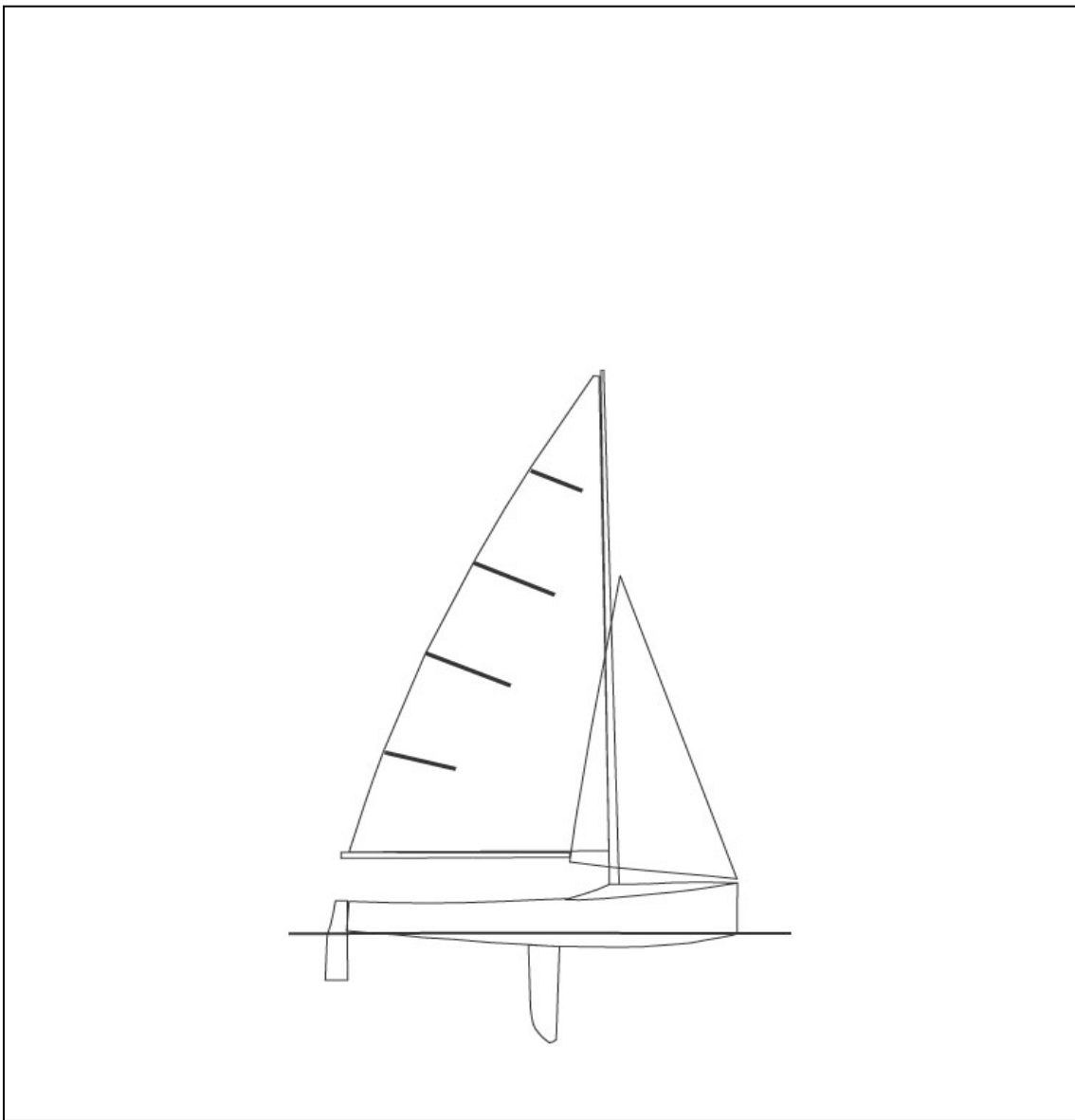


**NATIONAL**  
**ALBACORE**  
**CLASS RULES**

**2025**



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# INTRODUCTION

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*National Albacore hulls, hull appendages, rigs and sails are measurement controlled.*

