

Communiqué re IMCA Meeting December 10, 2007

Please be advised that at the December 10, 2007 meeting of the International Martin 242 Class Association ("IMCA"), the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the following amendment is made to mainsail measurement rule 10, Appendix A: The current wording is changed so that it now reads "The **body of the sail** shall consist of **woven ply** and/or **laminated ply** made from one or more of the following materials: PET, PEN. Silicon Dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>) may be used in reinforcing fibres.

(Note: Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is marketed under the trade names Mylar and Dacron. Polyethylene naphthalate (PEN) is marketed under the trade name Pentex. Fibreglass is a form of silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>))"

2. That the following amendment is made to jib measurement rule 11, Appendix A: The current wording is changed so that it now reads "The **body of the sail** shall consist of **woven ply** and/or **laminated ply** made from one or more of the following materials: PET, PEN. Silicon Dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>) may be used in reinforcing fibres.

(Note: Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is marketed under the trade names Mylar and Dacron. Polyethylene naphthalate (PEN) is marketed under the trade name Pentex. Fibreglass is a form of silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>))"

3) Paragraph 1) on page 1 under the Advice to Sailmakers and competitors has been deleted as a result of the changes via 1) & 2) above.

4) Mainsail Rule #3 is amended to read as follows:

**"Leech Length:** 32.17' (9805mm), **Top Width:** 0.5' (152mm), **Foot Median:** 31.5' (9601mm), **Quarter Width:** 10.45' (3185mm), **Half Width:** 8.125' (2476mm), **Three-Quarter Width:** 4.78' (1457mm)."

5) Paragraph 2) on page 1 under the Advice to Sailmakers and competitors has been deleted, as a result of the changes via 6) below.

6) Jib Rule #4 is amended to read as follows:



**“Leech Length:** 24.5' (7468mm), **Luff Length:** 26.167' (7976mm), **Foot Length:** 9.333' (2845mm), **Top Width:** 0.25' (76mm), **Foot Median:** 25.33' (7721mm), **Quarter Width:** 6.29' (1917mm), **Half Width:** 4.0' (1219mm), **Three-Quarter Width:** 2.0625'(629mm), **Foot Irregularity:** 0.2292' (70mm).”

In this manner, IMCA has introduced a Foot Irregularity limitation re ERS Rule G.8.3

7) Paragraph 3) on page 1 under the Advice to Sailmakers and competitors has been deleted, as a result of the changes via 7) and 8) below.

7) An additional sentence is added to Mainsail Rule #9, as follows:

“The items listed below which could have the effect of increasing the weight of a **sail** and are not required for the normal functioning of the **sail** are prohibited: any **sail ply**, any **sail reinforcement**, and any sail hardware and other items not required for normal functioning of the **sail**.”

8) An additional sentence is added to Jib Rule #9, as follows:

“The items listed below which could have the effect of increasing the weight of a **sail** and are not required for the normal functioning of the **sail** are prohibited: any **sail ply**, any **sail reinforcement**, and any sail hardware and other items not required for normal functioning of the **sail**.”

9) Jib Rule #8 re jib head point measurements has been deleted, as the measurement methodology is prescribed via ERS. Accordingly, all Jib Rules have been renumbered.

10) The multiple ERS Mainsail images have been deleted and replaced by a single Mainsail image.

11) All of the above changes have an effective date of January 15, 2008.

In summary, IMCA is pleased to state that the December 10, 2007, set of Sail Rules can now be considered complete, and no further changes are anticipated for 2008.

As such, this is the first major step in harmonizing the various Fleet Rules that exist.

Competitors are reminded that 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. Further communiqués will be issued as each Rule set is finalized.

The next IMCA meeting is January 14, 2008.

Appendix A is attached as a separate pdf file.