

F18 class rules change

A submission from: Italian, Hungarian and French classes

Purpose or Objective

The goal of this proposal is to propose new equipment stamped "ready to sail" from the factory directly to the customers in respect with the current class rules with no hidden or extra cost using an easy process for the customer : **Buy it, use it !**

Proposal

To take the updated builder/Sailmaker compliance declaration data to fill the owner measurement certificate.

This certification called **Non Endorsed** in IRC class is recognized by World sailing. It is used aside a certification using measurer to control equipment that the class may request for specific events (Worlds, Nationals...) called **Endorsed**.

Current rule

The current sail/platform measurement certification process requires for customers to appoint a measurer to certify new equipment prior to use it.

Rule proposed

To allow builder/Sailmaker declaration data to be used as measurement certificate. The declaration will be kept in the owner measurement folder and presented at event control. IF18CA or NCA may restrict Non Endorsed certification at major events by notice of race.

Benefit of the Endorsed proposal versus IHC program :

Do not increase equipment price due to the cost of certification. The IHC as a large hidden cost that at the end the customer will have to pay (loft audit, loft fees, stickers....)

Do not change any F18 class rules, such the 17 sqm sail/mast limitations, bowsprit length, dagger board weights.....

Ensure to local sail maker to compete on the same basis as larger loft who may gain unfair commercial advantage with IHC. Small sail maker may not have sufficient funding or market to join IHC.

Keep incomes within the F18 community where founding is a vital issue to stay afloat.

Do not add complexity in the class rules, maintain equity between all F18 designs versus IHC process which is only relevant for one Design classes and used by only 20 classes among more than 100 classes registered at World Sailing