*National Albacore hulls shall only be manufactured by licensed builders as approved by the Copyright Holder and the National Class Association. Hulls are required to comply with any Albacore Building Specifications in force.*

*National Albacore hulls, hull appendages, rigs and sails may, after having left the manufacturer, only be altered to the extent permitted in Section C of the class rules.*

*Owners and crews should be aware that compliance with rules in Section C may NOT be checked as part of the certification process.*

*Rules regulating the use of equipment during a race are contained in Section C of these class rules, in ERS Part I and in the Racing Rules of Sailing.*

*This introduction only provides an informal background and the National Albacore Class Rules proper begin on the next page.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**THESE ARE CLOSED CLASS RULES WHERE IF**  
**IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT YOU**  
**CAN – THEN YOU CAN NOT**

*Please see ERS C.2.2 – Closed Class Rules*

# PART I – ADMINISTRATION

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## Section A – General

### A.1 LANGUAGE

- A.1.1 The official language of the class is English and in case of dispute over translation the English text shall prevail.
- A.1.2 The word “shall” is mandatory and the word “may” is permissive.

### A.2 ABBREVIATIONS

- A.2.1 WS World Sailing
- RYA Royal Yachting Association
- NCA National Albacore Class Association
- ERS Equipment Rules of Sailing
- RRS Racing Rules of Sailing

### A.3 AUTHORITIES

- A.3.1 The **Class Rules Authority** of the class is the RYA which shall co-operate with the NCA in all matters concerning these **class rules**.
- A.3.2 Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the **certification authority** has the authority to withdraw a **certificate**.
- A.3.3 The **Certification Authority**, **Class Rules Authority**, the NCA and any **Certification Measurers** are under no legal responsibility in respect of these rules, plans or accuracy of measurement and no claim from these **class rules** can be entertained.

### A.4 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLASS

- A.4.1 The class shall be administered by the RYA in conjunction with the NCA.

### A.5 WORLD SAILING RULES

- A.5.1 These **class rules** shall be read in conjunction with the ERS.
- A.5.2 Except where used in headings, when a term is printed in “**bold**” the definition in the ERS applies and when a term is printed in “*italics*” the definition in the RRS applies.

### A.6 CLASS RULES VARIATIONS

- A.6.1 **Class rules** may only be varied in accordance with RRS 87.

### A.7 CLASS RULES CHANGES

- A.7.1 Changes to these **class rules** are subject to the approval of the **class rules authority**.

A.7.2 **Class rule** changes are highlighted with an underline.

## **A.8 CLASS RULES INTERPRETATION**

A.8.1 Interpretation of these **class rules** shall be made by the **Class rules authority** who shall consult the NCA.

## **A.9 NATIONAL CLASS FEE**

A.9.1 The building fee shall be set by the Copyright holder who is the RYA.

A.9.2 A licensed hull builder shall pay the Class Building Fee on each boat whether or not it is subsequently measured and registered.

A.9.3 The RYA shall, after having received the Class Building Fee for the hull, issue a building fee receipt and for boats built after 01/01/2013 an RYA Building Plaque. The building fee receipt shall be delivered to the owner by the builder on the sale of the boat.

A.9.4 Replacement building fee plaques may be issued at the discretion of the RYA.

## **A.10 SAIL NUMBERS**

A.9.1 Sail numbers shall be issued by the RYA.

