

Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011

Equipment Inspection Regulations

28 June 2011

1. General requirements

- 1.1. All boats and equipment entered for the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011 may be inspected in accordance with their Class Rules and any special rules contained in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and these Equipment Inspection Regulations.
- 1.2. An Equipment Inspection Committee (EIC) appointed by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) shall be the final authority for interpreting the Class Rules during the Regatta, and for determining whether equipment complies with the Class Rules.
- 1.3. The EIC may change these Equipment Inspection Regulations. Such changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Athletes are reminded that in accordance with RRS 78.1 they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificate remains valid. (For the purpose of RRS 78.1 athletes are considered to be the boat's owner.)

2. Pre-race equipment inspection

- 2.1. The dates and times of equipment inspection will be published prior to the beginning of the Regatta. The designated time of equipment inspection may be subject to alteration by the EIC. Boats and equipment as indicated below shall be presented at the designated time. Equipment inspection will be scheduled from 31 July to 4 August 2011.
- 2.2. When submitted for equipment inspection, a boat and its equipment shall comply with the Class Rules, the Regatta Sailing Instructions and the Regatta Equipment Inspection Regulations.
- 2.3. All boats shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sails, personal buoyancy and personal equipment. Personal buoyancy shall comply with the specific Class Rules. Where not specified in the Class Rules, personal buoyancy shall provide 50 Newtons of buoyancy or be in compliance with EN 393 or ISO 12402-5, level 50 or an equivalent. Personal buoyancy that relies on inflation devices to achieve buoyancy is not accepted.
- 2.4. 470s, Finns and Stars shall be presented for equipment inspection with their valid certification documents. These shall be retained by the EIC for the duration of the equipment inspection period. If any document is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority.

- 2.5. Boats and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item, which is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Equipment Inspector, may be impounded by the EIC for up to 48 hours prior to the boat or its equipment being re-examined.
- 2.6. Only the team leader or nominated delegate, the boat's crew and one interpreter may be present during the boat's equipment inspection. At least one of these persons shall be present and shall be authorised to remedy any deviations from the rules or to withdraw the boat from the Regatta. Unless authorised by the EIC, only one hull shall be presented for equipment inspection by an entry in each Event.
- 2.7. When equipment is found to contravene the Class Rules, the EIC shall make a report and hand a copy of this report to the boat's representative. The boat may then be resubmitted for inspection at a time arranged through the EIC. If a boat or equipment cannot be corrected to comply with the Class Rules prior to the end of equipment inspection, that boat or equipment shall not be used in the Regatta.
- 2.8. Unless authorised by the EIC, repairs or alterations to boats or equipment shall not be made in the inspection areas.
- 2.9. All equipment shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules. When specified in the relevant Class Rules, all sails shall be certified as required by the Class Rules before being presented for equipment inspection.
- 2.10. All mainsails shall be presented for equipment inspection with national letters in place.
- 2.11. For Events (excluding Women's Match Racing) where national flags on mainsails are not mandatory in the Class Rules, the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) will supply national flag stickers for mainsails. Positioning will be in accordance with Addendum A. Instructions for application will be supplied at the beginning of the Regatta.
- 2.12. All items of equipment subject to Regatta limitation inspection will be marked with the official Regatta stamp or sticker. Some items may receive two control marks, one in a readily visible position when afloat, and a second in a position protected from wear and tear. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the EIC so that the mark may be replaced before the next race.
- 2.13. The EIC will report to the Race Committee all boats that have satisfactorily completed equipment inspection by the end of the scheduled pre-race equipment inspection period.

3. Men and Women's One Person Dinghy – Laser and Laser Radial

- 3.1. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down and shall be accompanied by mast, boom, one set of control lines, rudder, tiller, dagger board and all other equipment required by the Class Rules.

4. Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight) – Finn

- 4.1. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down and shall be accompanied by mast, boom, one set of control lines, rudder, tiller, centreboard and all other equipment required by the Class Rules on board for the purpose of weighing. All inspection hatches and covers shall be open. Personal buoyancy shall be presented.
- 4.2. No more than one centreboard, two masts, two booms, two rudders and two mainsails shall be presented for equipment inspection.

