

8. Class Rules – proposal #1

Proposal to postpone the implementation of the allowance of 2 different plies / materials in jibs and mainsails - decisions taken by the 2023 Annual Meeting for implementation by 1 January 2025 (proposals #8 and #9) - by at least one year.

The reason for this proposal to postpone is as follows:

- The class is considering the adoption of aramid cloth in F18 mainsails and jibs
- While we have some encouraging information that the class may benefit from the introduction of aramid cloth, we currently have insufficient data related to longevity (including UV degradation), to put forward a proposal to World Council to this effect
- Instead, we prefer to extend and broaden the current test programme by at least one year – to be discussed at the Annual Meeting
- We want to avoid sequential changes to the class rules (aramid cloth / 2 different plies) within a short time frame because this would lead to unnecessary investments and expenses for sailors.

Hence, we will propose to postpone the allowance of 2 different plies in jibs and mainsails to create the possibility that such rule change coincides with an introduction of aramid cloth.