

World Championship Measurement Protocol.

NOTES FOR ORGANISERS AND MEASUREMENT TEAM

Rig, sail and hull measurement will be voluntary. However spot checks will be carried out after racing each day.

All competitors still need to be provided with the usual measurement form and have the right to have the measurers check and sign off on any or all items on the list.

Weighing remains compulsory. Weighing must be done where there is no movement from wind stopping inaccurate measurement.

1. Every boat that presents for weighing **MUST**:
2. Be checked for items not allowed. (tow ropes, sponges, paddles, extra sheets, tools, items of clothing, etc
3. Be thoroughly checked to ensure the boat is dry. No water in tanks and no dripping ropes.
4. A mirror and torch should be used to check all 3 tanks.

All **Sails** that competitors plan to use in the Worlds will still need to be stamped by the Regatta Measurer or his nominee with the official Freo stamp. Having a previous World stamp does not count. All Competitors will need to present up to two sets of sails to be stamped. Whoever is charged with stamping sails **MUST** note on the Competitor Measurement form when they stamp a sail or sails. This is to ensure we don't end up stamping more than two sets of sails.

When not busy stamping sails in the weighing queue or at the sail & rig measurement station, the measurement team should wander the boat park offering to stamp sails or advise and assist competitors. The idea being to keep them from cluttering up the official stations by getting stuff checked or stamped where they are rigging. Knowledgeable competitors should be encouraged to also advise and help the boats around them.

Each competitor will need to ensure their mast, boom, poles and foils have a regatta sticker on them. Stickers need to be made available by the Organisers. Each boat will be given 6 only stickers. One for each of the Rig, Boom, 2 poles, centreboard and rudder. Skippers are responsible for fixing the stickers to their equipment.

All competitors must ensure they and their boat have

1. A life jacket that complies with the Sis
2. A tow line that complies with the Sis
3. A towing ring that complies with the Sis

The jury and measurers may randomly check boats for safety equipment throughout the regatta.

The measuring team does not need to check these things but should if asked by a competitor.

Spot checks and scrutineering will occur during the regatta and if a boat is found not to measure, equipment is not properly stamped or safety equipment is missing they may be disqualified or penalised. *See Spot Checking Protocol.* Organisers in conjunction with the Chief Measurer and Jury must ensure there is a suitable marshalling point and a workable process in place to carry our spot checking.

The Jury will be briefed that should a measurement be out by an immaterial amount that cant enhance performance and there is no evidence of cheating, the competitor should receive no penalty but may be required to fix the offending item before racing again. *See Measuring Penalty Protocol*

WE DO NOT REALLY WANT TO PENALISE ANYONE. ADVISING AND HELPING PEOPLE ENSURE THEIR BOAT & EQUIPMENT MEASURES SHOULD BE A SERVICE OFFERED BY THE CLASS AND THE ORGANISING OR MEASURING TEAM.