

INTERNATIONAL J/80 CLASS ASSOCIATION

Proposed Amendments to the Class Rules

Rule C.2.3 (c) (Eligibility)

Amendment: Delete the present rule and insert:

“Current class members who hold a valid Group 1 ISAF Sailor Classification (www.sailing.org/ISAFsailor).”

REASON: This was requested by ISAF following the 2007 Worlds when a number of competitors applied for status on the ISAF website at the last minute.

Rule C.4.2 (a)(x) (MNA Regs)

Amendment: Delete the existing rule:

“The boat shall comply with any special requirements of the MNA under which racing is being held or those set by the club or local marine authority.

REASON: This is deemed to be a Notice of Race issue and should not be required to be in the class rules.

Rule C.4.2 (b)(iv and v) (Genoa tracks and Winches)

Amendment: Move these rules to #D.4.1(a)(iv and v) and renumber C.4.2 (b) (vi-viii) accordingly.

REASON: Housekeeping issue- genoa tracks and winches are fixed fittings, not portable equipment.

Rule C.6.1 (f) (Sail Purchases)

Amendment: Modify first sentence as follows:

“New sail purchases shall be limited to one mainsail, one headsail and one gennaker **measured and registered within the** calendar year.”

REASON: In order to simplify the enforcement of the sail purchase restrictions.

Rule C.8.3 (b) (iii) (Bow Sprit Extension)

Amendment: Modify the present rule:

The ~~boat~~ **gennaker** shall **at all times** be in the process of either a normal, continuous hoist, or flying or **a normal, continuous retrieval** ~~dropping the gennaker at all times~~ when the bowsprit is extended.

REASON: To improve the wording to reflect intent of the rule, which is that the sprit should only be extended when the gennaker is capable of being flown. The word 'retrieval' is used in lieu of 'drop' to eliminate any distinction between tack line and halyard – that is to say that as long as the gennaker is being retrieved below, the sprit can still be extended.

Rule C.8.3 (b) (iv) (Bow Sprit Retraction)

Amendment: Delete the entire rule as stated below:

~~“The bowsprit shall be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after rounding the leeward mark.”~~

REASON: This is redundant and occasionally conflicts with C.8.3 (b) (iii).

Rule C.7.1 (Advertising)

Amendment: Modify the existing Rule as follows:

“A maximum of one (1) competitor advertiser ~~per boat~~ **on the sails.**”

REASON: To allow more than one advertiser on the boat, which in turn will provide sailors a better opportunity to offset ownership costs. This is proposed by France and seconded by Spain, and consistent with the J/80 ExCom allowances for the same provision at the 2007 and 2008 Worlds.

Rule G.3.2 (f)

Amendment: Insert New Rule:

“The headboard may be of any material.”

REASON: Recommended by Boris Heppe, chief measurer at 2008 Worlds. Current rule does not specify a headboard for the mainsail.

Rule PART III Appendix H.1 (Appendage Plan)

Amendment: Delete section half-widths under Section 1 on the Keel plan. Modify Note #1 to read: “Section 1 is the intersection of the hull fairbody with the keel sump not including the filet radius.”

REASON: Section 1 is not a fairable section as it has a 2” filet radius at turn of sump. Anyone attempting to fair this area to the minimum published offsets would have to grind into the filet and would significantly weaken the sump. Modifying or reducing the filet would also be a violation of Rule D.1.4 so the inclusion of offset information for Section 1 is not needed.

Rule PART III Appendix H.6 (Forestay Measurement Point)

Amendment: Delete the forestay diagram in its entirety

REASON: The forestay is no longer a measured item.

Proposed Amendments to the Class Constitution

Rule 5.7 (c) (NCA Recognition)

Amendment: Modify existing rule as follows:

“Election of Class officers **and a Class Measurer** by Members of the NCA.”

REASON: To be sure that each NCA has a designated measurer.

Rule 5.7 (e) (NCA Recognition)

Amendment: Add New Rule as Follows:

“Use by the NCA of the J/80 Class Measurement Website for documenting membership, sail purchase and boat measurement data.

REASON: To simplify regatta compliance checks by centralizing all membership and measurement information.

Rule 7.5 (Elections)

Amendment: Modify existing rule:

“Bi-annually, the Executive Committee shall elect, ~~one of~~ **from** its NCA appointed members, ~~to act as a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Class~~ for a period of two years.”

Rule 8.4 (Voting)

Amendment: Modify existing rule as follows:

“Each Executive Committee member shall have one vote. In addition, the NCA representative shall have one vote for every complete multiple of ten (10) J/80s owned by Members of the NCA, **who are listed on the J/80 Class Measurement Website.**”