

Tuesday the 21st of May 2024

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOLLOWING WORLD SAILING'S MID-YEAR MEETING

The recent changes in the Class Rules, as voted at the 2024 Extraordinary General Assembly of the iQFOiL Senior Class and the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class, were presented to World Sailing during its Mid-Year Meeting held online from May 13-16, 2024.

- **iQFOiL Youth & Junior changes of Class Rules**

For the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class, World Sailing has confirmed that it will endorse the Class's proposed changes. Effective January 1, 2025, U19 women will race with the 7.3 sail, and U17 competitors will use the iQ carbon vertical instead of the Allu.

- **iQFOiL Senior changes of Class Rules**

Regarding the iQFOiL Senior Class the proposed changes include reducing sail sizes for men from 9 meters to 8 meters and for women from 8 meters to 7.3 meters. To address this, World Sailing has appointed a Working Party tasked with providing a recommendation to the Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee will then make a final decision based on this recommendation:

Item 8(c)



Equipment Committee Agenda Item 7.a: iQFOiL sail sizes for LA 2028.

To appoint a Working Party and To permit the Equipment Committee to approve the changes after receiving a recommendation from the Working Party.

Total Possible Votes	37
Abstentions	1
Valid Votes Cast	30

ACCEPT	30	100.00%
REJECT	0	0.00%

- Access to the "yellow paper" summarising the recommendations made by the Equipment Committee on the 2024 Mid-Year Submissions, [HERE](#)

The members of the Working Party will be appointed next week and will immediately begin examining all the documents provided by the Class.

The iQFOiL Class will collaborate closely with the Working Party throughout this process.

- **Parallel Testing of 7.3 Sails**

Since the vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), a series of tests on 7.3 sails has been underway. These tests have been conducted in Cadiz, during the French Olympic Week in Hyeres and in Marseille. Six sails, each with slightly different characteristics, were tested and made available to all nations present in Hyeres. Based on the very positive initial feedback, new and refined prototypes have been developed and will be included in the testing protocol starting next week.

The timeline allows the Class to work with teams to test these options until the end of June, if necessary, to validate the final design. Production could begin as early as July/August, with deliveries potentially starting in September/October 2024.

Testing Involvement So Far:

Americas

- USA: Dominique Stater, active women's sailor qualified to the Olympic Games
- BRA: Giovana Prada, active women's sailor
- ARG: Martin Berardo, coach
- PER: Nico Schrier, coach

Europe

- CZE: Krystina Pinosova, Youth World Champion '23 and active senior women's sailor
- ESP: Pilar Lamadrid, active women's sailor qualified to the Olympic Games
- ESP: Fernando Lamadrid
- ESP: Arancha Sahuquillo, active women's sailor
- ESP: Carmen Pica Fernandez, active youth women's sailor
- FRA: Lola Sorin, active women's sailor
- FRA: Marion Couturier, active women's sailor
- FRA: Ambar Papazian, active women's sailor
- FRA: Nico Huguet, coach
- ISR: Tamar Steinberg, active women's sailor, winner of Hyeres '24, and several U19 and U17 world titles in iQFOiL
- NED: Sara Wenekes, active women's sailor qualified for the Olympic Games
- NED: Maciej Kluszczynski, coach



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- POL: Karolina Kluszczyńska, former iQFOiL and RS:X women's sailor (not fitting the weight)
- POL: Martina Duzowska, active youth women's sailor
- POL: Pawel Tarnowski, active men's sailor qualified to the Olympic Games
- POL: Przemyslaw Miarczyński, coach

Oceania

- AUS: Samantha Costin, active women's sailor
- NZL: Veerle Ten Have, active women's sailor qualified to the Olympic Games