

Dear Competitors,

In line with current World Sailing practice Equipment Inspection at the 2016 World Championships at Medemblik will be done on a post race basis.

Equipment Inspection at Championships is not a Fundamental Measurement where your boat is fully checked to ensure it complies with class rules but a general check of already measured selected items to ensure you are class rule compliant.

I draw your attention to RRS 78.1, which states:

78.1 A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her class rule's and her measurement or rating certificate, if any, remains valid.

This means that it will always be the owner's responsibility, or person in charge, to keep the boat compliant.

There will be no individual inspection of any boats prior to heat 1. Each boat owner will be supplied with tamper proof stickers to place on selected items of their boat which will be advised at registration (items to be stickered may comprise hull, mast, sail, dagger boards & rudders) and this placement and signing of declaration form will be the owner confirming that all items are fully measured, meet class rules and are supported by a current fully completed measurement certificate. The equipment inspection regulations when posted will further highlight how this is to work.

In post race inspection the Jury will decide each day on a number of boats that will be selected after the days racing which will then be inspected by the inspection team. Should any discrepancies with the rules be found the boat is reported to the race committee who may then lodge a measurement protest with the Jury.

It is imperative before you arrive at Medemblik that your boat and equipment are fully measured and you hold current measurement certificates for all items. There will not be the personnel or time at Medemblik to undertake Fundamental Measurement of any unmeasured items and it is your responsibility to ensure this is done before arrival.

I cannot overemphasise this point enough.

The Equipment Inspection team will be on site from Friday 17th June to assist with any questions or concerns. Official class scales will be available at this time for any competitor that may wish to check the weight of their boat.

Remember, it is your responsibility to ensure you are compliant not the Measurer or Equipment Inspector.

With three months to the Worlds you all now have ample time to ensure everything is in order. Please contact your National Measurer if unsure of any points or myself at gharbour@bigpond.com

To assist please find attached a general fact sheet of errors I have found on boats at the past three worlds.

Regards

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