.2 CERTIFICATION

The **official measurer** shall certify the **hull appendages** and shall affix the **certification marks** near the upper end of the **hull appendages**.

F.2 GENERAL

F.2.2 CERTIFICATION

The **official measurer** shall **certify** the **mast** and shall affix the **certification mark** to the **mast** near the bottom edge of the **mast** extrusion on starboard side.

G.2 GENERAL

G.2.2 CERTIFICATION

- (a) The **official measurer** shall certify each **sail** and shall affix the **certification mark** near the tack point of the **sail** on starboard side.

Amend to read:

- A.3.3 The **certification authority** may delegate its authority to certify to a **certification measurer** who is recognized by the **certification authority**.

A.11 INITIAL CERTIFICATION

- A.11.1 For a **certificate** to be issued to a **boat** or a **sail** not previously **certified**:

- (a) **certification control** shall be carried out by the **certification measurer** who shall complete the appropriate documentation.

C.1 GENERAL

C.1.1 RULES

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- (c) RRS 50.1(c) is changed, as permitted by the rule itself, to allow the use of **crew harnesses** that are not of the quick release variety.

C.4 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

C.4.2 OPTIONAL

- (a) **Crew harness** for each **crew** member

D.2 GENERAL

D.2.2 CERTIFICATION

The **certification measurer** shall certify the **hulls** and shall affix **certification marks** to the transoms (see Appendix B).

E.2 GENERAL

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The **certification measurer** shall **certify** the **mast** and shall affix the **certification mark** to the **mast** near the bottom edge of the **mast** extrusion on starboard side.

G.2 GENERAL

G.2.2 CERTIFICATION

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Amendment Five

VARIOUS

Old:

C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

C.8.1 LIMITATIONS

Two **daggerboards/centreboards** and two **rudders** shall be used during an event, except when lost or damaged beyond repair. Such replacement may only be made with the approval of the technical committee or in its absence the race committee.

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C.8.2 USE

- (a) There shall be a maximum of one **centreboard/daggerboard** and one **rudder** per **hull**.
- (b) The **centreboards/daggerboards** and the **rudders** shall be positioned in the centre-plane of the **hulls**.
- (c) The **hull appendage depth** of each **centreboard/daggerboard** shall not exceed 1400 mm.
- (d) **Centreboards/daggerboards** may be angled from the Boat Centre-Plane only if this is caused by the curvature of the front beam, as per rule D.4.2(a).
- (e) The **rudders** shall be hung on the transoms.

D.2 GENERAL

D.2.8 FITTINGS

- (c) **OPTIONAL**
 - (5) **Centreboard/daggerboard** retention/placement fittings

D.3 HULL SHELLS

D.3.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) Each **hull** shall have at least one inspection hatch.
- (b) The following are permitted: normal reinforcement, bulkheads, subdecks, a board case positioned in the centre-plane of each **hull**, sealing strips for **centreboard/daggerboard** slots, drain bungs, other fittings, and holes for the passage of lines.

E.1 PARTS

E.1.1 MANDATORY

- (a) **Rudders**
- (b) Tillers
- (c) Tiller connecting bar
- (d) **Rudder** pins or pintles
- (e) **Rudder** gudgeons

E.1.2 OPTIONAL

- (a) **Centreboards**
- (b) **Daggerboards**
- (c) Tiller extension

E.3 CENTREBOARDS/DAGGERBOARDS

E.3.1 MATERIALS

The **centreboards/daggerboards** may be built from epoxy, polyester or vinylester resin, carbon fibre, wood, glass fibre, foam plastic, glue, gel coat, paint, and/or metal fastenings.

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E.3.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) The **centreboards/daggerboards** shall not have moving parts.
- (b) The cross section of each **centreboard/daggerboard** shall be symmetrical about its centre-plane.
- (c) **Daggerboards** shall be straight. The manufacturing tolerance is 10 mm of curvature over the total length of the board.
- (d) The centre of gravity of each **daggerboard** shall be in the top half of the board.
- (e) The following are permitted: pivoting, height restraining or adjusting systems.

E.3.3 WEIGHTS

	Maximum
Centreboard/daggerboard	5.5 kg

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C.3 CREW / C.6 BOAT

Old:

C.3 CREW

C.3.2 WEIGHTS

- (c) Crew extra weights shall be of metal and securely fastened on the port side, either to the outside of the front beam or to the strut and shall be removable for checking.

C.6 BOAT

C.6.3 CORRECTOR WEIGHTS

- (b) Corrector weights shall be of metal and securely fastened on the starboard side, either to the outside of the front beam or to the strut and shall be removable for checking.

Amend to read:

C.3 CREW

C.3.2 WEIGHTS

- (c) Crew extra weights shall be of metal and securely fastened on the port side, either to the ~~outside of the front beam~~ tie or to the strut and shall be removable for checking.

C.6 BOAT

C.6.3 CORRECTOR WEIGHTS

- (b) Corrector weights shall be of metal and securely fastened on the starboard side, either to the ~~outside of the front beam~~ tie or to the strut and shall be removable for checking.