



Notice to Cape 31 Class Members  
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Dear Cape 31 Class Members,

Behind the scenes the class has been working hard on improving measurement and the Class Rules as part of the Class' ethos to create a fun race circuit and a level playing field.

As a major step forward the Class Executive Committee has approved a variety of proposals from the class measurer (as per constitution 10.A.2) mainly to move the rules into the World Sailing Standard Class Rules format.

These have been posted on the class website ([link](#)) and aim to add further clarity to the status quo and otherwise improve transparency of what is and is not permitted.

In addition to new format the following changes have been implemented:

- Ability for the ExComm to issue dispensation to a boat from the class rules (to be used in scenarios where a boat cannot practically comply).
- Ability for paid up members of the Class to submit questions regarding the Class Rules and how these will be answered (formalising the Q&A system on the measurement part of CMS)
- Confirmation of the assignment of bow numbers.
- Ability for the ExComm to delegate their functions to an event Technical Committee for class events (concerning things like approving haul out etc).
- To confirm the elements of the offshore special regulations which a Cape 31 must meet.
- Requirement for an event to make the scales to be used for random crew weighing available for crew to check weigh the day before the first random crew weighing.
- New requirement for an owner or their representative to use CMS to seek permission to conduct a re-paint of their boat or conduct major repairs (where the mechanism to request this is currently unclear).
- New requirement for the heavy weather jib to have a minimum weight.



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- New rule to allow the Technical Committee at an event to grant a boat permission to take a declared sail on board in place of a damaged sail (where currently a damaged sail at the start of a race day can't be replaced until the next race day)

- Re-write of the support boat restrictions to allow an event to permit specific event sponsored boats to offer coaching between races, limit when a boat can be towed, and to apply the limitations on receiving help from a support boat to leaving the berth in the morning to end of last race each day.

There are additional improvements coming which will take effect from January 2025 which will be announced nearer the time.

Over the next week, the measurement Q&A section will be updated to reflect the new rules (rule references not the answers).

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