

Communiqué re IMCA Meeting October 15, 2007

Please be advised that at the October 15, 2007 meeting of the International Martin242 Class Association ("IMCA"), the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the following amendment is made to mainsail measurement rule 6, Appendix A: The current wording is changed so that it now reads "Windows are permitted"

The effect is that there is no longer any restriction on the number or size of mainsail windows, primarily for safety reasons.

2. That the following amendment is made to mainsail measurement rule 9, Appendix A: The minimum weight is changed so that the rule now reads "14 lbs (6.35 kg)"

3. That the following new jib measurement rule 10, Appendix A is created: "Windows are permitted"

This Rule clarifies that there is no restriction on the number or size of jib windows, primarily for safety reasons.

4. That the following amendment is made to jib measurement rule 9, Appendix A: The minimum weight is changed so that the rule now reads "7.7 lbs (3.5 kg)"

All four of the above changes have an effective date of November 15, 2007.

Sailmakers and competitors are further advised that:

1) Revised wording is pending re mainsail Rule 10 and a new jib Rule 11 that will clarify the IMCA stance on sail materials. The current wording is not deemed to be specific enough to ban certain materials not currently used by the Class. In the interim, if sailmakers are considering using any sail cloth not currently used by Fleets 1, 2, and 3, they should check with the local Measurer for clarification to ensure the cloth will fit within the new pending guidelines.

2) IMCA will be developing an ERS Rule G.8.3 maximum jib dimension (foot round irregularity), which will form a new jib Rule 12.

3) Additional wording is pending re restrictions on artificial weight increases for mainsail Rule 9 and jib Rule 9.

4) Lastly, it is the intent of IMCA that a harmonized set of IMCA Rules will be created over the next 4-6 months, which will replace the local Fleet Rules that currently exist. The current set of Sail Rules is the first such step in harmonizing the various Fleet Rules.

5) The next IMCA meeting is December 10, 2007.

Appendix A is attached as a separate pdf file.