

## International iQFOiL Class Association Information for competitors

### SUMMARY OF KEY DECISIONS FOR 2024

#### EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS ON 530 MAST

From January 1st 2024, only **Severne Apex iQFOiL 530 masts V2** will be authorised for Main Events (Continental Championships and World Championships) and 2024 qualifying events for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Therefore, Severne Apex iQFOiL 530 masts with serial number up to 2134 9999 and 9000 0000 onwards (**Severne Apex iQFOiL 530 mast V1**) will no longer be authorised for use in main events (Continental Championships and World Championships) and in the 2024 qualifying events for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Severne Apex iQFOiL masts V1 are authorised on all other events in 2024.

#### IMPACT VEST

In accordance with the Class Rules updated on May 2023, From January 1st 2024, the impact vest shall comply with the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent, and shall be used at all times.

Updated Class Rules [HERE](#)

#### HARNESS

From January 1st 2024, sailors may wear a harness which shall have positive buoyancy in **fresh water** and with a maximum permitted weight of **4kg**.

In accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 Article 50.1(a), competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight.

Rule 50 is for the judges to decide whether a competitor modifies his harness for the sole reason of adding weight. If the Protest Committee decides that there is no other reason, the competitor will be penalised, even if his harness does not reach the authorised weight limit (4kg).

Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 [HERE](#)

See also World Sailing Racing Rules Q&A below

## World Sailing Racing Rules Question and Answer Service

### **Q&A 2022.010**

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#### **Wearing modified harness**

##### Situation

Class rules permit the use of a harness, with a maximum weight of 4kgs.

A competitor uses a harness which weighed 2.5kg when purchased and 3,9 kg after being modified.

##### Question

Will it qualify as wearing equipment for the purpose of increasing competitor's weight?

##### Answer

It depends.

If the primary purpose for modifying the harness is to increase its weight by adding heavyweight elements or components, wearing such equipment will be considered as purposeful increasing of competitor's weight and therefore it will break rule 50.1(a), even if the harness is within the maximum weight allowed by the class rules.

The same principle applies to wearing an unnecessarily heavy unmodified equipment.

## TOTAL WEIGHT

In accordance with the Class Rules updated on May 2023, and as permitted by RRS 50.1(b), the total weight of a competitors clothing and equipment, including footwear and clothing worn below the knee, shall not weight more than 10 kg. The harness and drinking container (empty) are considered as competitors clothing and equipment and therefore included.

Updated Class Rules [HERE](#)

## iQFOiL APPROVED BRANDS

PATRIK iQFOiL equipment is approved by World Sailing and the iQFOiL Class and is therefore eligible for racing on any international iQFOiL Event.

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