

RB 2018 AGM – APPENDIX

4) FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2017 Accounts

IWA Statutory Accounts (to Companies House in London) and Management Accounts (income and Expenditure by class) will be published by end of July.

RB Class performed well with 3 main championships – Masters Worlds (Poland), Europeans (Hungary) and Worlds (Spain).

[Class membership \(NCA's\)](#) maintained at same level for past 3 years ie 2015>2017; after slow start in 2018 it is now getting close to normal. However, membership is not increasing.

5) CLASS RULES

i) Class Rule C.8.1.b) - Size

The intention of the existing rule, with the inclusion of a 3.2% measurement tolerance, was to limit sails to a maximum of 9.8m² and 8.8m² respectively.

The wording of the existing rule had the approval of ISAF (now World Sailing - WS) Technical Department; but it was decided by the new staff at WS that the proposed new wording ensured the intent of the rule was not open to "misinterpretation".

ii) Junior Division – maximum sail size

It should be noted that there is a proposal to restructure the Age Divisions (a Championship Rule submission), including a reduction in youth age to under 19 and the introduction of a new Junior division of under 23.

FRA RB are proposing these limits as they believe many young sailors come into Raceboard because they do not want to compete in the "high-level" RSX class; or move into other open development classes with big sail limits and high equipment costs.

If the sailors are bigger and heavier they could race with 9.500 m² /8.500 m² in their respective gender divisions of men/women in a Raceboard Open Championships.

iii) Youth & Junior – maximum sail size for female competitors

FRA RB believe what is missing in these divisions is a sail size differential between male and female competitors, as there is with older Men and Women divisions.

If one of the above maximum sail size proposals is NOT approved the sail size limit for Junior men will be 9.500 m² and for Junior women 8.500 m².

iv) Volume limit for future Production Boards

There is currently no limit; but current range of boards are already capable of being raced in minimum wind conditions suitable for a wide range of sailor size and ability. Transporting bigger boards would be detrimental to the future growth of the class.

The majority of current boards fall between 270>300 litres with only one board, the new Starboard phantom 377L, measuring 331 litres.

v) 3 sails for Veteran sailors

RB ESP Association propose 3 sail limitation for veteran + aged sailors to encourage participation and to widen the wind range in which these sailors can race comfortably and safely. If the new age division structure is adopted the veteran age will start at 60; if not approved the age will start at 65.

A similar proposal was rejected at the 2012 AGM

6) CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

i) Age Division restructure

U19 Youth
U23 Junior
23-40 Senior
40-50 Master
50-60 Grand Master
60+ Veteran

The proposal assumes a re-alignment of age divisions for men and women, as the current differential rule appears illogical and discriminatory.

The introduction of a new Junior division is seen as fundamental to the future of the class and a way to retain young racers. It could enable a world title to again be awarded to a “younger” division of sailors; it has been many years since the class was able to organise a youth world championship. The junior may also attract competitors from the very large “student” population that exists worldwide.

It is proposed that from this restructuring the 4 world titles that could be available to the class through World Sailing Regulations be:

U23 Junior – youth as prize sub-division
Open Men – with age “prize” sub-divisions
Open Women – with age “prize” sub-divisions
Master – with GM and Vet prize sub-divisions

ii) Marathon Rules

Since marathon was introduced into the Championship rules it has proven to be a success when implemented. This proposal will further incentivise both competitors and organisers.

According to the Windsurfing Competition Rules a “*marathon is a race scheduled to last more than one hour*”. The assumption is that the target time (for first finisher) is 60 minutes.

Since a course race has a target time of 25>30 minutes, it makes sense for a marathon to be equal to 2 course races.

7) OTHER SUBMISSIONS

[i\) R300 – a revision](#)

[ii\) R350 – a new vision](#)

Both of the above documents include submissions to be voted upon.