

International Rules Committee Report

for the 2024 / 2025 Annual General Meeting

We are in progress to develop a ***tool to measure the deck height*** at mast gate (164-190mm). This detail is race relevant, difficult to measure and very difficult to change in case of no-fit. A prototype of the tool was presented at the AGM 2024 in Varberg/SWE.

We have prepared the ***505 class flag in various vector graphic formats***. The digital files will be downloadable from the international website. Vector graphics allow unlimited free scaling without quality loss. Proportions and objects shall not be changed. The colors (yellow, blue) are not specified explicitly and may be met best possible. Before using the files members should make sure to download the latest version.

Rule Change Proposals

Triggered by questions, issues and developments the IRC regularly reviews whether any rules should be adjusted to serve the class best. We may be proud of the evolution of 505 rules to a very high level over decades. So the IRC is very careful with proposing changes. Targets are:

- keep high level of the past
- adjust carefully to stay up-to-date
- make things easier and more clear where possible or needed
- allow what should be legal.

At the past few worlds, especially also in Varberg/SWE, we experienced many boats needing or wanting to update their correctors weight. Of course the measurers team is always willing to deliver best services possible, but the current rules have a few aspects which we might want to change to support better. The IRC has carefully considered 2 rule change proposals.

Reweighting currently requires 2 weeks of drying. This may block reweighing when equipment and measurer are available. An approved 505 class measurer can always check whether a boat is sufficiently dry for reweighing. We propose a rule change to drop the 2-weeks-drying time.

Corrector weights handling, splitting and administration would be preferred easier. We propose to allow free correctors positioning. This would minimize the pieces to be installed and minimize doubts about legal/illegal weight distribution. Essential restrictions shall be kept. We do not suffer extreme light boats with bad quality (max correctors weight in Varberg/SWE was 12.6 kg).

The IRC kindly asks the members at the AGM 2025 to pass through the rule change proposals into an international ballot.

Thanks for your interest and support

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