

Equipment Committee Decisions and Recommendations to Council

This "yellow paper" is a summary of the Decisions and Recommendations made by the Equipment Committee on the 2023 Annual Conference Submissions

Decisions:

ERS – Equipment Rules of Sailing

All approved text is subject to editing and final approval of the Equipment Committee further to Regulation 29.2.3.

- 119-23** **Proposal to amend ERS Introduction, Abbreviations**
To clarify the term of ICA and to introduce abbreviations for the Technical Committee and the Equipment Regulations
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: RRS, Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 120-23** **Proposal to amend ERS Introduction**
To clarify the applicability of the ERS
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 121-23** **Proposal to amend ERS Introduction (b)**
To clarify the applicability of the ERS
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 122-23** **Proposal to amend ERS B.1.1 Position of mainsail (1)**
To improve and clarify the positioning of mainsails on the rig
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 124-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.2.5 Event Class Rules Authority**
To introduce a new term for the authority responsible for interpreting class rules for the purpose of RRS 64.4(b)
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: RRS, Classes
Decision: Reject
Notes: It was highlighted that with the proposed working there could be an issue when there is a conflict between what it is stated in Class Rules and Notice of Race.
- 125-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.3.1 C.3.3 Certification Authority, Certificate**
To add the ICA in the list of bodies which may be certification authorities
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Reject

Notes: It was noted that the proposed version can benefit the Classes in cases when the responsible are not reliable. It was highlighted that the purpose of the submission is to clarify that the Classes have the authority to be the Certification Authority, as it is currently happening as delegates of World Sailing.

- 126-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.3.5 Licensed Manufacturer's Mark**
To add the licensed manufacturer's mark which is referenced by certain Class rules
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 127-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.4.3 C.4.4 C.4.5 C.4.6 C.4.7 C.4.8 Certification / Inspection**
To improve the wording and clarify the actions and functions of certain officials and marks on equipment.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Notes: Proposal 2: is affected by the decision of submission 125-23. The submission is amended with the deletion of "or the ICA" from the text.
- 128-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.4.9 Equipment Regulations**
To add the Equipment Regulations as a term
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 129-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.5.2 Helmsperson**
To add a term for a crew member which is needed in certain class rules.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 130-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.5.3, C.5.4, C.5.5, C.5.6 Personal equipment types**
To add new terms for personal equipment types and improve the wording of existing ones.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 131-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.6.2, C.6.3, C.6.6 Boat definitions**
To add missing definitions and improve the wording in existing terms.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Notes: The text was amended to read WINGFOIL instead of WING-FOIL
- 132-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.7.3, C.7.4 Maintenance and Repair**
To improve the wording of existing terms.

Reporting Committee: Equipment

Other Committee: Classes

Decision: Approve

Notes:

- 133-23** **Proposal to amend ERS C.7.1 Fastening, Sanding, Polishing, Sealed in position, Sealed closed**
To introduce a separate term for polishing and two new terms for locking equipment in place or to block access.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: None
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 134-23** **Proposal to amend ERS D.1.1 Hull**
To improve the definition of Hull, and to make it possible to be used by the RRS.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 135-23** **Proposal to amend ERS E.2 Hull Appendage measurement definitions**
To clarify the way of measuring weight of appendages.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 136-23** **Proposal to amend ERS F.1.7(b)(x) Vang**
To add the various forms of boom Vang as an ERS term.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 137-23** **Proposal to amend ERS F. Housekeeping of Rig diagrams.**
To fix errors in the form of missing lines in specific rig diagrams.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 139-23** **Proposal to amend ERS F.2.3 (e) Rigging Point**
To remove obsolete examples from the definition and amend the drawing accordingly to match the text.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 140-23** **Proposal to amend ERS G Sails Housekeeping**
To clarify the definitions of Headsail, Spinnaker and Quadrilateral sails.
Reporting Committee: Equipment

Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:

- 141-23** **Proposal to amend ERS G.4, G.5 Sail Corner measurement points**
To clarify the conditions for extending sail edges to find a corner point.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 142-23** **Proposal to amend ERS G.7.13 Spinnaker Half Girth**
To add an alternative method of controlling spinnaker size, still used by certain classes.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 143-23** **Proposal to amend ERS H.1 Certification Control**
To use the new term of Certification Measurer, to clean up the text and to make it gender neutral.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Notes: The submission is affected by the decision of submission 125-23. The submission is amended with the deletion of "the ICA" from the text.
- 144-23** **Proposal to amend ERS H.2 Equipment Inspection**
To use the new term of event class rules authority.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Withdrawn
Notes: It was withdrawn after the rejection of 124-23.
- 145-23** **Proposal to amend ERS H.4.6 & H.4.7 Mast tip weight & Centre of Gravity**
To clarify and unify the measurement condition for tip weight and centre of gravity of masts.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 146-23** **Proposal to amend ERS H.5.4 Extended as Necessary**
To clarify the conditions for extending sail edges to find a corner point and to remove a method which is in contradiction to the principles shown in the various ERS diagrams for corner points.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes
Decision: Approve
Notes:
- 147-23** **Proposal to amend ERS General Housekeeping**

To make minor improvements or re-arrangements in the text as part of a general housekeeping.

