

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024
Saturday, 16 November 2024

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 – *the deadline has been postponed by one (1) week this year*. 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 in the resolution of issues on which the World Council have had an opportunity to express its views.

The deadline for the submissions for the 2024 AGM is **September 27th, 2024**. To allow this process to function smoothly, 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 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 a Submission.

Nominating Body <i>Exec Comm, NCA, Tech Comm</i>	Technical Committee
Name and Surname	Mike Gozzard
Position in Nominating Body	Chairman
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Title of the motion, amendment, nomination	B.2.2 Amendment

Topics concerned

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

Proposal <i>You can widen this box if needed</i>	<p><i>Old rule: B.2.2 When required by the Notice of Race, any crew member competing in a Melges 24 event that has been categorized as a Group 3 sailor must be a current full member of the NCA or, where there is no NCA in their country, a member of ICA or an NCA nominated by ICA.</i></p> <p><i>New rule: B.2.2 When required by the Notice of Race and when required by their NCA, any crew member competing in a Melges 24 event that is being paid to sail as a professional must be a current associate member of their home NCA or, where there is no NCA in their country, a member of ICA or an NCA nominated by ICA. Fees charged for that membership are solely at the discretion of the NCA.</i></p>
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Reason

The old version of this rule accidentally captures anyone who is not already categorized as a Group 1 sailor. The original intent was to only capture a professional sailor that is being paid to sail in the event. By creating a class defined professional associate membership category, we can allow NCA's to charge whatever they deem appropriate (including no charge) at their discretion to encourage participation.