

# World Sailing International A Class Catamaran-Measurers' Guidelines

All A Division Catamarans shall have a valid measurement form for sail, mast & hull which are available on the IACA website. These forms are largely self-explanatory and a comments box is on each form for noting any changes from standard type measurements. It is imperative that the latest version of the measurement forms are used (Latest versions are dated 19/12/2022). The Class Rules are now written in the approved World Sailing format and based around the standard template used for all international classes, broken into various sections A, B & C which are closed class rules and sections D, E, F and G which are open class rules. We have also now adopted the use of the ERS (Equipment Rules of Sailing), which is a valuable source of measurement information and interpretations. An updated rewrite of Class Rules now including the Classic Discipline took effect from 1/4/2021 and should be read in conjunction with this guide and the ERS.

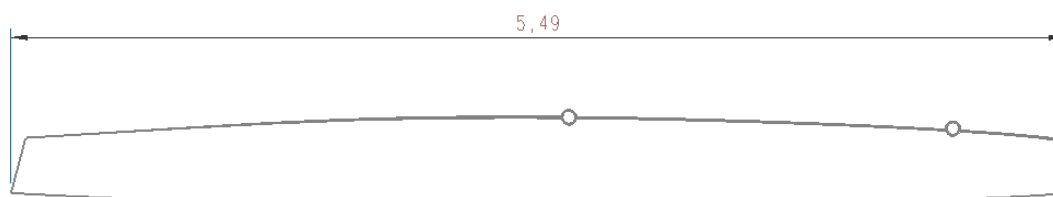
## ***Hull Measurement***

This form comprises all the measurements related to the hull and its appendages: length, width, maximum appendage width, minimum appendage width from boat centerline, maximum depth of classic daggerboards and maximum distance of rudder assembly from hull stern. Separate hull measurement forms are available for foiling and classic boats.

All boats both amateur and professionally constructed after 1/1/2010 must have an ISAF/ World Sailing plaque affixed to one of the transoms before measurement certificate can be issued.

## ***Length***

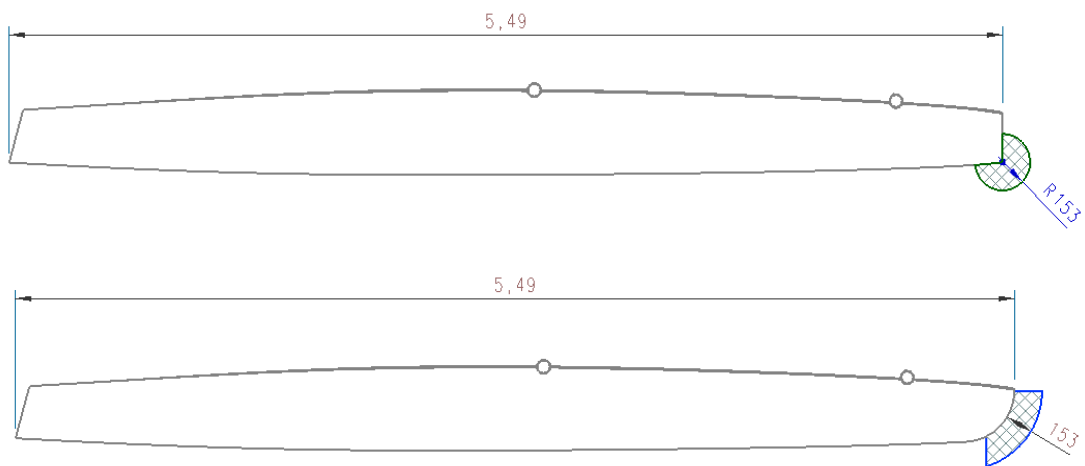
The overall length of the craft is 5.490m, which is the hull length. It does not include rudder hangings/gudgeons and is basically the distance between perpendiculars to the extremities of the hull in normal trim (boat approximately parallel with waterline) and any other fittings attached to boat. Other fittings may include foot loops, inspection ports and external transom reinforcement.



