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Sent by email to: All ISAF Classes

Dear ISAF Class Association,

### **ERS 2005-2008**

Following on from the ISAF November Meetings 2003, the ISAF Council have approved a new version of the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing 2005-2008. This will become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005.

In order for ISAF Classes to review the new document and implement the changes in time for the submission deadline (1<sup>st</sup> August 2004), ISAF have attached a text version only of the new ERS. The ERS Working Party have also produced a comments booklet (also attached) that provides help on the changes made and what other rules they may affect.

Where a class currently invokes the ERS in their rules, but does not have sufficient time or resources to update their current rules by August, then the following statement **MUST** be added to the class rules in order to maintain the validity of invoking the ERS within its rules.

“These **class rules** shall be read in conjunction with the ERS 2001-2004.”

The ERS Working Group recommends that any class adopting this wording do so for one year only before invoking the ERS 2005-2008.

In addition to the ERS 2005-2008, the ERS Working Group has updated the ISAF Standard Class Rules (SCR) template in order to represent the changes to the ERS. The SCR template is a live document and classes should review the new template and consider any of its rules to be implemented within their rules.

The current version of the ISAF SCR template can be found on the ISAF Website using the following link:

**[www.sailing.org/technical/SCR2005.pdf](http://www.sailing.org/technical/SCR2005.pdf)**

All Classes should also note the change to ISAF Regulation 1.6(a) which has the following special note: *“Due to the 2004 Olympic Regatta, in 2004 Class Rule Changes shall be received by 1200 hours UTC on 01 August.”*

In addition to these changes, the ERS Working Group would like to offer an ISAF Class the opportunity to have their rules re-written into the SCR format and using the ERS 2005-2008. This will be done free of charge to the class and is offered such that the WG can view the

practicalities of the ERS and the SCR template when adopted by a class. This offer is extended to any ISAF class, whether currently using the ERS and SCR or not.

Classes interested in this offer should write to me before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June to be considered by the Working Group.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information about this subject.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SE', is centered below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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