

IOMICA Exec Class Rule Change Proposals

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Introduction

With the changes to RRS & ERS for 2005 - 2008 the IOM Class rules now must be heavily modified by individual event SSI to retain the original intention of the class.

In order to rectify this problem a series of Class Rule modifications are being proposed by the current IOM Class Exec. Many similar changes were put forward at the Mooloolaba AGM and are being proposed again now due to our belief that many of these rule changes were rejected for procedural and other issues unrelated to their substance. Please note that the class will now be entitled to discuss, modify and vote on each of these proposed changes individually.

In addition, after extensive discussion, the IOM Class Exec is also proposing below a new rule change dealing with the issue of previously constructed texalium boats. Basically, this proposed rule provides for a special, one time only exemption that will make virtually all texalium boats legal for all purposes. However, it does not make any future use of this material legal in the IOM Class.

The proposed rule changes are set forth below. They can each be voted on individually:

Rules C4, C5, C6: Changes due to the removal of E4.7 from the RRS

Comment: The following rule changes are being proposed for incorporation into the IOM Class Rules in order to maintain the status quo after revisions in the RRS that principally permitted various forms of moving ballast. Additionally, a rule change is being proposed to allow radio transmissions from a boat to permit the use of the new spread, spectrum radio systems.

AGM Proposal 3: Corrector Weights

Change C.4.3 from:

Corrector weight(s) to achieve compliance with C.4.2, if used, shall be fixed in/on the **hull**.

To:

Corrector weight(s) to achieve compliance with C.4.2, if used, shall be fixed in/on the **hull** and not be altered or moved during an event.

AGM Proposal 4: No Water Ballast

Add to C.4:

C.4.4 BILGE WATER

Bilge water shall not be used to trim the **boat** and shall be removed as soon as practicable.

AGM Proposal 5: Spread Spectrum Technology

Comment: With the advent of the spread spectrum radio systems, frequency information is being transmitted from the boat. The above change clearly permits the use of such radio systems.

Change C.5.3 From:

C.5.3 REMOTE CONTROL EQUIPMENT

- (a) The rudder control unit shall control the **rudder** only.
- (b) The sheet control unit shall control the mainsail sheet and headsail sheet only.
- (c) Except for control unit positioning information, no radio transmissions from the **boat** shall be made.

To:

C.5.3 REMOTE CONTROL EQUIPMENT

- (a) The rudder control unit shall control the **rudder** only.
- (b) The sheet control unit shall control the mainsail sheet and headsail sheet only.
- (c) Except for control unit positioning and radio link information, no radio transmissions from the **boat** shall be made.

AGM Proposal 6: Radio Gear Positioning

Add to C.5.3:

- (d) Remote control and related equipment:
 - (1) shall be refitted in the same position if temporarily removed and/or,
 - (2) if replaced shall be replaced by equipment of similar weight.

AGM Proposal 7: Fixed Keels

Change C.6.3 From:

USE

- (a) The **keel** shall not move or rotate relative to the **hull**, except by deformation under load.
- (b) The **hull appendages** shall not project outboard of the **hull**.

To:

USE

- (a) The **keel** shall not move or rotate relative to the **hull**, except by deformation under load.
- (b) The **hull appendages** shall not project outboard of the **hull**.
- (c) If removed, modified or repaired
 - (1) The **keel** shall be refitted in the same attitude and position to the **hull**.
 - (2) Parts of the **keel** shall be refitted in the same attitude and position to the **keel**.
 - (3) The **rudder** shall be refitted in the same attitude and position to the **hull**.

AGM Proposal 8: Wind Vanes

Comment: The position of a wind vane should be unrestricted.

Proposal:

Change C.7.4 (b) USE from:

The **spar** stepping position is optional.

To:

The **spar** stepping position and wind indicator position are optional.

AGM Proposal 9: Sail Identification

Comment: Due to changes in the RRS regarding the size and placement of sail identification, many already measured sails could be ruled out of compliance. To fix this problem, identification on sails should be permitted under a “grand-fathering” arrangement.

Proposal:

Change C.8.3 IDENTIFICATION From:

Identification shall comply with the RRS.

To:

Identification shall comply with the RRS in force at the time of the initial certification control of the sail or with the current RRS.

AGM Proposal 10: Spreader Definition, Typo

Comment: The term spreader is actually printed in “normal” print not in bold in F.3.3(b)(5) describing spreader as an optional fitting of mast. It should be printed in bold and used with the ERS meaning.

Proposal:

Change F.3.3(b)(5) from:

Pair of spreaders and their fittings(s) and/or openings(s).

To:

Pair of **spreaders** and their fittings(s) and/or openings(s).

AGM Proposal 11: Jib Swivel, Typo

Comment: The omission of the "/or" after "Swivel and" in class rule F.4.4(a)(3) has been ruled as a typographical error in Edition 2003 v.2

Proposal:

Change F.4.4(a)(3) from:

Swivel and its fitting(s).

To:

Swivel and/or its fitting(s).

AGM Proposal 12: Running Rigging Definition, Typo

Comment: In F.6 the word rigging does not appear in that section in bold.

Proposal:

Change F.6.1 from:

Materials of running rigging are unrestricted.

To:

Materials of running **rigging** are unrestricted.

AGM Proposal 13: Texalium, Rule D.2.1(d)

Comment: This rule change is designed to permit the use of hulls containing texalium that were measured prior to September 2004.

Proposal:

Add to rule D.2.1: D.2.1(d)(3): Notwithstanding anything otherwise contained herein, for hulls with a date of initial fundamental measurement prior to September 1, 2004, it is permissible to use the material “Texalium” in the Hull molding.

AGM Proposal 14: ERS Rule A.5.1

Comment: To be clear on which version of the ERS applies.

Proposal:

Change A.5.1 from:

These **class rules** shall be read in conjunction with the ERS.

To:

These **class rules** shall be read in conjunction with the 2005-2008 ERS.