



Attention : All International Judges

The information in this document is to clarify the role of International Juries with regard to the ISAF Sailor Classification Code.

The use of the ISAF Sailor Classification Code at an event is determined by the Organiser or Class, not by ISAF, and it is the Organiser or Class that sets the limits on each group and publishes them in the Notice of Race or Class Rules.

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code has existed since November 2002. It came into existence at the request of sailors and event organisers who wished for a clear, world-wide single system of defining sailors in terms of degrees of professionalism. The current ISAF Sailor Classification Code is a successor to the RYA and US Sailing codes previously applied, and the principles are therefore well established. The ISAF Sailor Classification Code is used in many countries.

The **only time** an International Jury has the power to classify, or change the classification of, a competitor for the duration of a **specific event only** is when authorisation to do so has been approved by ISAF in advance and included in the NoR in accordance with Regulation 22.3.8.

Given that the code is complex and still fairly new, very few International Juries have been granted this power. However, at some events where the ISAF Sailor Classification Code has applied, arrangements were made for a Classification Commission member to be available in person or on the telephone and this has worked well.

Please note that except under the circumstances described above, the Classification Commission is the only body which has the authority to determine the classification of competitors at any time.

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code and FAQs, which are updated each year, are easily accessible on the website in English, French, Spanish and Italian at :

<http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor/>

The relevant ISAF Regulations can also be found on the ISAF site under RULES and then REGULATIONS.

It is important that sailors adhere to the ISAF Sailor Classification Code, and for International Juries to understand how it functions, if competitors are to be prevented from bypassing the application process and asking International Juries for a temporary classification.

If you have any queries on this matter then please direct them in the first instance to Trish@isaf.co.uk

Best regards,

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