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International Etchells Class Association

Sent by email to: Jim Cunningham jic05@sbcglobal.net

Dear Jim,

Re: Etchells moulds #8, #9 and #10

Regarding your email dated 16th October, and your following questions;

'The Class would like World Sailing to validate the legality of Moulds #8, #9, and #10. These moulds were built by licensed builders using the class plug #2.

Over time, these moulds were then moved on to the current builders Ontario Yachts (#8), Pacesetter (#9) and Heritage (#10). Mould #9 was subsequently destroyed, but #8 and #10 are still used in production.

There is a suggestion that the moulds are not legal because they were made by licensed builders of the Etchells hulls not by a builder specifically licensed by World Sailing to build moulds.

The question is were the licensed builders permitted to build the moulds using the class plug with the permission of World Sailing, or the IECA acting for World Sailing.'

The licensing agreements with the manufacturers requires all boats to be built from registered moulds and plugs supplied to the Builder by a supplier authorised by World Sailing.

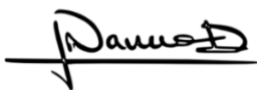
World Sailing considers the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) an authorised supplier for this purpose. The 1974 Class Agreement recognises that both IECA and World Sailing have the right to reproduce any material from the plans and specifications relating to the Etchells boat and the right to grant, amend or terminate building licenses, which must be exercised jointly by World Sailing and the IECA.

Where the IECA provided the plug to the licensed builders to make a mould, then the IECA and by extension World Sailing is authorizing that builder to build the mould. This was the case for moulds #8, #9 and #10.

Where required by the licensing agreements, the moulds were then certified by the IECA and World Sailing by the process of measuring a prototype, documenting photographs and laminate schedule details. In those cases where the moulds were transferred to new builders, the World Sailing records show approval of prototype boats as laid out in the licensing agreements.

Please let me know if this answers your questions,

Yours sincerely



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