

Administering World Sailing Classes

Regulation 10.5

A submission from the Oceanic and Offshore Committee Chair

Purpose or Objective

To allow time for current Offshore classes such as IMOCA and Class 40 which do not hold World Championships to qualify as International Measures.

Proposal

10.5 To maintain its World Sailing designation, a World Sailing Class shall:

(f) ensure that its equipment control procedures properly maintain the objectives of the class rules and shall:

- (i) appoint a technical and/or equipment control committee;
- (ii) appoint a technical representative who is a member of the class technical/equipment control committee and authorized to discuss class technical matters with World Sailing;
- (iii) have at least one World Sailing recognized class International Measurer (see Regulation 31.1(d)). This Regulation 10.5(f)(iii) applies:
 - (i) For new World Sailing Classes, 24 months after designation as a World Sailing Class Association;
 - (ii) For existing World Sailing Classes, not before 31 December 2023. Regulation 10.5(f)(iii)(b) ceases on 1 January 2024;
 - (iii) **For existing Offshore World Sailing Classes as recognised by and with approval of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee, Regulation 10.5(f)(iii)(b) ceases on 1 January 2025 on approval of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee;**
 - ~~(iii)~~ (iv) keep all International Measurers approved for the class informed with respect to class rule changes and interpretations;
 - ~~(iv)~~ (v) organise regular class equipment inspection seminars to train class equipment inspectors with the class International Measurers as instructors; and
 - ~~(v)~~ (vi) require class International Measurers to measure prototypes of moulded production boats before approval of new moulds.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. The current system of events as outlined in the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competences is based on Classes having World Championships to allow the appointment of International Measures.
2. Many Offshore Classes such as IMOCA and Class 40 do not hold World Championships therefore it is not possible to qualify as an International Measurer.
3. This is to allow time for the list of Principle events (5.4 in the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competences document) to be updated to include major events for the Offshore Classes for example the Vendee Globe, Route du Rhum and Globe 40.