## **A.11 HULL CERTIFICATION**

A.11.1 A **certificate** shall record the following information:

- (a) Class
- (b) **Certification authority**
- (c) Sail number issued by the **RYA**
- (d) Owner(s)
- (e) Craft identification number. CIN – as required by EU law
- (f) Builder/Manufacturers details
- (g) Date built
- (h) Date of issue of initial **certificate**
- (i) Date of issue of **certificate**
- (j) Hull weight
- (k) Corrector weights
- (l) Buoyancy endorsements
- (m) Sail registration details

## **A.12 INITIAL HULL CERTIFICATION**

A.12.1 For a **certificate** to be issued to a hull not previously **certified**:

- (a) **Certification measurement** shall be carried out by the **Certification Measurer** who shall complete the appropriate documentation.
- (b) The documentation including Building Fee Receipt and **certification** fee, if required, shall be sent to the **certification authority**.
- (c) Upon receipt of a satisfactorily completed documentation and **certification** fee, if required, the **certification authority** may issue a **certificate**.

### **A.13 VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE**

A.13.1 A hull **certificate** becomes invalid upon:

- (a) the change to any items recorded on the hull **certificate** as required under A.11. A new certificate does not need to be issued for changes to items (l) & (m). These must be endorsed upon the current certificate to continue validity.
- (b) The issue of a new **certificate**,
- (c) withdrawal by the **certification authority**

### **A.14 HULL RE-CERTIFICATION**

A.14.1 The **certification authority** may issue a **certificate** to a previously certified **hull**:

- (a) When it is invalidated under A.13.1(a) or (b), after receipt of the old **certificate** when available, and **certification** fee if required.
- (b) When it is invalidated under A.13.1 (c), at its discretion.
- (c) In other cases, by application of the procedure in A.12.

### **A.14 RETENTION OF CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION**

A.14.1 The **certification authority** shall:

- (a) Retain the original documentation upon which the current **certificate** is based.

## Section B – Boat Eligibility

For a **boat** to be eligible for *racing*, it shall comply with the rules in this section.

### **B.1 CLASS RULES AND CERTIFICATION**

B.1.1 The **boat** shall:

- (a) Be in compliance with the **class rules**.
- (b) Have a valid hull **certificate**.
- (c) Have valid sails entered on the **certificate**.

### **B.2 BUOYANCY ENDORSEMENT**

B.2.1 The hull **certificate** shall carry a satisfactorily and current buoyancy endorsement in accordance with appendix H.

B.2.2 A race committee may require that a **boat** shall pass a flotation test in accordance with Appendix H.

B.2.3 The owner shall be satisfied that inflatable buoyancy bags are in sound condition and that all buoyancy apparatus is securely attached to the hull or retained in an efficient manner.

B.2.4 Owners are responsible for the buoyancy tests in appendix H.

### **B.3 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

B.3.1 The owner shall be a current member of the NCA.

# PART II – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

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The **crew** and the **boat** shall comply with the rules in Part II when *racing*. In case of conflict Section C shall prevail.

The rules in Part II are **closed class rules**. **Certification measurement** and **equipment inspection** shall be carried out in accordance with the ERS except where varied in this Part.

## Section C – Conditions for Racing

### C.1 GENERAL

#### C.1.1 RULES

- (a) The ERS Part I – Use of Equipment shall apply.

### C.2 CREW

#### C.2.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) The **crew** shall consist of 2 or more persons.

### C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

#### C.3.1 MANDATORY

- (a) The boat shall be equipped with **Personal Flotation Devices** for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402:5 (CE 50 Newtons). Inflatable buoyancy vests are not permitted.

### C.4 ADVERTISING

#### C.4.1 LIMITATIONS

Advertising on the **boat** chosen by the person in charge is prohibited.

### C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

#### C.5.1 FOR USE

- (a) OPTIONAL

- (1) Electronic or mechanical timing devices
- (2) One magnetic or self contained electronic compass showing heading and tactical scale. A timer maybe incorporated but it shall not be linked to other functions.
- (3) An anchor - the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for an event may amend this rule to prescribe that an anchor is mandatory.
- (4) Bailers, buckets or similar.
- (5) Personal cameras, including cameras worn on the body or mounted on the boat
- (6) Containers to hold consumables and drink



- (4) Slot gaskets of optional material and design may be fitted over the centreboard slot.

