SUBMISSIONS FOR 2022 RACEBOARD CLASS AGM

The deadline for submissions to be received is <u>12:00 hours UTC on 23 November 2022</u>. A submission should be completed and returned to <u>piotr@internationalwindsurfing.com</u>

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All submissions will be acknowledged within 48 hours. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please contact the Raceboard Class.

[Sail measurement/definition and board controls at international events]

A submission from the FRENCH RACEBOARD CLASS ASSOCIATION

Purpose or Objective

All boards and most sails at Raceboard events are manufactured controlled and therefore the Class, as many others conducts Equipment Inspection prior to events and does not certify equipment through Official Measurers going to factories., is not a measurement-controlled class. The level of equipment inspection is decided by the Technical Committee onsite.

However, if boards are series productions, dag, fin and other parts can be replaced like mast track, foot straps and screws. It is possible to decrease significantly the weight of the board by several kilos from its original definition by the manufacturer.

The sails are series productions like the current loft sails. Other are custom and handmade one by one even a model is used. This is the case, for example of Demon sail and Sail2win. Therefore, nowadays, all manufacturers use CAD to draw a model and to define its exact surface. It becomes very easy to obtain for a given model, some measured characteristics like mast length, boom length, batten lengths in position. Then several significative measurements can be easily verified as references to verify the conformity of a model with some characteristics which define it.

Proposal

To verify better the conformity of the raceboarder equipment for international events, it is proposed to systematically:

- a) To weight the full board equipped to verify the weight conformity defined by the class.
- b) To control the board length and both the authorized dag lengths in position in the board (<85cm).

These board controls are easy to take place at the event registration.

c) To engage sail manufacturers to submit to the class their draw model with surfaces and a part of datasheets with some several reference lengths that could be easily verified by the ruler. In this way, it is proposed to control mast length, boom length, batten lengths in position clearly defined on the model draw produced by the manufacturer. A tolerance could be accepted by the ruler to respect possible error measurements. To be reasonable, this proposal would be applied for all models produced in 2024 and later, only for new models letting the time to sail manufacturers to adapt.

It is proposed to vote all these points independently, point by point.

If this global proposal or a part is not approved, it is proposed a technical commission to work for alternative proposals.