

IJCA Policy on Measurement Compliance

1. Policy.

International J/24 Class Rule 2.5.6 states:

“It is the responsibility of an owner to ensure that the yacht complies at all times with the current Class Rules, and that a copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are kept aboard the yacht.”

- 1.1 In the case of the identification of irregularities that are clearly intentional attempts to circumvent the rules and to give the boat an unfair advantage, the Executive Committee of the IJCA may decide to take action within the terms of Rule 6 of the IJCA Constitution.
- 1.2 Any such action will be initiated only where the violations can be positively traced to an individual, and clearly proven through a procedure agreed upon between the IJCA and the NJCA of the country where the boat is registered.
- 1.3 If the individual found to be responsible for the violations is not the current owner of the boat , this does not relieve the current owner of the boat from the responsibility for keeping the boat in compliance.

2. Advisory

1. For clarity an “owner” is the current owner of the J/24. When an individual, or group of individuals, is planning to become an “owner” of a J/24 it would be in their best interests to have the boat measured and scanned for illegally located lead and other weight issues, prior to completing the purchase.
2. It may be advisable for new or prospective owners to make the purchase conditional upon the boat passing a full measurement and scan.
3. The IJCA accepts that illegally positioned weights may have been installed in boats in the past. To assist owners in identifying whether their boat is in violation of the Class Rule that prohibits this practice, the Class has implemented a program to scan boats that are racing during the 2011 season, so owners may correct any discovered violations.

4. Owners are strongly encouraged to contact their local measurer to arrange to have their boats scanned. Scanning for illegally positioned weights will be part of the standard measurement process from now on.
5. Sometimes a boat will pass measurement with no room to spare. When this is the case, the boat will be given a Measurement Certificate, **but this is not a guarantee that it will pass measurement next time.**
6. Measurers do try to keep their equipment within very tight tolerances, but minor variations are possible from one set of templates to the next. The same applies to the reading of a tape measure, or to the confluence of two lines in space.
7. It should also be remembered that in order to be a J/24 a boat must comply with all of the class rules, not just those referenced on the Measurement Forms.
8. If owners keep their boats well within allowed tolerances, surprises will be kept to a minimum and event measurement will run much more smoothly for everyone!

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