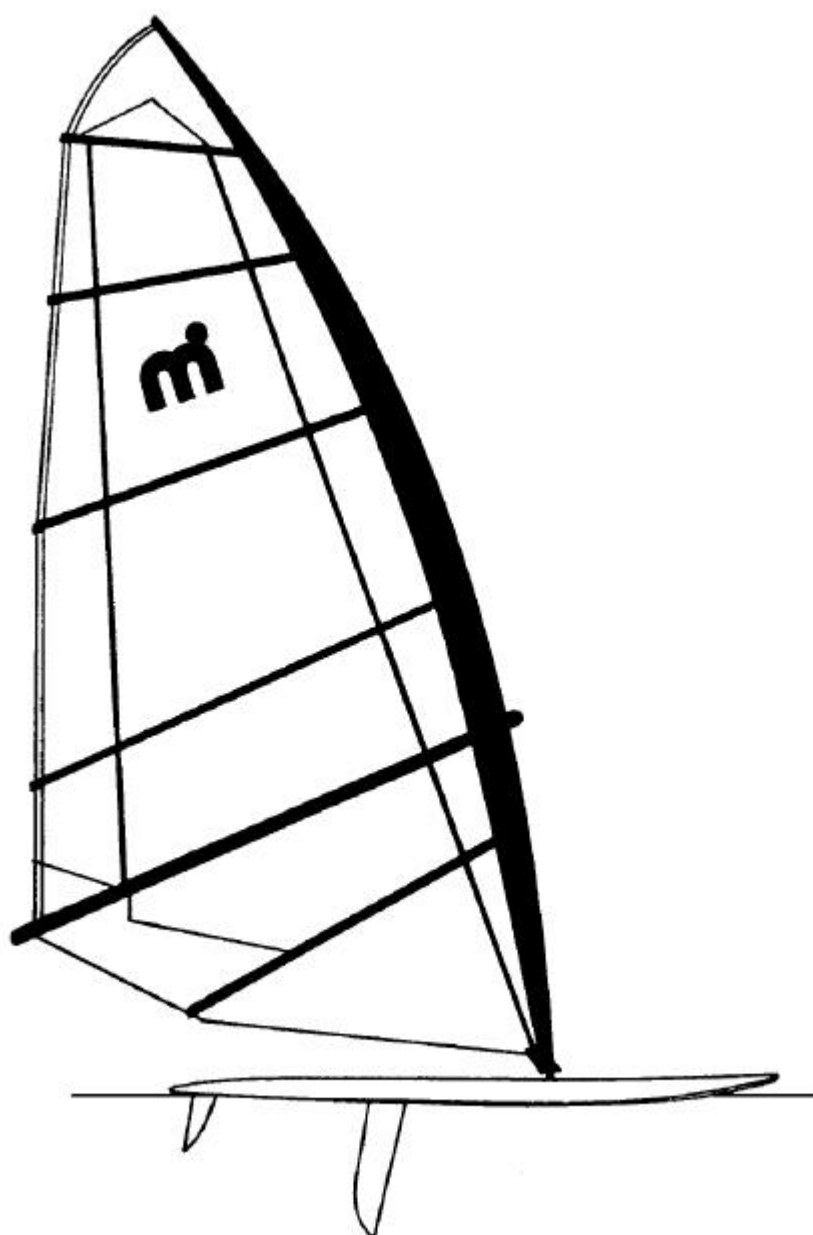


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2003 CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

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### 1 GENERAL

**1.1** When the Safety System is in force; a towrope of minimum length 5 m and a thickness of 5 mm shall be carried by the **crew**.

**1.2** It is recommended that a safety line or device should secure the **rig** to the **hull** to prevent it being separated from the **hull**.

**1.3** If pumping becomes the main method of propulsion, the race shall be abandoned.

### 2 SCHEDULE

**2.1** No more than 3 races per day may be scheduled/raced.

**2.2 a)** The time limit for the first finisher in a course race is 60 minutes

**b)** The time limit for the first board in each division to each the first mark is 20 minutes.

**c)** A race shall be abandoned if either of these time limits (Art (a) & (b) above) is exceeded and anyway shall not count towards the official results.

