



INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION



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Mr. Puttman,

After considerable review the International Formula 18 Class Association (IF18CA) has decided to suspend your permission to self-certify sails made by your company, Next Gen Sails and perform any other measurements for IF18CA.

This suspension is effective immediately for twelve (12) months from the date of this letter. Following are the conditions on the suspension and how to regain self-certification authority.

Suspension Conditions

- 1) Your access to the IF18CA Certification Database to enter measurement data will be revoked three days after the date of this letter.
- 2) You may not purchase certification mark stickers.
- 3) The money you paid for your recent order for additional certification mark stickers will be refunded.
- 4) Any unused certification mark stickers in your possession must be returned to IF18CA for a refund.
- 5) Your name will be removed from the list of F18 measurers on the IF18CA Website.
- 6) IF18CA will invalidate from [3] days after the date of this letter all certificates in the IF18CA database for the jibs that were not measured correctly. The list of the jib certification marks to be made invalid is Attachment A to this letter.
- 7) If the jibs are recut, they will need to be re-measured by a certification measurer to either have a new certification mark affixed to the sail or contact an IF18CA database administrator to update the measurement data.

Reasons for Suspension

- 1) Your clear violation of our class rules, the ERS, measurer training you received at Travemünde, Germany and the measurement instruction materials displayed on the class web site which are part of the class's regulations on measurement.
- 2) Your violation of class measurement process as confirmed by World Sailing in the Class Rule Interpretation dated 12 August 2025.

- 3) Two times violation of ERS section H.1.2 which states:
"If a certification measurer is in any doubt as to the application of, or compliance with, the class rules the question shall be referred to the certification authority before signing a certification control form or applying a certification mark."

Appeal for Reduced Suspension

- 1) You may appeal to IF18CA Exco for a shorter suspension period after the following conditions are met:
 - a. You provide IF18CA with an acknowledgement that you did not follow the jib class measurement procedures on the website and presented to you during the training you attended in Travemünde, Germany.
 - b. You remove all public notices that contradict the above statement such as on Facebook.
 - c. You agree that in the future you will obtain guidance from IF18CA anytime there is the slightest question regarding measurement procedures in accordance with ERS section H.1.2.
 - d. You sign the new IF18CA Measurers Code of Conduct (which is described later in this letter).

New Self-Certification Application Conditions

- 1) In the event your suspension is not reduced, you may apply in September 2026 for reinstatement as a certification measurer in the self-certification program to be effective one year after the date of this letter.
- 2) Application to consist of an email to IF18CA with a signed copy of the new IF18CA Measurer's Code of Conduct (CoC).
- 3) Under the new CoC, you and other sailmakers will not be permitted to measure sails that you will personally use in competitions.

New Code of Conduct

IF18CA is developing a new Measurers Code of Conduct for all certification measurers, including all boat manufacturers and sailmakers performing self-certification.
A draft of the new CoC will be provided to all boat manufacturers and sailmakers including yourself within a month for their review.

IF18CA values your participation in our class but we need to act to preserve the integrity and fairness of our competitions.

On behalf of IF18CA Executive Committee,



Olivier BOVYN,
International Formula 18 Class President