

## **APPENDIX G**

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*ADVISORY—This Appendix is intended only as a guide to some applicable Class Rules. The rules contain the specific requirements.*

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF FLEET OFFICERS:**

#### **A SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE KEY RULES FLEETS MUST OVERSEE**

##### **1. FLEET OFFICERS**

Every fleet must elect at least a Fleet Captain, Fleet Secretary, Fleet Treasurer and Fleet Measurer. plus other officers, e.g., Social, Scoring, Promotion, as they wish. Officers can wear more than one hat, e.g. one person could be Secretary/Treasurer, Social/Scoring, as desired.

The names and addresses of these officers must be submitted to the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Executive Secretary whenever elected or re-elected.

##### **2. RULES**

All Etchells Class rules apply equally to owner/skippers and co-owners/co-skippers. Every Fleet should enact By-laws to control its affairs.

##### **3. ANNUAL REGISTRATION**

Registration forms are mailed to all National Association Presidents and US Fleet Captains annually. The Fleet Captains and NA Presidents can forward to the Fleet Officers in charge of registration/dues collection.

Registration and dues are to be sent annually to the IECA Executive Secretary by April 15th or earlier. Fleets in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Italy and New Zealand submit forms and dues via their National Associations.

Fleets submitting their registrations later than April 15th may cause their members to be ineligible for sanctioned events.

Registration forms and dues for late paying or new members may be forwarded to the IECA Executive Secretary as they are received after the April 15th date.

##### **4. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION SERIES**

Each Fleet must schedule a World Championship qualification series prior to the start of its racing season and submit the details to the IECA Executive Secretary. Most fleets designate one of their regular scheduled series, or selected races within other series, as their World Championship qualifiers.

This series must be a minimum of five races and must be scheduled during the fleet's normal racing season in its home waters.

The series' results, including co-owners/co-skippers names, must be received by the IECA Executive Secretary no less than 30 days prior to the start of the World Championship.

##### **5. SAIL MEASUREMENT**

All sails must be legally acquired, measured in and logged on an owner's Sail Measurement Certificate by the Fleet Measurer before a sail can be used in any race, fleet or otherwise, for which scores or standings are recorded, or prizes awarded.

Blank Sail Certificates may be obtained by Fleet Measurers from the IECA Class office.

ALL FLEETS WORLDWIDE MUST STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE IECA SAIL ACQUISITION AND MEASUREMENT RULES.

Only the fleet's National Etchells Association, not a Fleet Officer, has the authority to grant an exemption to sail acquisition rules under Rule 5.5.1 (e).

## **6. HULL AND SPARS CERTIFICATES, AND SAIL CERTIFICATES**

Fleet Officers should remember that Hull and Spars Measurement Certificates and Sail Measurement Certificates are separated only for convenience. Both certificates stay with the boat and are joined.

The hull and sail number registered by a given skipper (or co-skippers) according to the records of the IECA in a given year are the only hull and sail number in which that skipper can qualify for that year's World Championship in his local fleet's qualification series (subject to the exception noted in Appendix A.9.D).

## **7. DISTRICT, REGIONAL AND OTHER REGATTAS**

Fleets must coordinate the dates of any events above a local nature, e.g., USA-Atlantic Coasts or New England Championships, Australia-various State Championships, with their National Etchells Association to avoid conflicts.

The meaning of "sanctioned event" is that all rules of the Class apply, and cannot be changed by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions except with approval of IECA and ISAF. Please don't ask for an event to be sanctioned unless all Class Rules (including Active Member/Skipper and crew weight) apply.

A Fleet conducting a sanctioned event has an obligation to verify the Active Member status of all entering skippers (and co-skippers) and of crew members when required, with its National Etchells Association or IECA.