

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
Saturday, 19 November 2022

According to the IM24CA Constitution, motions, amendments and nominations for the AGM shall be proposed only by the Executive Committee, NCA's, the Technical Committee and World Sailing and must reach the [International Secretary](#) not less than eight (8) weeks before the officially announced date of the meeting. Only the motions, amendments and nominations on the Agenda and its attachment/s shall be voted upon. The Chairman may, in exceptional circumstances, accept amendments from the floor of the AGM when, in his opinion, this will assist the resolution of issues on which the World Council have had an opportunity to express their views. Deadline for the submissions for the 2022 AGM is **October 1st, 2022**. To allow this process to function smoothly, the each Submission should adhere to the following guidelines:

- The Submission shall clearly state the current position along with the proposal for a change (clearly stating the rule) and the rationale behind this change.
- The Submission should be written to relate to any IM24CA documents or topics as listed below.
- Wherever possible, each submission should contain wording for the proposed new rules.
- Reason for the motion
- Technical items the tech staff can work on during the year should not be sent as an Submission

Nominating Body <i>Exec Comm, NCA, Tech Comm</i>	ITALIAN MELGSE24 CLASS ASSOCIATION
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Title of the motion, amendment, nomination	CREW WHEN HIKING

Topics concerned

	Constitution		Events
X	Class Rules		Technical issues
	Regatta Regulations		General policies
	Nomination		

Proposal <i>You can widen this box if needed</i>	C.11.6 When hiking, not more than three crew shall either sit facing outboard in such a way that at least part of the back of the thigh or buttocks is in contact with the deck or gunwale edge, kneel on the aft corner of the side deck or stand with at least one foot on the cockpit floor.
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Reason	<p>Recently, many potential owners have shown great interest in the Melges24. One of the aspects most often complained by future owners about our boat is a number of difficulties in managing the cockpit while upwind.</p> <p>The modification above will allow owners, who do not feel able to manage the mainsail and backstay alone in the cockpit, to count on the help of the fourth crew member who will not hike while racing.</p> <p>We believe that this simple modification could help the entry of new owners into the Class without distorting the sport-boat soul of the Melges24.</p>
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Comments from the IM24CA Technical Committee:

While reviewing this proposal, the committee members agreed that it is important to consider that the Melges 24 needs to maintain its own identity. The Melges 24 is an athletic, powerful Grand Prix level boat and some things like hiking and the driver managing the main, traveller and backstay can be difficult for some. It is a skill that when perfected, is very rewarding and some argue is what defines and separates the Melges 24 from the other alternatives.

It was noted that under the current rule C.11.6, there are no requirements for all members of the crew to hike out. So, teams, at their discretion, can freely decide to have one person sit in and help the driver. This technique has been done effectively in the past, and we agree that more teams should consider trying it.

But perhaps the most interesting (and controversial) aspect of this proposal is the possibility that it may disadvantage a 5 member team more than a 4 member team as a 4 member team would typically have larger crew members hiking than their 5 member counterparts.