Rule D.4.1(b) states: “The boat length shall be not more than 5.490m. If the transverse width of a rudder assembly, excluding rudder hangings, in a fully down position within 153mm of the closest lowest vertical hull point is more than 76mm, the overall boat length shall be taken to the aftermost point of the rudder assembly”

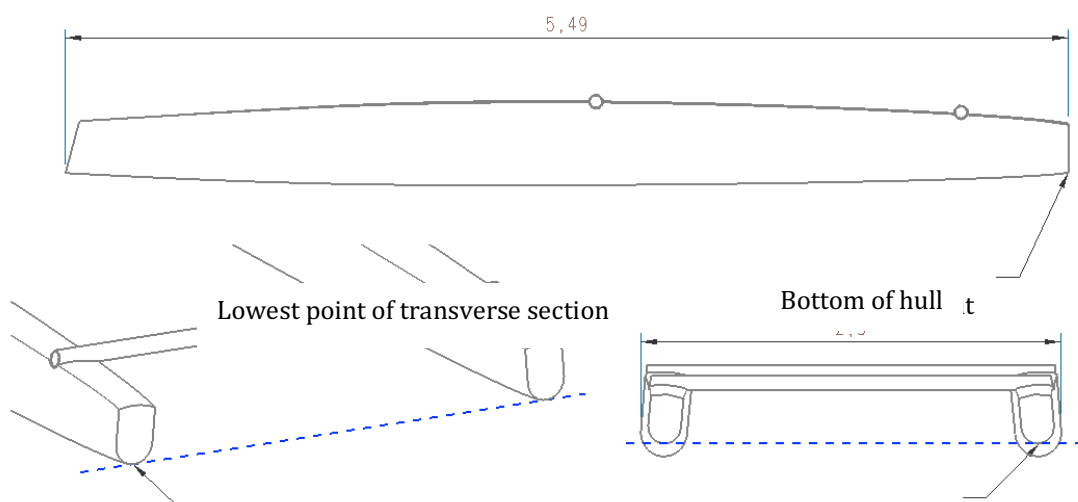
With “standard” type hulls at present with flat sterns this point would be at the lowest point of the intersection of stern and hull bottom.

In simple terms the rudder box with rudder blade fully down can be no wider than 76mm within 153mm of the lowest bottom of hull point. Rudder gudgeons attached to the hull are not included in this measurement.

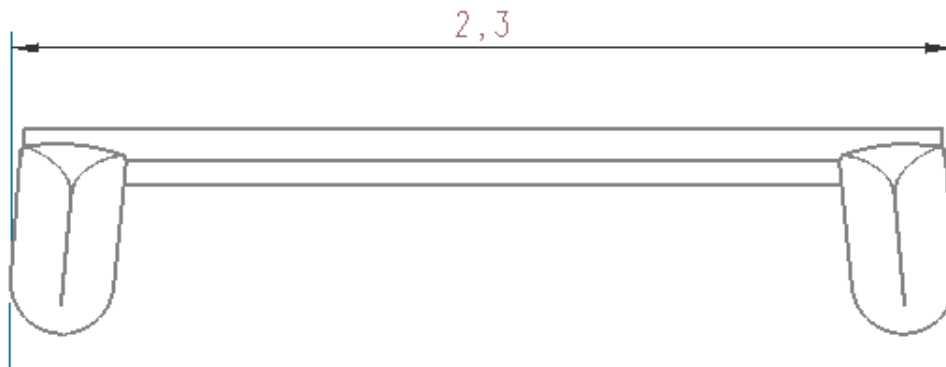


### **Width**

The overall width of the craft is 2.300m and this measurement is taken at the



widest point of the hull. This may be at some point down the sides of the hulls, especially if hulls are angled or at the very top if hull rails or ledges are attached for trapezing, foot loops attached to hulls are also included in width.



