



INTERNATIONAL A-DIVISION
CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION



Results of the ballot after WGM 2023

Dear presidents of national associations, dear members,

These are the results of the ballot conducted following the proposal of the Australian national association, voted during the WGM 2023, along with some optional questions we asked during this consultation.

The ballot was online between December 10, 2023 and January 6, 2024. The message was sent to all emails known to your national association and communicated to me to prepare the vote. The ballot was conducted by electronic means, with individual invitations sent to 687 members.

The results are detailed below, with some comments from the IACA Committee.

Class Rule C.5.s change about trapeze harness :

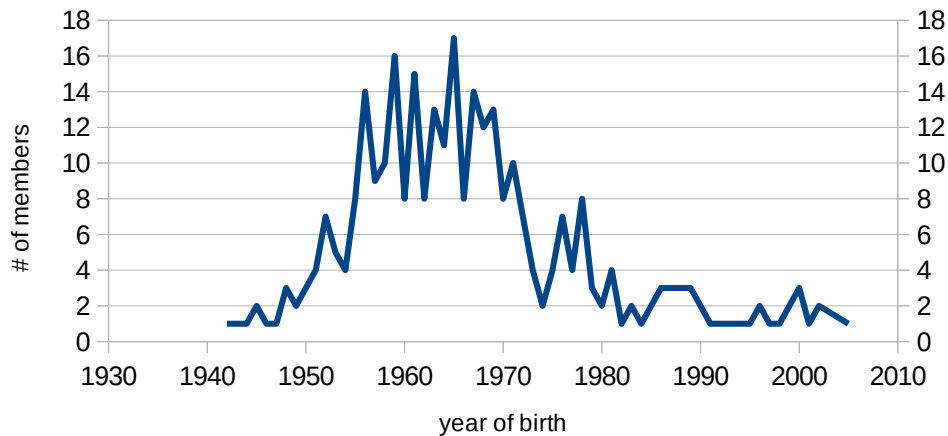
- responses : 349
- yes : 324 (92.84%)
- no : 25 (7.16%)
- result : accepted

The proposal to alter the Class Rules to allow any type of trapeze harness has been massively accepted. This decision has still to be validated by World Sailing, we will work on this aspect within a few weeks. As soon as the decision is validated, we will officially publish the new Class Rules. As a consequence, the class members should from then on be allowed to use whatever trapeze harness they prefer.

Year of birth :

- responses : 308

Age distribution of voting members



The IACA Committee take note of the age distribution. We are considering diverse approaches to rejuvenate the membership, this is however quickly said than done. We consider organising a public relation effort on the Instagram platform to make the class better known in the 20-35 years old part of the sailors.

However, at the end, a sailor will jump on a boat that he see sailing, with attractive ambiance and assistance from the nearby sailors. As such we suggest you get your local young sailing friends on an A-Cat, so they feel the fun and consider it, instead of jumping on whatever other cool platform they see online.

Discipline of current boat

- responses : 341
- no boat : 6 (1.76%)
- Classic : 188 (55.13%)
- Foiler : 147 (43.11%)

Discipline of your next boat

- responses : 337
- no boat : 18 (5.34%)
- Classic : 196 (58.16%)
- Foiler : 123 (36.5%)

From the results it seems the Classic has a significant lead in ownership, with a slight tendance to gain more traction in the future. This is a development that we need to follow closely, and it is as probably a consequence of the age distribution.

Live tracking, fee doubling ?

- responses : 335
- yes : 165 (49.25%)
- no : 170 (50.75%)

This was purely a consultative question to better evaluate the real needs of live tracking. We all agree it would be cool for the class, we know as well the costs are high. This is certainly an aspect we need to continue studying, the best would of course be to fund it through sponsoring. This is not easy either, as sailing has almost no media audience and sponsors look very closely on their R.O.I. As such we have no ideal proposal yet.

European super-serie

- response : 335
- yes : 176 (52.54%)
- no : 159 (47.46%)

We are happy to see the positive answer on this idea and will start working on a concept that can be implemented in a simple but effective way.

Thank you everyone for your vote and assistance during the process.

Returning officer : Charles Bueche
Date : January 7, 2024