

Rule change proposals - July 2006

This is a set of **nine** rule change proposals to be voted on at the January 2007 AGM of the NMCC.

Changes made since version 1 are highlighted in red.

Proposal 1 Rule change

Rule 7.1	
Current rule:	7.1 The trampoline shall not extend beyond the front and rear beams or over the decks.
Proposed rule:	7.1 The trampoline shall not extend beyond the front and rear beams or past the centreline of the decks.
Explanation:	This change allows the use of a wire or rope strop down the sides of the trampoline instead of a track attached to the hulls. This option may be used by some to simplify the construction and/or maintenance of Mosquito platforms.

Proposal 2 Correction

Rule 4.2	
Current rule:	The sail numbers and class emblem shall be placed on both sides of the mainsail, approximately in the position shown on the sail restriction drawings. [The rule continues but is unchanged from here]
Proposed rule:	The sail numbers and class emblem shall be placed on both sides of the mainsail, in accordance with current ISAF rules and Yachting Australia prescriptions.
Explanation:	The drawings in the Building Rules and Restrictions do not indicate the sail emblem or numbers, and the Yachting Australia RRS already specify the position and size of sail numbers and logo.

Proposal 3 New rule

Appendix 2	
New section:	<p>21 SPINNAKER Either the NMCC or a state authority may choose to run an event in which the use of a spinnaker is permitted, in which case this rule shall apply. This rule also applies to Mosquito class boats sailing with a spinnaker at any other events.</p> <p>21.1 The spinnaker pole shall be attached to the centre of the main beam, and shall be fixed in a fore and aft position. 21.2 No part of the spinnaker pole or its fittings may extend more than 3030mm from the front of the main beam. 21.3 The head of the spinnaker shall not be hoisted more than 6380mm from the top of the main beam. 21.4 The maximum luff length shall be 6950mm. 21.5 The maximum foot length shall be 3500mm.</p>
Explanation:	At the 2004 AGM a motion was passed to have spinnaker rules added to the class rules as an appendix. Here they are.

Proposal 4 **Correction**

Rule 14.1	
Current rule:	The rig shall consist of mainsail and foresail for Mark II or mainsail only for Mark I. The IYRU International sail measurement instructions shall apply where no conflict with these rules arises.
Proposed rule:	The rig shall consist of mainsail and foresail for Mark II or mainsail only for Mark I except when a spinnaker is being used as per appendix 2. The current ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply where no conflict with these rules arises.
Explanation:	The reference to the IYRU is obsolete. The ISAF Equipment Rules of sailing provide definitions and measurement guidelines which complement the Mosquito Rules. The spinnaker is mentioned here to avoid an apparent conflict with Appendix 2.

Proposal 5 **Rule change**

Rule 14.2	
Current rule:	Mainsail and foresail--battens shall be removed from the sails for measurement. Sails shall be measured on a flat surface, just sufficient tension shall be applied to remove waves and wrinkles at the lines of measurement. The curved edge of the leech shall be a fair continuous curve with no hollows having the effect of increasing the sail area.
Proposed rule:	Removable battens shall be removed from the sails for measurement. Sails shall be measured on a flat surface, just sufficient tension shall be applied to remove waves and wrinkles at the lines of measurement. The leech shall have no hollows having the effect of increasing the sail area.
Explanation:	The original wording of the last sentence is tautological, too hard to interpret, and is not clear enough in it's intention. It states that only the curved part of the leech should be a fair continuous curve. The new wording is intended to state clearly what the rule intends, which is that hollows at measurement points cannot be used to increase sail area. This wording also clarifys the situation regarding the short battens used in lieu of a headboard on some mainsails, and the battens in the foresail.

Proposal 6 **Correction**

Rule 14.4.5	
Current rule:	The mainsail shall be measured in accordance with Australian Yachting Federation and New Zealand Yachting Federation 1973_1977 yacht racing rules, Section III, Item 2. Battens shall be removed and all cross measurements are taken to include the bolt rope. All cross measurements are taken to the nearest point on the luff with the exception of measurement `A'. Dimension `A' is found by swinging an arc with a radius of 845 mm from the head of the sail to intersect the leech and the luff. The straight line intersecting these two shall be not greater than 750 mm.
Proposed rule:	All cross measurements are taken to include the bolt rope. All cross measurements are taken to the nearest point on the luff with the exception of dimension `A'. Dimension `A' is found by swinging an arc with a radius of 845 mm from the head of the sail to intersect the leech and the luff. The straight line intersecting these two shall be not greater than 750 mm.
Explanation:	The reference to AYF and NZYF rules is obsolete and the ISAF equipment Rules have already been invoked in rule 14.1 so no mention of them is needed here. The word "measurement" is changed to "dimension" for consistency.

Proposal 7 **Rule deletion**

Rule 14.4.6	
Current rule:	All sails to have fair curves at all measurement points.
Explanation:	This rule is in the "mainsail" section but refers to "all" sails and has almost no impact at all as it only prevents a "corner" at a measurement point. Rule 14.2 already prohibits hollows at measurement points. This rule is redundant.

Proposal 8 **Correction**

Appendix 1	Also affects Rule 2 and the Table of Contents
Current wording:	The appendix describes the procedures for making alterations to the Building Rules and Restrictions and Rule 2 reads "The procedure for changing these Building Rules and Restrictions shall be in accordance with Appendix 1..."
Proposed:	Delete Appendix 1, and alter rule 2 to read "The procedure for changing these Building Rules and Restrictions shall be in accordance with the NMCC constitution..."
Explanation:	Appendix 1 conflicts with the NMCC constitution and has been superceded by the NMCC constitution. All the requirements of Appendix 1 are dealt with in the constitution

Proposal 9**Rule change**

Rule 6.2	
Current rule:	The main and rear beam shall be; a Comalco rectangular hollow section E425 or equivalent 50 mm plus or minus 1 mm by 39 mm plus or minus 1 mm by minimum 3 mm wall. Beam edges may be rounded to a maximum of 2 mm radius.
Proposed rule:	The main and rear beam shall be; a rectangular hollow section 50 mm plus or minus 1 mm by 39 mm plus or minus 1 mm by minimum 3 mm wall. Beam edges may be rounded to a maximum of 2 mm radius.
Explanation:	This rule restricts the dimensions and rounding of the beams without a need for the reference to the Comalco section, which is obsolete.

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