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Melges 24 Class Rule Change Proposal

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Position in Nominating Body

Technical Committee

Email

**Title of the motion,
amendment, nomination**

C.2.1 LIMITATIONS

Topics concerned

	Constitution		Events
x	Class Rules		Technical Issues
	Regatta Regulations		General Policies
	Nomination		

Current Rule:

C.2.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) The **crew** shall consist of a minimum of 3 persons.*
- (b) No **crew** member shall be substituted during an event of less than 7 consecutive days, unless prior written permission has been granted by the Race Committee.*
- (c) RRS 43.2 applies with regards to clothing weight although the line tension may be modified.*
- (d) The number of **crew** shall not be changed during a regatta unless written permission has been granted by the Race Committee.*

Proposed New Rule:

C.2.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) The **crew** shall consist of a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 6 persons.*
- (b) No **crew** member shall be substituted during an event of less than 7 consecutive days, without written approval of the event Technical Committee or in its absence the Race Committee. If a substitution is applied for, that substitute must weigh within +/- 10% of the original **crew** member.*
- (c) The number of **crew** shall not be changed during an event of less than 7 consecutive days.*

(d) As part of registration for any Melges 24 event, all crew shall be registered and shall be identified in any entry list, scratch sheet, and result listing where the helmsperson, skipper or owner is identified.

Reason:

- (a) Add "maximum of 6 persons" to reflect the declared capacity by the manufacturer for CE and USGC certifications.*
- (b) Add weight range restriction for approved substitutions to ensure the "new" crew weight is more or less the same as the original. Done to remove the possibility of team trying to modify a crew to take advantage of different wind and sailing conditions.*
- (c) Removed as already covered elsewhere in class rules. RRS 50.2 states that RRS 50.1(b) & (c) don't apply with regard to competitor clothing and equipment because we have lifelines. The lifeline tension rule, RRS 49.2 is already modified in Class Rule C.1.1(a). New (c) written to control crew number during an event.*
- (d) Written to control crew list for purposes of identifying Group 3 sailors and to give all team members equal credit.*