



Dear Presidents of National Associations,

During several WGM in the past (at least 2011 in Denmark, 2012 in Florida, 2014 in New Zealand, 2015 in Italy, possibly others), the format of our championships have been debated. On several occasions, decisions have been taken to modify the rules, e.g. to allow open championships. Most of the time, these decisions were valid for a “trial period”, limited in time.

In the WGM of Medemblik in 2016, everyone agreed to stop this succession of trials and establish a proposal to finally include the results of these trials into a set of rules that could go through the formal and constitutional process (WGM vote). Due to the difficulty of changing our rules, we have once again asked you for an extension of the trial period to permit Open Worlds in Sopot.

Through hard work of the sub-committee and the IACA committee, we now have a final version to present to the national associations. We have included the open championships format that was supported by 74% of the voters when we consulted you in November 2016, along with a bunch of other minor changes, you will find a detailed list below.

As for the IACA constitution §12, the proposal must be supported by at least 3 National Associations and submitted 3 months before the WGM. **I ask presidents of all National Associations to read the new version of the championships rules. Then if you agree, please announce your support of the new championships rules by being a supporter of the proposal within 2 weeks, meaning until 22.4.2017.**

The next steps : after we (hopefully) get the necessary support, the change will be officially submitted for the WGM in Sopot, for a vote by the presidents. A majority of 2/3 means the new championships rules will apply.

A remark regarding the “floating/classic division”: it is only mentioned briefly in the in §14.4 for a good reason: we are still negotiating the terms of allowing a classic championships with World Sailing. We are close to be able to propose something, but it won't have an impact on our championship rules. You will be informed timely when we have something valid and verified to submit for the WGM.

Questions regarding the content of the new class rules should be addressed to Struan Wallace <struan@struan-wallace.co.uk>.

Support of the proposal or questions regarding the voting process should be addressed to Charles Bueche <iaca@bueche.ch>.

I hope you will support us on this very important project for the class !
Kind regards,

Signed : Struan for the sub-committee and Charles for the IACA committee

Detailed list of changes between the existing championship rules (9.9.2015) and the proposal of April 2017.

In the list below, “old” refers to the 2015 version, “new” refers to the 2017 version.

- 2.b (old) : suppressed.
- 3 (new) : open championships.
- 4.4 (new) : max fee up to € 300.
- 5.1 & 5.4 (new) : minor adjustments.
- 6.3 (new) : open championships (concurrent-times sailing).
- 6.e (old) : replaced by 6.4 (new).
- 7.5 (new) : 45 min (previously 60 min).
- 10.1 (new) : 90 min (previously 120 min).
- 14.4 (new) : trophies for classics.
- 14.5 (new) : open championships (silver fleet trophies).
- App. 2 / 1.5 (new) : temporary discard during the qualification.
- App. 2 / 2 (new) : refers 6.4.
- App. 2 / 3 (new) : refers 14.
- App. 3 / 1 (new) : refers 6.4.