

A-CLASS CATAMARAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SOPOT 2017



EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

1. General Requirements

1.1 All boats and equipment entered in the World Championships may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules including Class Rules and these Equipment Regulations (ER), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.

1.2 Boats shall be kept in the assigned boat park.

1.3 All boats are required to comply with RRS 78.1 and Event Equipment Rules from 1.00 pm on the 20th August 2017. (Hereinafter referred to as "Day Zero") onwards. Non-compliance from 1.00 pm on Day Zero until the start of the first race shall be reported, protested and penalized as if it were discovered after racing on the first day on which races for that boat have been completed.

1.4 Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with RRS 78.1, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificates, where applicable, remains valid.

1.5 All equipment and sail shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules.

1.6 All competitors shall present a valid measurement certificate for hull, mast and sail. The certification documentation may be retained by the Chief Equipment Inspector or Organising authority for the duration of the event.

1.7 Any changes to these ER will be approved and posted on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2. Equipment Limitation

2.1 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official World Championship sticker. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the Chief Equipment Inspector so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.

2.2 Competitors shall apply event limitation control stickers to specified equipment and sign a declaration of compliance prior to racing.

2.3 Event limitation control stickers shall be obtained from, and applied in accordance with instructions distributed at the World Championships Event Registration.

3. Repairs and Replacement of Boats and Equipment

3.1 Alterations, repairs or replacements shall not be made after 1.00 pm on Day Zero without the prior written approval of the Equipment Inspector. However, alterations, repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race, provided either the Race Committee or Equipment Inspector are notified before racing.

3.2 Equipment subject to inspection shall only be replaced if:

(a) The replacement was certified if required by the Class Rules before use, and (b) The equipment being replaced has been severely damaged and cannot be repaired in the time available before the next race.

However, equipment shall not be replaced if it has been deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost by the competitor or any associated person.

3.3 Unless approved in writing by the Equipment Inspector repairs or alterations shall not be carried out in the equipment inspection areas.

3.4 Forms to request approval of alterations, repairs or replacement will be available from the Equipment Inspector or the Race Office.

4. Equipment Inspection

4.1 When instructed by an Equipment Inspector, a boat shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection. A notice may be posted on the Official Notice Board identifying the boats that have been selected for inspection and the time when they shall be presented in the Equipment Inspection Area.

4.2 A boat representative shall be present at all times during equipment inspection. A boat representative is defined as the boats skipper, a team leader or nominated delegate. An interpreter may also be present if approved by the Equipment Inspector.

4.3 All boats selected for equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sail, personal flotation device(s) and personal equipment. Personal flotation device(s) shall comply with the specific Class Rules. Where not specified in the Class Rules, the personal flotation device shall provide buoyancy in compliance with EN 393 or ISO 12402-5, level 50 or an equivalent. Personal flotation that relies on inflation devices to achieve buoyancy is not accepted.

4.4 Boats and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item that is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Equipment Inspector may be impounded by the Technical Committee.

4.5 When a boat has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat without permission from the Equipment Inspector. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat without permission from the Equipment Inspector. The notified skipper shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the Equipment Inspector. After inspection of the skippers clothing and equipment, at least one boat representative shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The Equipment Inspector may require the boat to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.