## C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

### C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) Hull appendages shall not be altered in any way except as permitted by these class rules.
- (b) Routine maintenance such as painting, polishing and the repair of minor damage and abrasions is permitted without re-measurement and re-certification.

### C.8.2 CENTREBOARD

#### (a) DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
Leading edge of <b>centreboard</b> at 90° to the keel, measured along the keel from <b>Hull Datum Point (HDP)</b> .....	2600 mm	.. 2670 mm

### C.8.3 RUDDER

#### (a) DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
When fully lowered, lowest point of underside of <b>rudder to the Hull Datum Point</b> , measured along the line of the face of the transom.....	550 mm	.....

## C.9 RIG

### C.9.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) **Spars** shall not be altered in any way except as permitted by these **class rules**.
- (b) Routine maintenance such as cleaning, polishing and the repair and replacement of fittings is permitted without re-measurement and re-certification.

### C.9.2 FITTINGS

- (a) Fittings on the rig are optional

### C.9.3 MAST

#### (a) DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
The intersection of the fore side of the <b>mast spar</b> and the <b>heel point</b> perpendicular to the fore side to the aft face of transom ... ..	3250 mm	.. 3350 mm
Fore side of the <b>mast spar</b> at deck level from aft face of transom ... ..	3225 mm	.. 3330 mm

<b>Heel point</b> of stepped <b>mast spar</b> above top of hog (or equivalent in GRP boat) along line of <b>spar</b> ... ..	150 mm
<b>Mast limit mark width</b> .....	10 mm
<b>Lower point height</b> .....	505 mm ..... 610 mm
<b>Lower point to upper point</b> .....	5640 mm

(b) USE

- (1) The **mast spar** shall be stepped in the mast step in such a way that the heel is not capable of moving more than 3 mm.
- (2) Limit marks shall be indelibly marked.
- (3) Rigid stops shall be fitted to prevent the **spar** moving beyond the deck limits in section (a) above.

C.9.4 BOOM

(a) DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
<b>Limit mark width</b> .....	10 mm	
<b>Outer point distance</b> .....		2950 mm

(b) USE

- (1) Limit marks shall be indelibly marked.

C.9.5 WHISKER POLE

(a) USE

- (1) The **Whisker pole** may be used to sheet the **headsail** to windward or leeward.
- (2) No part of the **Whisker pole** or its fittings may extend more than 50mm outside of the headsail clew.
- (3) A maximum of 2 **whisker poles** may be on board and used.

C.9.6 STANDING RIGGING

(a) DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
<b>Forestay height</b> .....		4270 mm

(b) USE

- (1) Rigging purchase systems, links and rigging screws on shrouds may be adjusted.
- (2) The forestay and shrouds shall be fitted so that either or both the sails may be lowered without endangering the stability of the **mast** or its security in the boat at all times.

C.9.7 RUNNING RIGGING

(a) USE

- (1) The **headsail halyard** shall not intersect the mast above the **forestay**.

- (2) All other running rigging is optional.

## C.10 SAILS

### C.10.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) **Sails** shall not be altered in any way except as permitted by these **class rules**.
- (b) Routine maintenance such as cleaning and minor repairs that do not alter shape or area is permitted without re-measurement and re-**certification**.
- (c) Battens may be placed in **batten pockets**.

### C.10.2 LIMITATIONS

- (a) Not more than 1 mainsail and 1 headsail shall be carried aboard.
- (b) Not more than 1 **mainsail** and 1 **headsail** shall be endorsed on the certificate when originally issued.
- (c) Sails may be added by endorsement as additions or replacements (but not both) at the rate of 1 **mainsail** and 2 **headsails** during each succeeding 12 month period commencing from the date of issue of the original/initial measurement certificate.
- (d) The NCA shall have the discretion to permit the endorsement of further replacement sails in the event of loss or damage.

