



IECA Resolution 2024-06
Use of Onboard Electronics

IGC Meeting, 3 December 2024

Resolution

In the 2022 Etchells Class Rules rewrite, in order to be in compliance with the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), hand pumps, spinnaker boxes, and storage bags were defined as **portable equipment**. As such these items were to be excluded from Complete Boat Weight. However, this was against 30 years of practice in the Etchells class and has caused confusion. Furthermore, the Equipment Rules of Sailing have been updated (effective 1 January 2025) and the definition of portable equipment is changing, and these items will no longer be portable. There will likely be a Class Rule change vote to bring the IECA rules in compliance with the ERS. In the meantime, and to be consistent with class practice and clear to competitors, the IGC has resolved to allow a temporary rule change as allowed under RRS 87 through May 31, 2025. This has been approved by World Sailing.

As permitted by RRS87, the notice of race for an event may change Etchells Class Rule C.6.1 as follows:

C.6.1 COMPLETE BOAT WEIGHT

	Minimum	Maximum
The Complete Boat Weight.....	1508 kg	1565 kg

The Complete Boat Weight is the weight of the **boat** in dry condition and ready to sail, excluding **sails** and all **personal** and **portable equipment** as listed in C.3 and C.5, but including one set of **sheets** and the items in and the items in C.5.1 (a) (1) and C.5.1 (b) (4), (15), and (16) that are permanently installed.