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To: International A-Division Catamaran Association / World Council

Proposal for Amendment to the International A-Class Rules

(Section E & C)

1. Rationale

The current wording regarding the class rules for daggerboards (E.4) and rudders (E.5) creates unnecessary complexity in measurement and production. This proposal aims to simplify the rules by aligning measurement strictly with the actual racing position, without seeking any performance advantage over existing designs.

Key Objectives:

1. Simplification for Sailors, Builders, and Measurers:

Measuring foils exclusively in their active racing position removes ambiguous edge cases, cutting of tips and simplifies production and measurement for everyone. Removing non-functional constraints allows for more durable, cost-effective foils without altering performance on the water.

2. Closing Existing Rule Loopholes:

Clarifying the rule wording eliminates ambiguities in the current text and prevents unintended or unwanted design exploits and ensuring a fair and clear framework.

3. Relevance & Discipline Focus:

This amendment specifically addresses the Open Discipline. The Open discipline rules currently lack explicit clarity on racing-position locking, whereas the Classic Discipline remains unaffected as conventional board-raising on downwind legs stays as is.

2. Proposed Rule Changes:

Except as permitted in C.2.1.2(c).

E.4 DAGGERBOARDS

(a) **Daggerboards** shall be inserted from the top of deck or be capable of being fully retractable into the hull.

Daggerboards shall be in a fully down position whilst racing, except for Classic rule C2.1.1 (c), and shall not exceed boat beam of 2.300m or minimum distance to boat centreplane of .750m.

(b) Daggerboards may be momentarily raised to clear them from in-water items, and shall be immediately placed back into the fully-down position.

E.5 RUDDERS

(a) **Rudders** shall be in a fully down position whilst *racing* and shall not exceed boat beam of 2.300m or minimum distance to boat centreplane of .750m.

The overall length of the rudder and hydrofoil assembly measured in a full range of rake positions shall extend no further than .300m measured at right angles to a vertical extension line of the aftermost point of the hull.

(b) Rudders may be momentarily raised to clear them from in-water items, and shall be immediately placed back into the fully-down position.

(c) The **rudder** assembly is not to form an extension of the **hull length** by any form of fairings.

C.2.1.2 (c) **Daggerboards** have to have a straight leading & trailing edge or the radius of the leading edge is to be a constant curve of not less than 1.190m.
Daggerboards can be raised or lowered whilst racing.

We respectfully request the World Council to approve this proposed rule amendment (latest in 2027).

Please note that, upon approval by the World Council, a formal member ballot will be initiated to officially ratify the change to the Class Rules.

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