

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All boats and equipment entered for the 29er 2023 World Championships may be inspected in accordance with the relevant rules including 29er Class Rules, Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SI) and Equipment Inspection Regulations (EIR), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.

- 1.1. Any changes to these EIR will be posted after approval on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. Athletes are reminded that, in accordance with RRS 78.1, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and, where required by class rules, that the measurement certificate remains valid.
- 1.3. Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Event Equipment Rules. When instructed by a Technical Committee Representative, a boat shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection.
- 1.4. A boat representative shall be present at all times during equipment inspection. A boat representative is defined as a member of the boat's crew, a team leader or nominated delegate. Only the boat's crew, one other boat representative and, if approved, an interpreter may be present during the boat's equipment inspection. At least one of these persons shall be authorised to remedy any deviations from the rules or to withdraw the boat from the Regatta.
- 1.5. After a boat or equipment has passed through equipment inspection, it shall remain in the Sailing Venue or the Competition Areas, except with the written permission of the Technical Committee.

2. PRE-RACE EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 2.1. Pre-race equipment inspection for an Event will take place in accordance with the competition schedule in the Notice of Race. It shall be completed by 12:00 on the day before the first race for that Event, unless extended by the TC.
- 2.2. The dates and times of equipment inspection will be published in accordance with the Notice of Race. Any schedule updates authorised by the TC will be published on the [29er Worlds](#) website, measurement section along with all required forms. Boats and equipment shall be presented as outlined below at the designated time in accordance with the boat-specific information sections of the EIR. Equipment measurement stickers will be available to collect from the Race Office on presentation of completed inspection form and must be applied before going to the Equipment Inspection Area.

When submitted for equipment inspection, a boat and its equipment shall comply with the Event Equipment Rules.

- 2.3. All boats shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and personal safety equipment. Personal flotation device(s) shall comply with the specific Class Rules.
- 2.4. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down and shall be accompanied by, but not exceed, one mast (bottom, middle and top), one boom, one mainsail, one jib and one spinnaker, rudder, gennaker pole, daggerboards and all other equipment required by the Class Rules on board for the purpose of weighing. All inspection hatches shall be open.
- 2.5. Any item that is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Technical Committee may be impounded up to 48 hours prior to the boat or its equipment being reexamined before the end of pre-race Equipment Inspection for that Event
- 2.6. When the boat or equipment does not comply with the Event Equipment Rules, the EI shall make a report and give a copy of this report to the boat's representative. The boat or equipment may then be resubmitted for inspection. If a boat or equipment cannot be corrected to comply with the Event Equipment Rules, that boat or equipment shall not be used in the Regatta.
- 2.7. Unless authorised by the Technical Committee through an application as set out in section 3 of the EIR, repairs or alterations to boats or equipment shall not be made in the equipment inspection areas.
- 2.8. Any item that has been repaired or replaced in accordance with section 3 of the Equipment Inspection Regulations shall have the appropriate event advertising and national flags applied.
- 2.9. All items of equipment subject to Regatta limitation inspection will be marked with the official Regatta stamp or Event Limitation Mark. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the Technical Committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race at the first reasonable opportunity.

3. REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Applications for alterations, repairs or replacement shall be made on the forms available from the Race Office and shall be submitted when completed to the Technical Committee.
- 3.2. **Alterations:** After boats or equipment have completed equipment inspection, no alterations shall be made without the written approval of the Technical Committee. If approved, the TC will arrange a time for such alterations to be inspected.

- 3.3. **Repairs:** competitor wishing to make repairs to boats or equipment after they have passed through equipment inspection shall make an application to the TC. If approved, the Technical Committee will arrange a time for such repairs to be inspected.
- 3.4. **Replacement process:** requests for replacements with equipment that has not been inspected for use by that athlete at the Event shall be made to a Technical Committee representative at the first reasonable opportunity. All replacement equipment shall be inspected in accordance with the Event Equipment Rules. In addition, for replacements afloat, athletes shall notify an Equipment Inspector or the Race Committee before racing. The replaced item will be subject to inspection after the race for the Technical Committee to confirm that the item had not been useable.
- 3.5. **Replacement approval:** approval will only be given if the equipment is severely damaged, was not deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost by the athlete or any associated person and cannot be repaired satisfactorily in the time available. All replacement equipment shall have been certified in accordance with the Class Rules before use.

4. EQUIPMENT CONTROL DURING THE REGATTA (POST-RACE)

- 4.1. After any race, a boat may be informed by a Technical Committee representative that it has been selected for post-race inspection. When hailed, the boat shall return directly to the Equipment Inspection area.
- 4.2. When a boat has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat without permission from a Technical Committee representative. (An interpreter may be present if approved by the Equipment Inspector). No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat without permission from the Equipment Inspector. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of a Technical Committee representative.
- 4.3. Boats and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item that is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Equipment Inspector may be impounded by the EI.
- 4.5. After inspection of the crew clothing, boat and equipment, at least one boat representative shall remain present and, if approved, an interpreter. The Technical Committee may require the boat to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked. If the boat or equipment does not comply with the Class Rules, SI or ER, the Technical Committee will protest to him or them.