5. Men and Women's Windsurfer – RS:X

- 5.1. The hull, rig and equipment shall be presented as required by the Class Rules for equipment inspection. Personal buoyancy shall be presented.
- 5.2. Class Rules C.6.1, C.9.1 and C.9.3 are modified at the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011 as follows:

C.6.1 LIMITATIONS

- c) From 1 January 2010, only **hulls** with the serial number of NP8RSX08020020 (serial number #020) or later shall be used by A and B divisions and may be used by the C division at Class World or European Championships or the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011. (See C.2.3).

C.9.1 LIMITATIONS

- d) From 1st January 2010, only **sails** with the serial number #200502259 or later shall be used by A and B divisions and may be used by the C division at Class World or European Championships or the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011 (see C.2.3).

C.9.3 MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATIONS

- h) Where a **sail** repair requires the replacement of a sail panel, or where a **sail** repair involves a seam and / or a **batten pocket** over its complete length, the **sail** shall not be eligible for use at Class World or European Championships for Divisions A or B or the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011.
- 5.3. Before the close of registration, competitors shall register each piece of equipment they intend to use on the RS:X Equipment Registration Form.

6. Men's Skiff – 49er

- 6.1. Each boat including wings, dagger board and rudder blade (but excluding spars, sails and other equipment) shall be ISAF Plaque number 1001 or greater.

- 6.2. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down and shall be accompanied by mast, boom, gennaker pole, one set of control lines, rudder stock including tiller, dagger board and all other equipment required by the Class Rules on board for the purpose of weighing. The mast shall be stripped of all standing and running rigging, and fittings not attached by the builder with rivets, screws or other permanent fastenings. The running rigging may be replaced by light feeder lines. Personal buoyancy shall be presented.
- 6.3. The number of sails and spars which may be approved during inspection of the boat shall not exceed one mast, one boom, one bowsprit, one mainsail, one jib and one gennaker.

7. Men and Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470

- 7.1. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down and shall be accompanied by mast, boom, spinnaker pole, one set of sheets, rudder, tiller, centreboard and all other equipment required by the Class Rules on board for the purpose of weighing. All inspection hatches and covers, including the cockpit forward bulkhead covers, shall be open. Personal buoyancy shall be presented.
- 7.2. Each boat shall have been built from a mould approved by ISAF and in accordance with the specification that has been approved by ISAF.

8. Men's Keelboat – Star

- 8.1. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection as follows:
 - a) The boat with the mast down, boom, rigging and all equipment (including removable floorboards) on board for the purpose of weighing. Inspection / access ports shall be open, but with their covers in the boat. Lifting eyes or bolts are compulsory. Personal buoyancy shall be presented;
 - b) Star Class Association Rules 1-20 and Championship Rules 21-30 and 34-40 shall not apply. Championship Rules 31, 32 and 33 shall apply;
 - c) The number of sails and spars which may be approved during equipment inspection of the boat shall not exceed two masts, two booms, two whisker poles, two mainsails and two jibs; and
 - d) Crew weight – in accordance with Notice of Race 9.10, Star class crews shall present themselves for weighing on each racing day. Times for weighing will be posted at the beginning of the Regatta.

9. Women's Match Racing – Elliott 6M

- 9.1. Boats will be supplied by the organising authority for use during the Regatta.
- 9.2. Equipment limitations are specified in the Sailing Instructions.

- 9.3. In accordance with Notice of Race 3.4, the crew (including the skipper) shall total three with a maximum total crew weight of 204kg when wearing at least shorts and shirt. In accordance with Notice of Race 9.10, crews shall present themselves for weighing on each racing day. Times for weighing will be posted at the beginning of the Regatta.

