

BALLOT

Proposed Amendment: Interlake Specification Article V, Section 2. Sails

A majority of the ISCA Executive Committee has voted to put a proposed amendment to the above Specification to the membership for a vote.

The current language of the first two sentences in Specification Article V, Section 2 read:

2. **Sails:** Main and jib material to be not lighter than 3.8 oz. per square yard. Each new boat may have not more than two suits of sails and each boat is limited to one additional suit each year thereafter and shall be of the type as shown on the plans. ...

The proposed amendment would substitute a comma for the period at the end of the first sentence, and delete the second sentence up to and including the word “thereafter,” so that the first sentence would read:

2. **Sails:** Main and jib material to be not lighter than 3.8 oz. per square yard, and shall be of the type as shown on the plans.

The proposed amendment would then add a new Section 10 as follows:

10. **Limitations on Acquisition of Sails:** The acquisition of new or used sails by the owner of an Interlake, for use on that boat, shall be limited to one suit per calendar year. The use of a sail(s) in any race in a sanctioned event, a local regatta, or a fleet race, shall constitute acquisition, subject to the exemptions listed below. The date of acquisition of a new sail is the date of shipping out of the loft.

The sailmaker shall mark the sail with the date of shipment on the sail immediately below the royalty label.

The purchaser of a newly manufactured Interlake may acquire two suits of sails in the calendar year in which he acquires that Interlake. Any sails retained by the new owner from the ownership of a previous boat, or acquired with the purchase of the boat, shall count as sails acquired, and shall subtract from the allowance for purchase of new sails, if such sails are to be put to competitive use on that boat. This rule does not apply to any sail which at the time of acquisition is more than five years old.

If an owner acquires a sail, or a suit of sails, which he does not feel competitive, he may retire such sail(s) within fifteen (15) days of the date of first use, and may acquire a replacement sail. The Chief Measurer shall be notified of this action in writing prior to the acquisition of replacement sails. The intent of this paragraph is to allow newly acquired sails which are non-competitive to be retired from competitive sailing without prejudice, and is not to allow the acquisition of additional suits of competitive sails. The owner shall certify in writing in his notification to the Chief Measurer that he has retired the sail(s) only because they are non-competitive in his opinion. This exemption procedure may not be used again within five years of the date of notification of the Chief Measurer.

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Voting can be either by mailed ballot, or in person at the ISCA General Membership Meeting at the 2011 Chiefs Regatta on Saturday, April 30, 7:00 pm at the Leatherlips Yacht Club. The ISCA Constitution requires a two-thirds majority to pass an amendment. If you wish to vote by mail, please send your completed ballot, postmarked by April 15, 2011, to:

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VOTE: _____ **YES** (in favor of proposed amendment) _____ **NO** (keep current language)

NAME: _____ **INTERLAKE BOAT NO.** _____

Overview of Proposed Amendment

The current sail acquisition rule is intended to promote affordable competition within the Interlake Class. Although very frequent competitors may believe that a new sail(s) purchased at the beginning of a season could lose some performance before the end of the season, the Executive Committee feels that the basic limits set out in the original rule remain fair and prudent.

The sail acquisition rule has been the subject of periodic questions as to definitions and special circumstances. The proposed amendment, which borrows heavily from the current Thistle Class sail acquisition rule, is recommended to the Interlake Class in order to clarify the operation of our rule.

Note that a sail is “acquired” merely by its use or intended use, and meeting the definition does not require legal ownership. Thus, using a borrowed sail in any race would constitute the “acquisition” of that sail, and would only be legal if no other sail of that type had been acquired previously in that calendar year. Such a borrowed sail could be used for that entire race series, and borrowed again any time in the future, but would foreclose acquisition of any other sail of its type (e.g., main, jib, spinnaker) for the rest of that calendar year.

Since a sail is only “acquired” when it is used for, or intended to be used for, competition, this proposal would not limit the number of practice sails owned, or prohibit brushing with borrowed sails or sails in development. The rule also does not apply to any sail which at the time of acquisition is more than five years old, which would be a matter subject to challenge by measurement protest like any other measurement issue. As the provision for sailmaker marking of the shipping date of new sails under the royalty label matures, proof of sail age will be easily resolved.

The final sentence accounts for sails acquired but rejected within 15 days.