

Communiqué re IMCA proceedings during 2008
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Class Rules Harmonization & Updating

During the first 8 months of 2008, the IMCA Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to continue the Class Rules harmonization and updating process.

On August 22 & 23, a meeting was held in Vancouver amongst IMCA delegates, during which significant progress was made in many Rule sections, and as such we are able to publish a first draft of most of the consolidated and updated Rules for review and commentary by competitors. (Note that Appendix A – Sail Measurement – has not changed).

Please see this inserted pdf file of the draft Rules, as well as a conversion table spreadsheet for the different measurement systems:



IMCA_Class_Rules_Draft_Amalgated_21



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Competitors may provide their comments to: craigs@m242.bc.ca

Please also see this inserted pdf file of the IMCA Constitution, as it contains some governing text re the Class Rules:



IMCA Constitution

A link to the existing Canadian Rules can be found here:

<http://www.m242.bc.ca>

And a link to the existing U.S. Rules can be found here:

<http://www.martin242mdr.com/ClassRules.shtml>

A few comments follow regarding some of the significant changes so far:

1. Sections 2 & 3.2: The Mast Datum has been shifted from the mast bottom to the hole in the mast lug/ear that the forestay attaches to. This will enable better control of the rig height above the deck, and mast rake, when coupled with some



other measurement points that have been introduced, such as the lower band to Plinth measurement.

2. Section 3.3: Two to one jibsheets will be allowed to enable easier jib trimming in windier conditions (an existing US Rule). Spinnaker tweakers will be allowed to enable better spinnaker control in windier conditions (also an existing US Rule).

3. Section 3.5: For safety and liability reasons, all restrictions on electronic and navigation equipment have been removed.

4. Section 3.7: For safety and liability reasons, the minimum motor and bracket weight has been lowered to 30 pounds.

The remaining major elements of the Rules yet to be finalized are:

1. Section 3.1 and Appendix B – keel and rudder specifications
2. Section 3.2.13 – headstay span
3. Section 3.6 – Sail usage, sail credits, team sails, etc.
4. Section 3.7.2.2 & 3.7.3 – positioning of additional fixed items that are included in the boat weight, and positioning of corrector weights
5. Section 4 - Hiking rule. A survey will be sent out to all members inviting them to vote for their preference: US versus Canada

Further communiqués will be issued as each major Rule set is finalized.

The next IMCA meeting will be in September, 2008.

Best regards,

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