10. Boats and equipment after completion of equipment inspection

- 10.1. After a boat or equipment has passed through equipment inspection, it shall not be removed from the defined boat park, the sailing venue or from the race course areas and the area between the shore and the race courses without the written permission of the EIC.
- 10.2. Alterations: After boats or equipment have completed equipment inspection, no alterations shall be made without the written approval of the EIC.
- 10.3. Repairs: Athletes wishing to make repairs to boats or equipment after it has passed through equipment inspection shall make an application to the EIC. If permission is granted, the EIC will arrange a time for such repairs to be inspected.
- 10.4. Replacement process: Requests for replacements shall be made to the EIC at the first reasonable opportunity. All applications for replacement equipment shall be made on forms available at the Sport Information Desk. In addition, for replacements afloat, athletes shall notify an Equipment Inspector or the Race Committee before racing. An EIC representative will be available at the boat park or via the Equipment Inspection Office no later than 30 minutes after the expiry of the protest time limit for that Event.
- 10.5. Replacement approval: Approval will only be given if the equipment is severely damaged, was not deliberately mistreated, and cannot be repaired satisfactorily in the time available. All replacement equipment shall be certified in accordance with the Class Rules before use. Should the EIC consider that the item could have been used in the race or had been purposely damaged or lost by the athlete or any person associated with his / her team, the EIC may protest and / or file a report with the International Jury.

11. Equipment control during the Regatta

- 11.1. A boat may be checked by the EIC at any time during the Regatta.
- 11.2. After any race, a boat may be informed by an EIC representative that it has been selected for post-race inspection. When hailed, the boat shall return directly to the designated area at the sailing venue.
- 11.3. When a boat has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the EIC. After inspection of the crew clothing and equipment, at least one representative of the crew shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The EIC may require the boat to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

- 11.4. If any aspect of the boat does not comply with the Class Rules, or if the EIC has reason to believe that an item of equipment has been altered, repaired or replaced without prior approval, the EIC will either protest or make a report to the International Jury.

12. Medal Race quarantine procedures

- 12.1. On completion of the opening series, the 10 boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race for each Event will be quarantined and subject to equipment inspection. Boats that may be eligible following the results of protests shall go to the Quarantine Area.

- 12.2. Boats will be held in a Quarantine Area as follows:

a.	RSX Men	RS:X tent
b.	RSX Women	RS:X tent
c.	Laser Standard	Boat park Quarantine Area
d.	Laser Radial	Boat park Quarantine Area
e.	Finn	Boat park Quarantine Area
f.	470 Men	Boat park Quarantine Area
g.	470 Women	Boat park Quarantine Area
h.	49er	Boat park Quarantine Area
i.	Star	Pontoon Quarantine Area

For the duration of the quarantine period described in 12.3, sails and other controlled loose equipment shall either be kept with the boat or stored in the equipment inspection tent.

- 12.3. If, for any Event, there is no racing the day before the Medal Race, assigned boats and their equipment shall be placed in the Quarantine Area no later than 18:00 that day (or two hours after racing has been abandoned for that Event if this is later than 18:00).

If racing is held the day before the Medal Race, the assigned boats shall be parked in the Quarantine Area no later than 30 minutes after the expiry of the protest time limit for that Event, except where assignment is subject to protest.

Where assignment is subject to protest, a boat shall be in the Quarantine Area as soon as practicable after her assignment to the Medal Race is confirmed.

- 12.4. Should a boat or equipment need repairs that necessitate its removal from the Quarantine Area, a request for approval may be made in writing to the EIC. In approving such a request, the EIC may include such restrictions as it sees fit.
- 12.5. On the scheduled day of the Medal Race, boats shall be made ready for inspection not less than three hours before the scheduled start time of their race, unless otherwise instructed. The team leader (or a nominated delegate) and the boat's crew may be present during the equipment inspection. At least one such person shall be present at all times during the inspection. An interpreter, if approved by the Equipment Inspector, may also be present.
- 12.6. The Race Committee will signal the release of the boats from the Quarantine Area.

Addendum A: Positioning of country flag stickers on mainsails



