

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT for 2021

October 31, 2021

The Technical Committee can report that we had a relatively quiet year (compared to last) in terms of new issues that required attention. The Selden mast certification was still pending, which was a carryover from previously, and this did make up the bulk of our activities which involved modifying the class rules for compliance.

Assuming our most recent changes to the class rules (which were approved by our World Council at the September EGM) are ratified by World Sailing, the Selden mast now conforms to our class rules. Selden Masts UK has re-engineered their first 2 prototype spars and now has all the data required to build an approved Melges 24 mast including class specified stiffness limits. All that remains now is on the water testing and approval by Melges Boat Works as per the builder's specification.

The technical committee also reviewed questions and comments that were received from the membership including most noticeably a clarification on the traveller cleats (H2). We would like to acknowledge USA 820 for bringing this to our attention which resulted in a subsequent rule change proposal.

Other news and outstanding business:

Data List – The master data list continues to grow but still only has information on 32% of the boats. If you are not sure you are on the list, drop us a note and we will be happy to check. Our data list includes copies of Measurement Certificates, Measurement Forms, and the last known location of the boats.

Keel Measurements – as per the CAN 2018 proposal to consider measuring the front of the keel instead of the back of the keel to locate the foil, Branko has been collecting as much data from as many boats as possible to see if this idea is workable. The purpose for checking this data is to make sure we do not orphan (or make illegal) boats that are currently considered legal. So far, the data does look workable, and we hope to bring this change back for approval in 2022.

Again, I am thankful to recognize our technical committee members, Jan Schmidt, Kevin Nixon, Branko Parunov, Harry Melges and Arto Kiiski for their expertise.

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