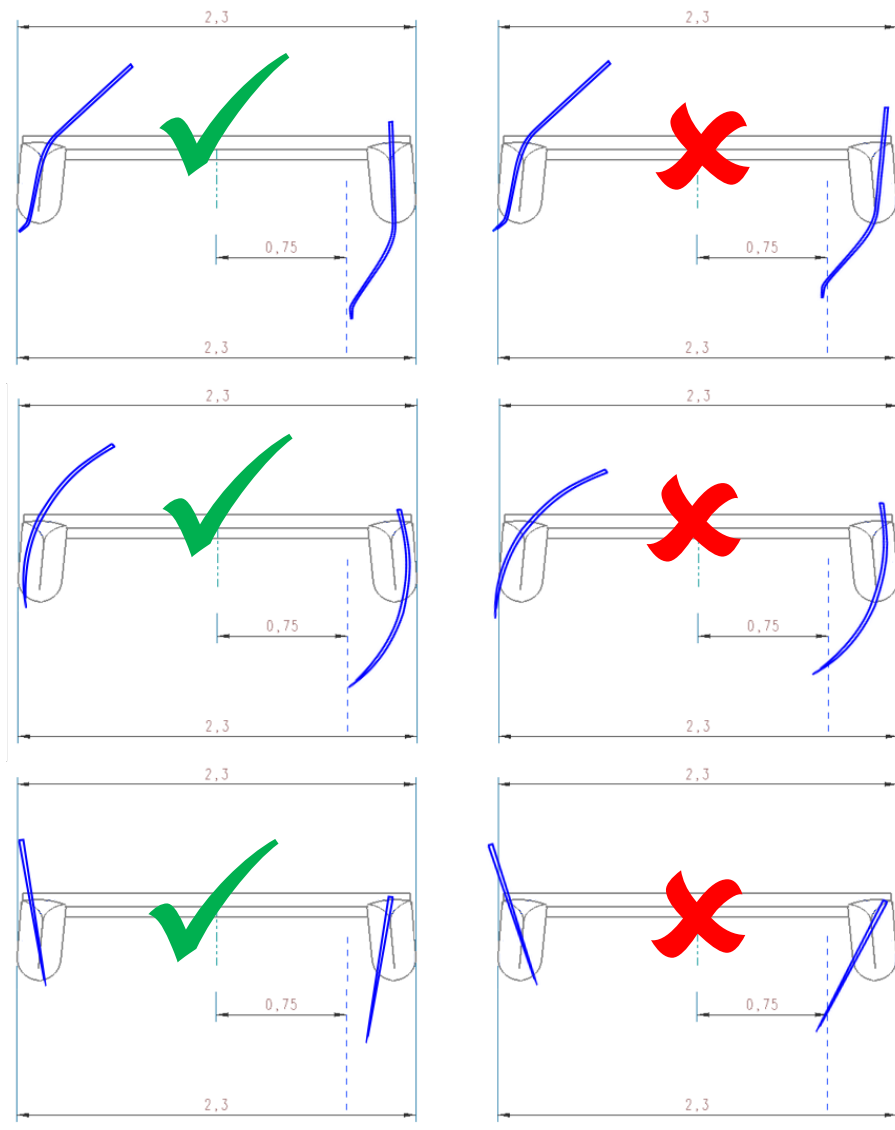
### ***Appendages***

All hull appendages flush with the bottom of the hull until fully down must fit within this maximum width of 2.300m and a minimum distance of .750m from boat centreplane measured in a full range of motion (i.e. extension/retraction, cant and rake).

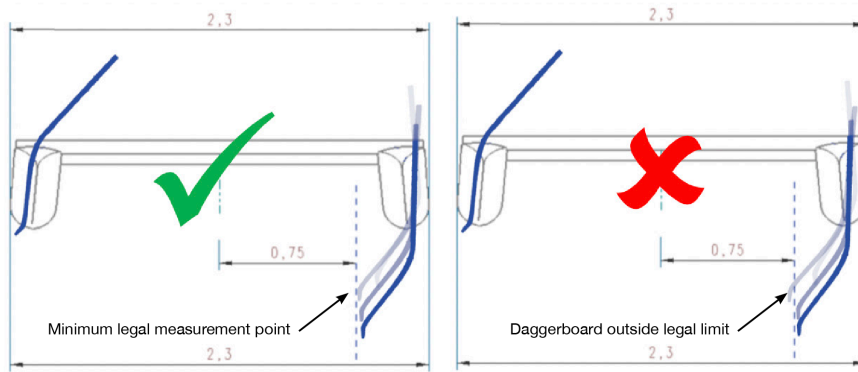
***Daggerboards*** must be able to be inserted from the top of hull and be easily removable on land and water or be capable of being fully retractable into the hull. (We have not seen this aspect in current boats but they would be similar to centreboards used on say Tornado, 470 etc.)

All measurements for hull appendages are to be taken in a static position. Should appendage be moveable in case or box, appendage to be placed so that least desirable measurement is taken. In many cases the daggerboard can move from side to side in the case, which is known as cant. Rule E4 states in part "through a full range of motions (i.e. extension/retraction, cant and rake) permitted by the daggerboard case". So if the board can move from side to side it must be placed in the "at worst" position to obtain measurement. To achieve this gently hold the daggerboard against the outer or inner side of the case depending on what measurement is being taken. No undue force is to be placed on the daggerboard during this measurement.