**d)** **Crews** finishing more than 20 minutes after the first finisher in their respective division shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, OCS, RAF, RDG, or DNE.

**e)** The target elapsed time for a course race in planing conditions is 40 > 45 minutes for the winner. In non-planing conditions this is reduced to approximately 30 >35 minutes. Where the elapsed time for a race is likely to be longer than the race time limit, the race shall be shortened appropriately.

**2.3** No more than 2 races per day shall be sailed in non-planing or marginal planing conditions. A third race may be sailed if:

**a)** The first two races were sailed in planing conditions or

**b)** one of the first two races was sailed in planing conditions and planing conditions exist constantly before the start of the third race.

**2.4** When racing back to back:

**a)** in non-planing or marginal planing conditions, the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that fleet/division shall be 25 minutes.

**b)** in planing conditions, the minimum interval may be reduced to 20 minutes.

**2.5** If two races have been sailed back to back there shall be a rest period of a minimum of one hour ashore, except in cold weather conditions, for the last finisher per fleet/division in the second race before the warning signal for the third race for that fleet/division.

### 3 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

**3.1** If **personal buoyancy** is prescribed, every **crew** shall wear above the waist a jacket, harness or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4 kg un-inflated in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a metal weight of 4 kg which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.

**3.2** **Personal buoyancy** shall not weigh more than 1.5 kg when wet weighed in accordance with RRS Appendix H.

### 4 CHANGING RIGS

When changing to a **rig** with a different size **sail**, the **crew** must obtain the new **rig** and return the old **rig** at the same time to the equipment storage area. The equipment storage area shall be ashore in the vicinity of the launching area unless otherwise stated in the sailing instructions.

### 5 SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

When the equipment is supplied for an event by the organising authority, the notice of race shall state which items of equipment shall be supplied including the number and type/size of footstraps and **rigs**. Notwithstanding this list of supplied equipment, the **crew** may substitute or use in addition any or all of the equipment listed in Sections D, E, F and G of these **class rules**. Otherwise only the supplied equipment stated in the notice of race shall be used for the event.

### 6 EVENT SPONSOR'S ADVERTISING

At IMCO World and Continental Championships, **crews** may be required to carry advertising in compliance with the RRS Section II, Appendix 1 Art #20.3.2 (b)

### 7 RACING FORMAT

#### 7.1 FLEET SIZES

**a)** Where there are 70 or fewer **crews** entered in a class/division, they shall race together in one fleet.

**b)** Where there are between 71 and 80 **crews** entered in a class/division, the Class Race Management Consultant shall decide whether they shall race in one fleet or whether there shall be a First Round followed by a Final Round.

**c)** Where there are more than 80 **crews** entered in a class/division, they shall race a First Round followed by a Final Round.

**d)** **Crews** racing in a Series shall be divided into two Groups of approximately equal ability, according to a seeding list based on ...

**i)** Their Sailor Values (SV) specified in the current IMCO Yearbook.

**ii)** **Crews** having the same SV shall be ranked according to their position on the current ISAF World Ranking List.

**iii)** The **crew** with the highest SV (10) shall head the seeding list.

**iv)** The **crew** heading the seeding list shall initially be in the first Group, **crews** in 2nd and 3rd positions on the seeding list shall be in the second Group, **crews** in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions on the seeding list shall be in the First Group and so on. The first Group shall be designated the Yellow Group and the second the Blue Group.

**e)** The decision of the Class Race Management Consultant is final.

#### 7.1.2 FIRST ROUND

**a)** The First Round may be held over four days, including three scheduled race days and a reserve day.

**b)** When, at the end of each day, the two Groups have completed an equal number of races, they shall be intermixed according to their current standing. At other times they may be intermixed according to their current standing provided that each Group has completed the same number of races.

**c)** If, at the close of racing on the third day of the First Round, four races have not been completed by each of the two Groups, racing will be held on the reserve day for the Group(s) affected.

**d)** If the reserve day is used no more than three races may be run for each Group.

**e)** If, at the close of racing on the reserve day of the First Round, four races have not been completed by each of the two Groups, racing will be held on succeeding days until the minimum number of four races has been completed.