Reporting Committee: Equipment

Other Committee: Classes

Decision: Approve

Notes:

Recommendations:

a) 2023 Submissions

- 098-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 10.2.1 (d)(e)**
To allow for recognition of offshore classes which due to the cost of the boats and nature of racing are not likely to meet the current criteria despite the providing competition for a wide range of nationalities.
Reporting Committee: Oceanic and Offshore Committee
Other Committee: Events, Equipment, Constitution
Opinion: Approve
Notes:
- 100-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 10 amend Agreement on plaque fees**
To clarify what plaque fees World Sailing Classes can expect to be required to pay to World Sailing
Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Equipment
Opinion: No opinion
Notes: It was noted that removing the sentence “as a guideline for negotiation” could limit the options when discussing proposals with new classes applying for WS status.
- 101-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 10.4 (a)**
To adjust the timeline to notify World Sailing of the next World Championship of an international class
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Events, Classes, Constitution
Recommendation to Council: No opinion
Notes: It was noted that 1st October would be a tight deadline for the Office.
- 102-23** **Proposal to amend 102-23 Regulation 10.4.(d)**
To clarify that the chair of the Event Technical Committee is an International Measurer of the Class.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Events, Classes, Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Reject
Notes: It was noted that there could be issue with multi-class events. It was noted that limiting the option to nominate the chair could affect the pool of people that can be nominated.
- 103-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 10.4.(d)**
To allow classes the opportunity to have a Class approved Measurer who may not be an International Measurer.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Events, Classes, Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Did not discuss

Notes: no proposer.

- 106-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 10.5**
To allow time for current Offshore classes such as IMOCA and Class 40 which do not hold World Championships to qualify as International Measures.
Reporting Committee: Oceanic and Offshore Committee
Other Committee: Equipment, Constitution
Opinion: Approve
Notes:
- 107-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 15.6**
To allow the 2024 Mid-Year Council meeting to approve regulation changes to Regulation 23 Olympic Sailing Competition.
Reporting Committee: Events
Other Committee: Classes, Equipment, Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Approve
Notes:
- 109-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 25.2.1 (a) (ii)**
To enable Classes to have a Transgender Policy awarding female World Championship titles and World Championship titles open to any gender.
Reporting Committee: Classes
Other Committee: Board, Women's Forum, Events, Medical Constitution.
Opinion: Did not discuss
Notes: no proposer.
- 151-23** **Proposal 1 to amend Regulation 10.2.1.(d) and (e) and Regulation 10.4**
To differentiate between having the right to host a World Championship and being classified as a WS class and allow flexibility in terms of global distribution criteria.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Events, Classes, Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Approve
Notes:
- 151-23** **Proposal 2 to amend Regulation 10.2.1.(d) and (e) and Regulation 10.4**
To differentiate between having the right to host a World Championship and being classified as a WS class and allow flexibility in terms of global distribution criteria.
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Events, Classes, Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Withdrawn
Notes:
- 153-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 23.1**
In absence of a new regulation 23 and an Olympic Vision it is important that stakeholders have certainty about the process on how and when to select events and equipment for future Olympic Games.
Reporting Committee: Events
Other Committee: Classes, Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Defer
Notes:
- 154-23** **Proposal to amend Regulation 23.1**
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Reporting Committee: Events
Other Committee: Classes, Constitution

Recommendation to Council: Defer
Notes:

b) Recommendations not based on Submissions.
Equipment Committee Agenda Item 5.b: Review of World Sailing Class Status

- I INTERNATIONAL OCEAN RACE 65 CLASS ASSOCIATION**
To withdraw their World Sailing Class Status in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 10.13.
Comments: The Committee noted the recommendation of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee in favour of withdrawing the class status.
Following the review of the class association, the Committee considers that the class no longer meets the regulatory requirements.
The class was originally awarded status due to its participation at the Ocean Race. The boats will no longer be used at the Ocean Race and the owners intend to establish an owner-based class association. The Committee considers that the class should apply for recognition once it has established itself.
- II INTERNATIONAL SWAN 45 CLASS ASSOCIATION**
To withdraw their World Sailing Class Status in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 10.13.
Comments: The Committee noted the recommendation of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee in favour of withdrawing the class status.
The review has identified non-compliances with regulatory requirements, in particular in relation to global distribution requirements.
The Class has acknowledged the accuracy of the report and its truthful representation of the situation.
- III INTERNATIONAL SPLASH CLASS ASSOCIATION**
To withdraw their World Sailing Class Status in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 10.13.
Comments: The review has exposed significant non-compliance with global distribution requirements required to maintain the World Sailing Class status. Furthermore the class does not meet other requirements such as having an international measurer. The Committee considers that the current distribution does not merit the recognition as an international World Sailing Class Association
- III INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE CLASS ASSOCIATION**
To withdraw their World Sailing Class Status in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 10.13.
Comments: The review has uncovered substantial non-compliance with global distribution requirements required to maintain the World Sailing Class status. Furthermore the class does not meet other requirements such as having an international measurer. The Committee considers that the current distribution does not merit the recognition as an international World Sailing Class Association.
- IV INTERNATIONAL X-41 CLASS ASSOCIATION**
To withdraw their World Sailing Class Status in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 10.13.
Comments: The Committee noted the recommendation of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee in favour of withdrawing the class status.
The review has uncovered substantial non-compliance with global distribution requirements required to maintain the World Sailing Class status.
The class was found to lack a Class Technical Representative, which is a key role in ensuring technical compliance and oversight within the class structure.

The class was also lacking an International Measurer, required by the regulations. The Class acknowledged that the observations made during the review align with the current reality of the X-41 class's situation and activities. While expressing regret over their noncompliance, they also conveyed their appreciation for the conclusions drawn during the review.

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