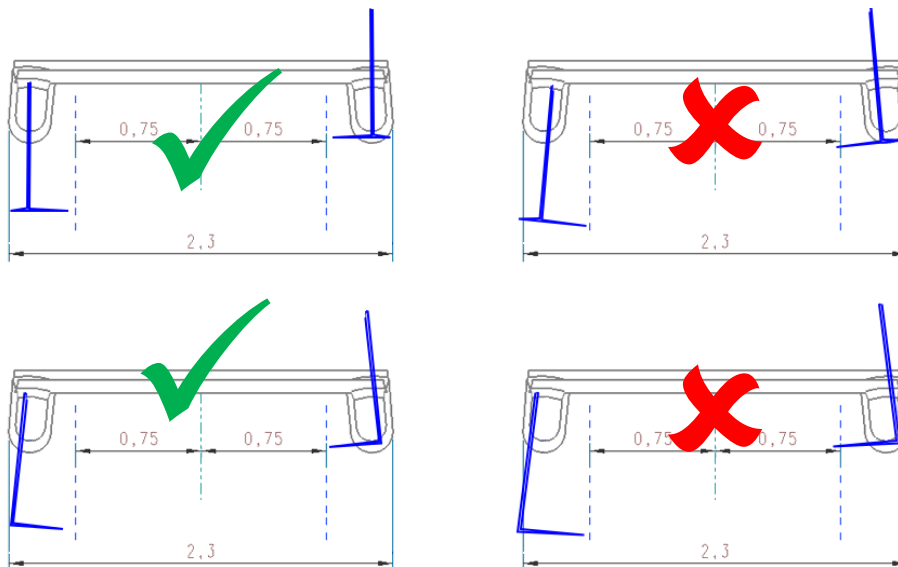
The following 6 diagrams will cover most measurements encountered.



More recently we are now encountering daggerboards shaped at the top with the intention of getting further legal span between the .750m & 2.3m allowable distance. The difficulty from a measurement perspective is that the minimum distance from the centreplane may be met or exceeded whilst the board is travelling down to its maximum depth and we need to keep this in mind also taking in to account any cant movement as mentioned above. The minimum distance to the centreplane is the one that needs to be noted on the measurement form.



**Rudder** measurements are taken with rudders parallel to boat centerline. If a cassette type rudder fails to comply with the maximum width of 2.300m, the minimum 0.750m distance from centerline or the 0.300m from the aft most point of the hull at any point when raised from the fully down to fully up position, a **non adjustable** method of locking the rudder in place or limiting the retraction so all rudder rules are met must be in place. The method of locking or limiting must be able to be replicated at each and every measurement or equipment inspection.

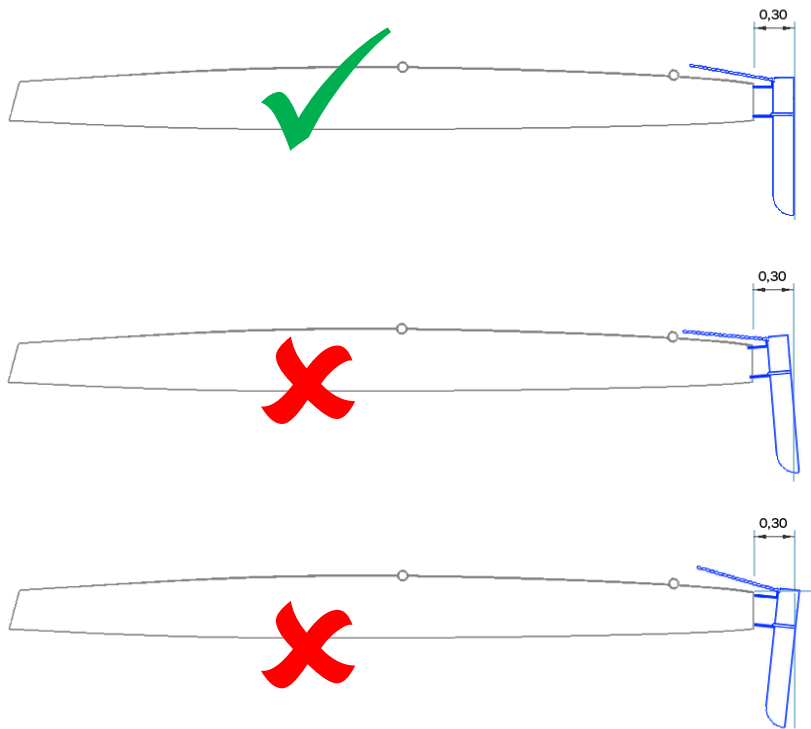


**Rudder Assembly**

The rudder assembly, which may consist of the rudder blades, stocks/cases and rudder hangings/gudgeons must fit within 0.300m of the aftermost point of the hull.

This measurement is taken in all positions below the closest highest vertical hull point through a full range of motion (i.e. extension/retraction, cant and rake).