### 7.1.3 OVERALL STANDING

a) At the end of the First Round, an overall standing will be established. If racing in the Final Round is not possible, this shall count as the official result.

b) A **crew's** overall standing will be the sum of their scores for all races, excluding their worst score in accordance with H.9 f). The competitor with the lowest score will head the overall standing.

### 7.1.4 FINAL ROUND

Racing in the Final Round will take place in the Gold and Silver Fleets. The Gold Fleet shall consist of the top 50% of **crews** based on the Overall Standings (Art # 7.1.3) plus one in the case of an odd number of entries. In case of ties at the break point those **crews** so tied shall sail in the Gold Fleet. The fleet lists shall be posted at least 2 hours before the first scheduled starting time of the first race of the Final Round

### 7.1.5 FLEET STANDING

a) A **crew's** fleet standing will be the sum of their scores for all races in the First Round and the Final Round excluding their worst score(s) in accordance with Art # 9.f. The **crew** with the lowest total score will head the fleet standing.

b) Silver Fleet **crews** will be ranked in the fleet standing after those in the Gold Fleet.

## 8 NUMBER OF RACES

8.1 The maximum of races that can be scheduled in a Series (or a First Round and a Final Round) is 12.

## 9 SCORING

a) Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and using rule A 4 "Low Points Scoring System".

b) In alteration of RRS A 8 (Ties) all races shall count.

c) Where there is more than one "Division" racing in a single fleet, competitors will score points equal to their finishing place in their "Division" in that race and Official Results will be published for each "Division".

d) Boards without a finishing place, including a board that finished and thereafter retires or is disqualified, will be scored points for the place one more than the number of boards entered in their Class/division (RRS A 4.2)

i. In "Fleet Racing", the number of competitors in that fleet.

ii. In a "Division" within a "Fleet", the number of competitors in that "Division".

iii. In the "Qualifying Round", the number of competitors in the largest group of that "Round";

iv. In the "Final Round", the number of competitors in the "Gold Fleet."

e) "Silver Fleet" Competitors will score points from "qualifying round" plus the number of points corresponding to Art # a) and Art # b) above in order to be ranked according to H.7.1.5 b)

f) In accordance with RRS A 2...

i. In "Fleet Racing" (Art # 7.1 a)), two discards shall be allowed; the first after four races have been completed and the second after 11 races have been completed.

ii. When racing in "Groups", one discard shall be allowed after four races have been completed in the "First Round". This discarded race result from the "First Round" may be substituted with a worse race result from the "Final Round"

iii. When racing a "Final Round", one additional discard shall be allowed when the sum of the races completed in the "First Round" and the "Final Round" is 11 or more.

iv. When Art # H.9. f) iii, above applies, one discard shall be taken from the "First Round" and one discard shall be taken from the "Final Round"

## 10 JOCKEY COLOURS

10.1 **Crews** not carrying ISAF Category C advertising of a minimum of 2000 sq.cms as specified in RRS Section II, Appendix 1 – Advertising shall carry in addition, Jockey Colours on their **sails** in an area of a minimum size 2000 sq.cms

10.2 The Jockey Colours design shall be a) either spray painted or made of self-adhesive material;

b) either the competitor's national flag, national colours or national emblem;

10.3 Jockey Colours shall be carried immediately above the competitor's sail numbers as specified in C. 9.2

## 11 SUPPORT CRAFT

a) Coach and support personnel may use "support craft" to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office prior to the first scheduled race, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification.

b) Except as provided by Art # c) below, all teams "support craft" shall conspicuously display the national flag of their country of origin (600 x 400mm minimum) or the national 3 letter code in black (minimum height 120mm) on a white background while afloat.

c) When a "support craft" is supporting competitors, from more than one nation and is registered as such, they shall be required to display only one national flag or national 3-letter code.

d) Before the "Preparatory Signal" of any group/fleet, all "support craft" shall have left the "racing and starting areas" and remain outside these areas, except to assist a board in distress, until after the finish of the last competitor of the final group/fleet racing.

e) In the event of a postponement, support boats may re-enter the racing and starting areas.

f) If a support craft fails to comply with a part of Art # 11 all competitors, supported by that craft, shall be subject to a 5-point penalty for the next race, without a hearing. In the case of the last race of the series, the penalty will apply to the penultimate race. (Alteration of RRS 63.1).

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