

Class Rule Changes

International Etchells Class Association

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Amendment One

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

Old:

C.5.1(a)(1) Hand Pump

Amend to read:

C.5.1(a)(1) Hand Pump, which may be fastened, see C.7.4(c)(9)

Reasons:

This change clarifies that while a hand pump is mandatory, a fitted hand pump meets the mandatory requirement of current rule C.5.1.(a)(1) and makes it clear that if a boat has a fitted hand pump it doesn't also need a portable one.

Amendment Two

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

Old:

~~C.5.1(b)(4) Extra hand pumps and/or electric bilge pump system (pump, battery, wiring and switches) weighing no more than 6.0 kg. In total, with the battery securely positioned in the port seat locker and easily removable.~~

Amend to read:

C.5.1(b)(4) Extra hand pumps.

Reasons:

This change would allow events to permit electronic and other devices. With the Major Championship templates, the IGC and MNA would have fundamental control over the NOR for Major Championships.

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Amendment Three

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

Amend to add:

C.5.3 The Notice of Race may change C.5.1 and/or C.5.2 to include electronic instrumentation.

Reasons:

This change would allow events to permit electronic and other devices. With the Major Championship templates, the IGC and MNA would have fundamental control over the NOR for Major Championships.

Amendment Four

C.7 HULL

Old:

C.7.4 FITTINGS

(c) Optional

(1) General control blocks and fittings.

Amend to read:

C.7.4 FITTINGS

(c) Optional

(1) General control blocks and fittings, except bridge decks or travellers crossing the centre plane. The mainsheet traveller under the after end of the boom is permitted. Self-tacking headsails and vangs are not permitted.

Reasons:

This restriction on any traveller that crosses the centreline was in the class rules from inception until 2008. In 2008 it was dropped from the class rules. Documentation shows that removing this limitation was not subject to a class vote nor was it agreed by the class's International Governors; it was merely omitted when the rules were re-drafted.

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Amendment Five

C.7 HULL

Amend to add:

C.7.4(c)

(9) Hand pumps

(10) An electric bilge pump system (pump, battery, wiring, and switches) weighing no more than 6 kg in total, with the battery securely positioned in the port seat locker and easily removable for weighing

(11) Spinnaker stowage bag(s)/box(es)

Reasons:

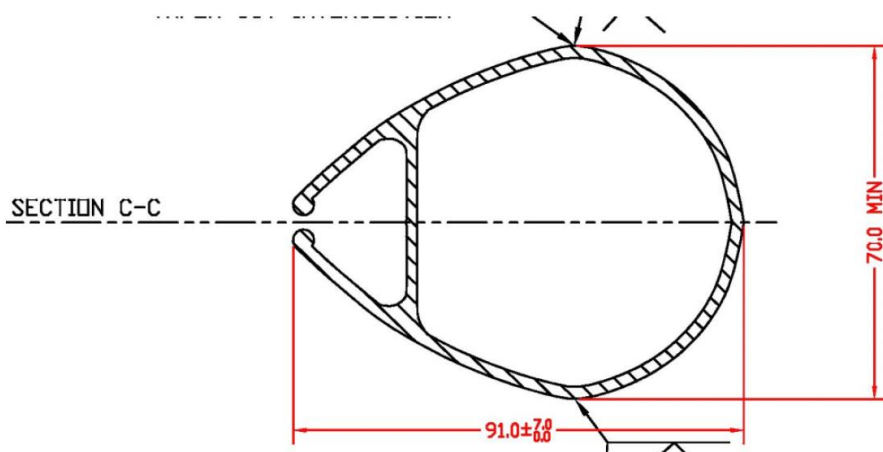
This change ensures the class is in compliance with the updated ERS effective 1 January 2025, will align the class with past practices (the 2022 Class Rule changes put these items in portable equipment and excluded from the Complete Boat Weight, which was a change for the class).

Amendment Six

PLAN 3MKB-25G1 - MAST DIMENSIONS AT SECTION C-C

Revise 3MKB-25G1 - MAST

Add dimensions for the fore-aft and transverse length/width of the mast at the midpoint of the taper, shown as Section C-C on the plan; specifically:



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Reasons:

There are currently no toleranced dimensions on the plan that would allow **fundamental measurement** of the taper. Spar manufacturing is inherently an imprecise process, with errors being introduced when the vee is cut, when the remaining front and back parts of the extrusion are bent to mate together, by variability in welding and in heat-stress recovery after welding. So there is a wide range of mast taper-dimensions in the current fleets, with the fore-aft dimension 92mm to 102mm having been measured at recent events.

The class believes that this is contrary to its one-design ethos and wants to set dimensions that will allow for **fundamental measurement** and also push spar-makers to make more equal spars and promote fairer racing; also to avoid the cost of campaigning with masts of different taper dimensions. Some existing masts would not comply with these dimensions, however class rules state:

F.2.1(a) The **spars** and their **fittings** shall comply with the **class rules** in force at the time of **certification** of the **spar**.

And so these existing, non-compliant masts would still; be allowed to be used while racing.