With the move to differential rudder assemblies care needs to be taken that these measurements take into account the full movement range.



The ERS has no definition of a gudgeon so anything that holds the rudder box to the back of the boat fits our rules. To take advantage of this 0.300m measurement (Rule E2.1) many new designs of rudder gudgeons/hangings have appeared. The way to assess each gudgeon/hanging is to ask the following question: Does the design of the rudder gudgeon/hanging do anything else other than hold the rudder box and in need allow rudder rake to be adjusted and fit within 0.300m from the stern? If the answer is no and the following exceptions are not evident then deemed ok.

The rudder assembly cannot form an extension of the hull length, so there must be a clear separation from the sides, top & bottom of the hull to the gudgeon assembly. The Exploder assembly clearly shows this. Rule E.5(c)



The rudder assembly cannot be part of the hull construction. The DNA F1 gives the impression this is the case, however, these box type structures extending the rudder box out are additions to the actual hull, not included in the hull mold and glued and faired to the back of the hull, the fairing into the back of the hull has not extended the hull length. Rule E.5(c)



Attachments to the hull whose only purpose is to restrict the sideways movement of the gudgeon are allowed, however in this case, the outside block is flush with the side of the hull and would not be allowed under Rule E.5(c).



Any attachment to the actual hull whose only use is to anchor control systems or to strengthen the stern in a particular area is not considered part of the rudder assembly and is to be include in the overall hull length. Rule D.4.1 (a).



### ***Classic Discipline***

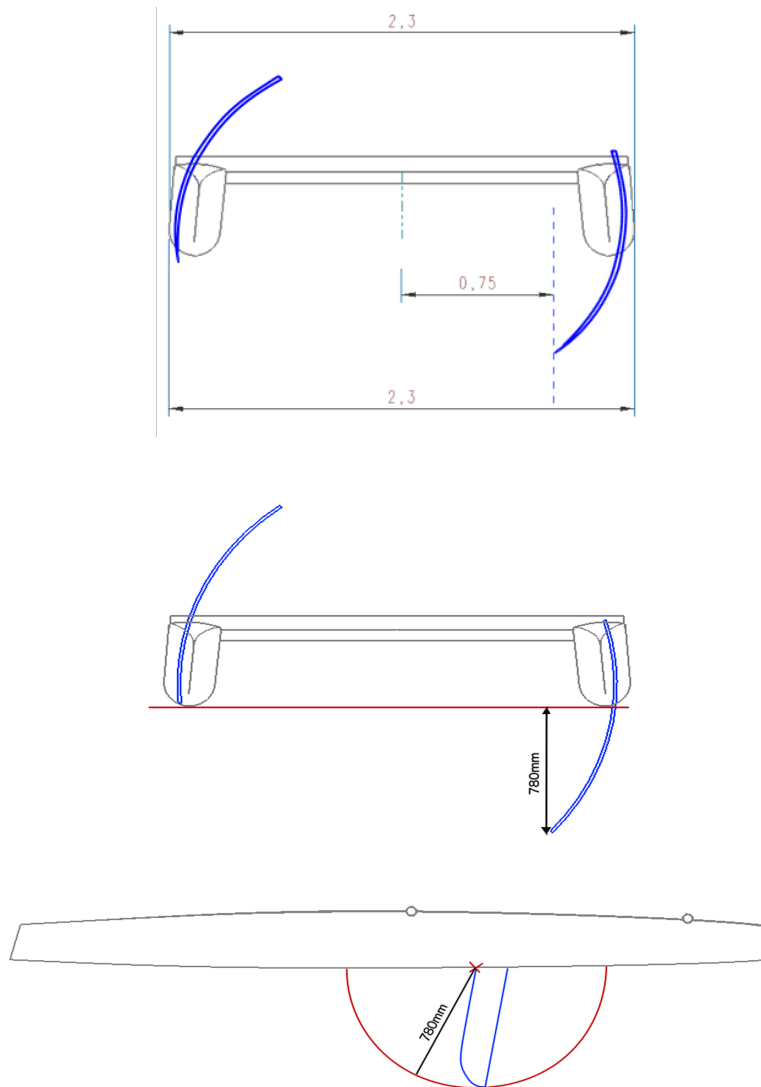
The Classic discipline has to fit all class rules with limits put on both daggerboard & rudder measurements. Daggerboards have to be either a straight leading and trailing edge, the same as our original straight boards or be of a constant curve with the radius of the leading edge not less than 1.190m. (Rule C.2.1.2(c)). The easiest way to check that measurement is achieved is to draw a curved line with a radius of 1.190m on a solid surface for the length of a centerboard. (I find the easiest way is to draw the line on a piece of mylar that you can easily roll up when not required and tape down to any solid surface when needed). Lay the leading edge of the board on this line and if the drawn line is not visible or can be seen on the inner edge of the board the measurement rule is met. You need to be sure that the leading edge is a constant curve for the

entire board length. We have no rule stating what the board profile must be. You can also use this template to draw further radius lines of 1.200m, 1.400m & 1.800m. These lines should cover all known actual board radiuses and give you the figure to use at fundamental measurement.





