

Melges 24 Class Rule Change Proposal

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Title of the motion,
amendment, nomination

C.2.2 WEIGHTS

Topics concerned

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Current Rule:

C.2.2 WEIGHTS

The total weight of the crew dressed in underwear is 375kg.

Crews shall be weighed only during the registration period prior to racing.

Proposed New Rule:

Delete C.2.2

Reason:

Reason: To encourage more participation, make events more enjoyable and make it easier to create teams. There are significant health and safety concerns related to crash dieting which is often used for teams to make current weight restrictions. This proposal has the full support of Melges Performance Sailing.

Important Note: As per the manufacturer's recommendations, CE certification, USCG approvals and other governing bodies, the International Melges 24 shall not be sailed beyond its declared capacity of the boat plus a combined total weight of crew and baggage of 540kg. with a maximum number of 6 people.

This rule proposal is complemented by changes made to the INTRODUCTION (Page 3), and modifications made to CR C.2.1.

Comments from the Technical Committee:

The Technical Committee has recently recognized that we currently have a conflict within current Class Rule C.2.2. There is no way to enforce or check if boats are being sailed in contravention of the current weight limit without being able to re-weigh teams after registration. Now that we are aware of this issue, we are left with no alternative but to correct it. One option would be to adapt this proposal and remove the weight limit. The other option is that class must re-institution the original version of C.2.2 which includes the original version of H3 to make the rule C.2.2 viable again.

This would mean that if this proposal is rejected then we have no alternative but to re-instate previous version of H3 which reads: *C.2.2 Crews shall be weighed during the registration period prior to racing. During the event crews will be selected at random to be reweighed. Such reweighing shall be on the same scale and at the same place and within one (1) hour of the end of the protest time limit of the last race of the day. Should a boat be found to exceed the maximum weight, she will be penalized by adding one point for each race day to her final total score – after discards – of the regatta for every kilogram over the limit. A boat found over the weight limit shall not continue racing until she complies with the class rule. Re-weighing under this situation shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.*

Reason: As a result of the previous deletion of H3 (random spot checks), the class no longer has any way to control or police crews that are sailing over the class limit of 375kg. It is suspected there are crews regaining weight within hours after crash dieting to achieved registration weight. Sailing over weight is against class rules and yet it is being done. The class would have no alternative but to re-instate H3.