



Cape 31 – Statement on Categorisation

The International Class Association has become aware of recent activity from the World Sailing Categorisation Commission which is responsible for administering World Sailing Regulation 22 "World Sailing Sailor Categorization"

This has included the recategorisation of several sailors which held Category 1 status to Category 3 status where the Commission believes an incorrect category was assigned. This has had a knock-on effect for the Cape 31 Class in the last days as we head into UK Round 2.

The International Class is aware this may affect Cape 31 crews, and the ability of boats to comply with the limit of 3 Category 3s on board as per the Class Rules. Given the proximity to this weekend's event, the International Class intends to publish a notice on the Official Notice Board in accordance with RRS 87 to change the Class Rules for UK Round 2 to extend the crew deadline to Friday 10 May 09:00 BST to allow boats that declared crew which previously held category 1 status but have since been recategorised by World Sailing to declare alternative crew. Only changes relating to altered Categorisations will be accepted in this additional time period. Crew which require a category 1 status but do not hold a categorisation should follow the instructions on the World Sailing website: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>

The Class would like to stress that the International Class (including the International Class Measurer, 31 North Yachting and Mills Design) has not been involved in World Sailing's decision to review existing categorisations which is its sole purview under the World Sailing Regulations. In addition, the International Class has not supplied any specifics to World Sailing beyond giving the link to the publicly available Crew List page on the CMS following a reasonable request from World Sailing as the international governing body for the sport.

It will remain the International Class's policy to respond responsibly to World Sailing requests without itself initiating any actions against individual sailors relating to Sailor Categorisation.

For and on behalf of the International Cape 31 Class

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