The daggerboards in all positions after exiting the hull bottom must meet the requirements of Rule E.3 i.e. cannot exceed boat beam of 2.300m or be less than 0.750m from boat centreplane and the classic requirements of Rule C.2.1.2 (d) regarding maximum distance under hull. A simple way to undertake this measurement is to place a straight edge across the bottom of each hull at the leading edge of the daggerboard exit point and measure at 90 degrees from this line to the lowest point of the daggerboard. It cannot exceed 0.780m in all arc positions.



The one final rule we have relating to classic equipment is C.2.1.2 (b), which states rudder rake and/or any hydrofoil attached adjustment whilst racing is not allowed. Most classic boats have simple gudgeons, which can only adjust rake by hand tools or quick release levers. We are now seeing some foiling boats converting back to classics, which may still have adjustable gudgeons normally, operated by cleats and pulley systems on the boat. This is not acceptable and any adjustable system present must be disengaged, removed or placed in a position that it could not be adjusted from a normal racing position.

## Sail Measurement Form

When undertaking sail measurement the following points should be noted.

Sail to be measured on a flat surface and laid out in terms of the IYRU Measurement & Calculation of Sail Area Instructions, that is:

(A copy of these instructions from the ISAF International Measurers manual is on the IACA website)

“ With battens set in their pockets the sail shall be pegged out on a flat surface with just sufficient tension to remove waves or wrinkles from the edge rounds and to spread the sail as far as possible, substantially flat. Once the sail has been pegged out in this way all the required measurements shall be taken and no alterations to the tensions shall be made.”

A continuous string line should be then passed around all points of the sail (as indicated by the broken line ----- on diagrams) and all offset measurements taken from these lines. Care needs to be taken to not move string line until all measurements are complete.

Luff length A is the maximum distance from the head to the tack of the sail. It is taken on the inside of the boltrope, which is not included in any measurement.

Base length P is a measurement from the clew to a point at 90 degrees to A.

Measurement M, F, K, D and H are all made at 90 degrees to their respective lines. All are to be the maximum distance that can be taken provided offsets are constant curves. Note this may mean that some measurements are zero or in the case of a hollow leech or foot a negative figure and this must be shown as such on measurement form. Negative areas can be deducted from overall sail area.

The sail measurement form should be used as a guide only and to date has adequately covered standard type sails as in Fig1.

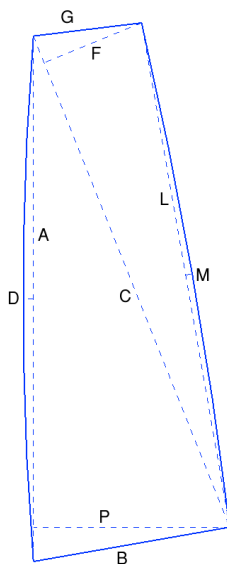


Fig 1. F measurement may be to top of sail thus eliminating J,H & K measurements.

