

Rule change proposals – March 2009

This is a set of two rule change proposals which would be voted on at the January 2010 AGM of the NMCCA.

Proposal 1**Rule change**

Rule 5.8	
Current rule:	The hull cross-sectional profile shall fit within the measuring templates and shall touch the keel line. The templates shall be located at right angles to the deck line at the following positions: Beneath the forward edge of the front chain plate. Beneath the forward edge of the main beam. Beneath the after edge of the rear beam.
Proposed rule:	The hull cross-sectional profile shall fit within the measuring templates. The keel line of the hull shall make contact with the templates, without the use of force. The templates shall be located at right angles to the deck line at the following positions: Beneath the forward edge of the front chain plate. Beneath the forward edge of the main beam. Beneath the after edge of the rear beam.
Explanation:	This change simply makes it clear that it is not acceptable to force the templates to fit.

Proposal 2**Rule change**

Rule 5.13	
Current rule:	The deck curvature shall be within 5 mm of the deck template as drawn on the plan but the gunwale may be radiused to a maximum of 3 mm.
Proposed rule:	The deck curvature shall be within 5 mm of the deck template as drawn on the plan. The gunwale may be shaped up to a maximum distance of 10mm from the sheerline.
Explanation:	This change is intended to take some of the labour out of the construction of hulls with the aim of keeping down costs. The larger radius can also be built stronger than a hard corner and lends itself better to the construction and use of a two-piece mould with a centre join. The wording (removal of the reference to a radius) allows for a flat chamfer or any other shaping desired. It is unlikely that many boats conform with the current requirement for a "radius".

Proposal 3**Rule change**

Rule 2.1	
Current rule:	<p>No boat shall be allowed to race in the Class unless it has a valid Class Measurement Certificate.</p> <p>Application for measurement and registration shall be the responsibility of the owner, who shall apply to the appropriate authority, submitting at the same time the proposed name of the boat and sail number. No two boats in the Class registered in the same State shall have the same name.</p>
Proposed rule:	<p>No boat shall be allowed to race in the Class unless it has a valid Class Measurement Certificate.</p> <p>Application for measurement and registration of a new boat shall be the responsibility of the owner, who shall apply to the appropriate authority, submitting at the same time the proposed name of the boat and sail number.</p> <p>No two boats in the Class registered in the same State shall have the same name.</p>
Explanation:	<p>Section 2 of the rules appear to be concerned with the registration of a new boat so this is being clarified here. Section 3 of the rules covers re-measurement of existing boats. The sail number will now be issued after the boat is measured (see 2.3 below), so the owner cannot submit the sail number at this time.</p>
Rule 2.3	
Current rule:	<p>The measurement form, when complete, shall be returned by the owner to his State Authority, together with any measurement fee required. On receipt of these a measurement certificate shall be issued to the owner. The State Authority shall then enter the boat on its official Class Register. Each time a boat is submitted for measurement a fee shall be charged.</p>
Proposed rule:	<p>The measurement form, when complete, shall be returned by the owner to his State Authority, together with any measurement fee required. On receipt of these a sail number and measurement certificate shall be issued to the owner. The State Authority shall then enter the boat on its official Class Register. Each time a boat is submitted for measurement a fee may be charged.</p>
Explanation:	<p>The sail number is now issued when the completed measurement form is received. There does not seem to be any requirement to issue a sail number earlier than this, in either the BRRs or the Constitution, so with this small change we can alter our procedures and only issue a number after the boat is measured. This will guarantee we have no more new unmeasured boats racing. The final sentence has been modified to match the first sentence where it is implied that the fee is NOT compulsory.</p>