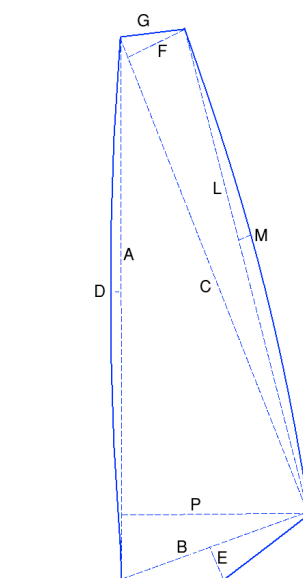


Fig 2

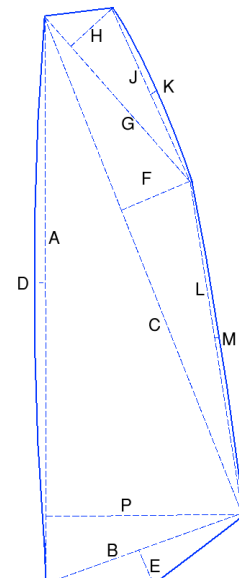


Fig 3

The advent of decksweeper type sails has presented a new challenge and as a measurer we must adjust accordingly. Remember the principals are the same with the basic goal to measure the total area of the sail. Measurement is made up of the total areas of triangles and offsets. It is your responsibility to use a combination of these to give the most accurate measurement. The basics of head, tack and clew still remain and in the decksweeper diagram (Fig2) the lower part of the sail now can be looked at in a similar fashion to foot round which we would normally calculate as  $\frac{2}{3}(B \times E)$  due to the constant curvature of the foot. In this case, however, as all sides are normally straight we can adjust to  $\frac{1}{2}(B \times E)$  as we are measuring a triangle. You have the option of further breaking the sail and foot area into further triangles and offsets if considered necessary to give further area measurements. These changes need to be noted in the comments section of the Sail Measurement form preferably with diagrams to show what you have done and then transfer the total of any positive or negative areas to the additional area box on the certificate to be included in total sail area calculation.

### ***End Plates/ Sail Flaps***

Decksweeper type sails attempt to obtain an "end plate" effect by the sail touching the trampoline. As long as the sail is not attached to the trampoline this is legal. Should this not be the case then the measurement guidelines state that only elements of the sail plan that are vertical are measured. Elements of the sail plan which are horizontal or nearly so when the yacht is not heeled are not measured provided the total area of the end plate surface does not exceed 10% of the total sail area (1.394sqm). Note this measurement is the area of one side of the end plate only. Individual circumstance will dictate how big this area may be. For a boat that has a trampoline fully sealed to the hulls it could be  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total area of the trampoline and the horizontal surfaces of all hulls. Your calculation needs to be fully documented and noted on measurement form.

We are also seeing the advent of adjustable flaps added to decksweeper sails to adjust the foot of the sail to the trampoline profile. These flaps or similar can be adjusted on the sail with Velcro or similar type fastening. This flap needs to be measured in its maximum position, noted in the comments section and added to the total sail area.

### ***Class Emblem, Country Code & Sail Numbers***

The class emblem, national letter and distinguishing numbers shall be placed as prescribed in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS77 & RRS Appendix G). The national letters and sail numbers must be clearly legible, the same colour and minimum 60 mm from edge of sail and each other. No numbers shall be lower than 60% of leech length from head of sail. Do not issue a certificate if sail numbers or class emblem are not on sail.

Following measurement, Measurer is to write the following on bottom starboard side of sail.

SA=???sqm

Luff =???m

Base=???m

Measurer's Signature

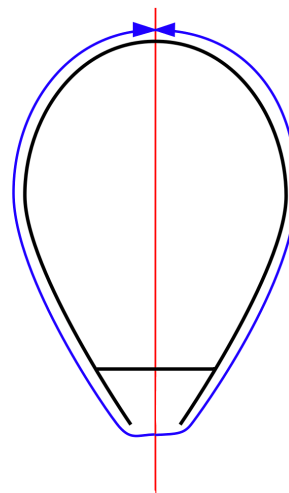
Date

**Note: This is a mandatory requirement.**

### ***Mast & Boom Measurement Form***

The purpose of this measurement is to find half the total area of the mast and any mast base fitting and fairing devices attached. On a straight section (i.e. not tapered) it is simply the length of mast and base x half the mast girth. The Measurement and Calculation of Sail Area instructions define girth as follows:

“ The girth measurement shall be taken as the distance from the centerline round the surface of the spar to the same point on the centerline. The resultant dimension shall be divided by two to give the half girth measurement”.



Note: The total girth measurement includes the sail track opening.

Should mast be tapered extra measurement U1 & T need to be taken and the formula on the measurement certificate utilized.

Double tapered masts also need the T2 and U2 measurement to be taken. The most common case of a double tapered mast is the Fiberfoam DNA mast, which doesn't have a straight section in the middle. This means that  $L=T1+T2$ , and therefore the formula can be simplified a little. The general mast formulae and single taper formulae are shown for information only but at this stage of mast developments unlikely to be seen or used.

Following measurement, Measurer is to write the following in a contrasting colour on the starboard side of mast near the base. It is suggested after noting mast with theses measurements that certification is covered with a transparent tape to prevent wear.

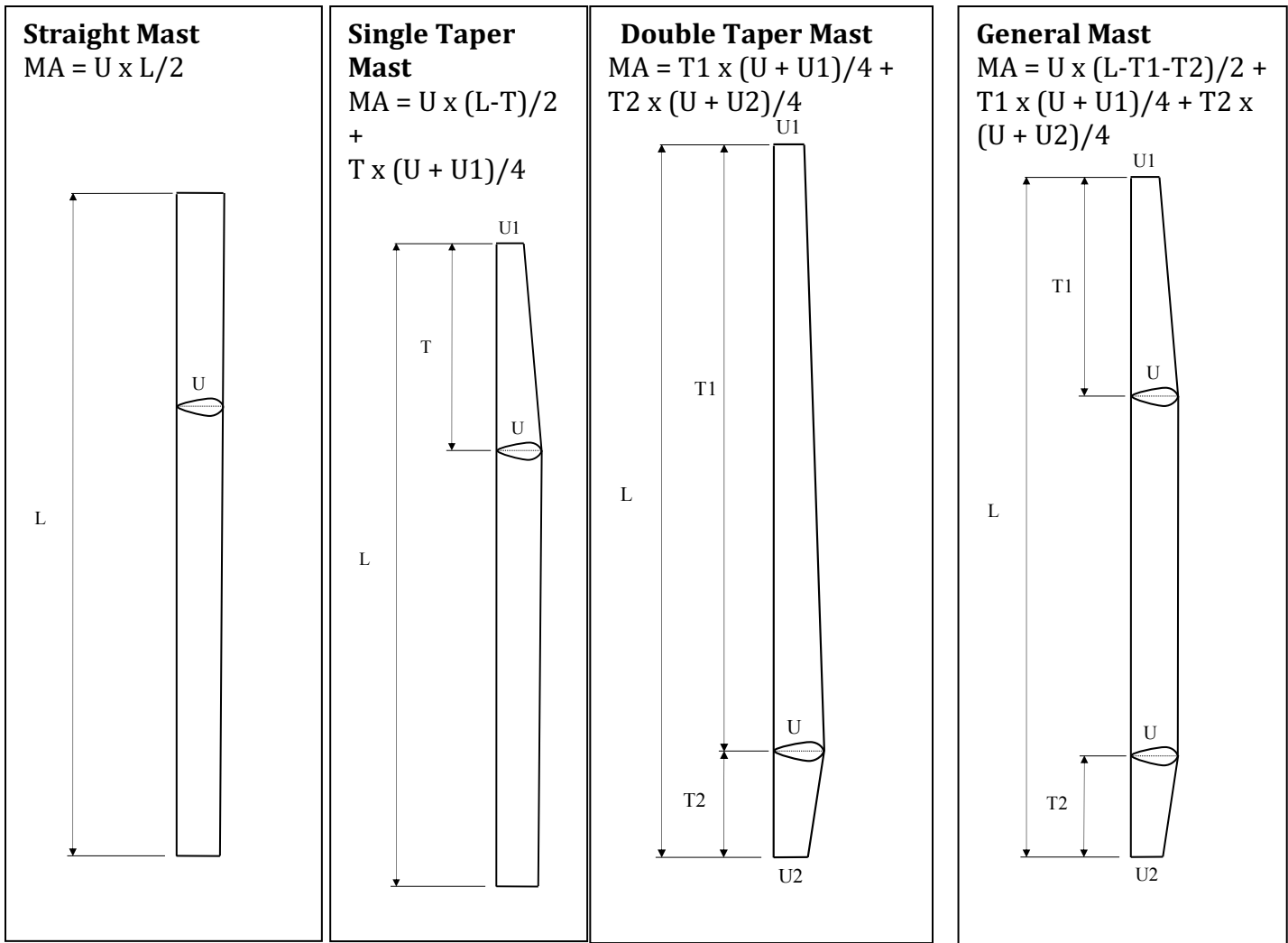
MA = ???sqm

SN = ?( mast serial no. If not legible on mast)

Measurer's Signature

Date

**Note: This is a mandatory requirement.**



Boom measurement is only utilized if the profile height of the boom is more than 1.5 of the width. Boom fittings and anti-fouling such as boom sleeves are allowed as long as their primary purpose is to maintain the safe working of running systems.

**General**

Boat weight is not included on any of these forms as this is the owner's responsibility to apply and carry any correctors if necessary. The weight of the boat consists of all equipment used to take part in a race and may include a compass. Spare battens allowed under our Championship Rules, consumables, portable equipment and personal equipment are not to be included in a boat's weight.

(Note spare battens used in a race shall not weigh less than those included in the measurement weight.)

The boat must be weighed in dry condition and any weights attached to bring the boat to a minimum weight of 75.000 kilograms must be securely fastened to the boat.

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