### C.10.3 MAINSAIL

- (a) USE
  - (1) The **sail** shall be hoisted on a **halyard**. The arrangement shall permit hoisting and lowering of the **sail** at sea.
  - (2) **Luff** and **foot** bolt ropes shall be in the **spar** grooves or tracks.
  - (3) The **foot** of the mainsail shall be fitted with a bolt rope which extends from not more than 400mm from the **tack point** to not more than 250mm from the **clew point**. A slug may be fitted at the **clew** cringle.

### C.10.4 JIB

- (a) USE
  - (1) The **sail** shall be hoisted on a **halyard**. The arrangement shall permit hoisting and lowering of the **sail** at sea.

## Section D – Hull

### D.1 PARTS

#### D.1.1 MANDATORY

- (a) Hull shell
- (b) Deck
- (c) Buoyancy Tanks
- (d) Deck Overhang
- (e) Benches

#### D.1.2 OPTIONAL

- (a) Bulkheads
- (b) Thwarts

### D.2 GENERAL

#### D.2.1 RULES

- (a) The **hull** shall comply with the **class rules** in force at the time of initial **certification**.

#### D.2.2 CERTIFICATION

See Rule A.12.

#### D.2.3 DEFINITIONS

##### (a) HULL DATUM POINT

The **hull datum point (HDP)** is the point on the **hull** centreplane where the extension of the aft face of the transom intersects the extension of the outside surface of the hull shell excluding the keel and keel bands.

- (b) The Athwartships line (AL) shall be set 250mm from the hull shell, 150mm athwartships each side of the **hull** centreplane at section 1.
- (c) The Baseplane (BP) is a horizontal plane passing thorough the Baseline (BL) and the Athwartships line (AL).

#### D.2.5 IDENTIFICATION

- (a) The hull shall display the sail number either cut into or permanently marked on either the hog, transom or thwart in figures minimum 25mm high.
- (b) In addition to D.2.5(a) for boats with sail numbers higher than XXXX shall have an RYA plaque displaying the sail number permanently attached to the inside starboard side of the transom below the sheerline.

#### D.2.6 BUILDERS

- (a) The hull shall be built by a builder licensed by the RYA and the NCA.
- (b) All moulds shall be approved by the RYA and the NCA.
- (c) A hull shell may be finished by any professional or amateur builder.

#### D.2.7 MATERIALS

- (a) In the following rules “wood” is deemed to be solid timber of any species and plywood is deemed to be manufactured sheet materials.

### D.3 HULL SHELL

#### D.3.1 MATERIALS

- (a) The hull shell shall be built from wood or GRP which may include a core.
- (b) Paint and varnish may be used.

#### D.3.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) The wood **hull** shell shall be a moulded construction. It shall be of uniform thickness throughout excluding the transom. The transom shall be fitted by the licensed builder.
- (b) The GRP **hull** shall be constructed in accordance with the methods proposed by the builder and approved by the RYA and the NCA.
- (c) The outside shape of the **hull** shell shall be in accordance with the official line drawing as held by the Royal Yachting Association (the copyright holder).
- (d) A fair and continuous keel capping, which should be bevelled to fair into the keelband, shall be fitted to wooden **hulls**. It shall extend from the fore foot to the transom and be not less than 12mm nor more than 20mm clear of the skin at the centre.
- (e) GRP **hulls** shall have an integral keel capping as part of the mould.
- (f) Wooden **hulls** shall be fitted with a metal or plastic keelband extending the full length of the keel. The keel band may be faired into the keel capping.
- (g) A bilge keel shall be fitted to each side of a wood **hull**, so that the weight of the boat when on a level surface is supported by the main keel and one bilge keel only. The edges may be faired into the **hull** provided each edge fairing is similar. Each bilge keel may be extended to fair into the **hull** and the fairing at each end shall be similar.
- (h) GRP **hulls** shall have bilge keels as part of the mould.
- (i) The **sheer** shall be a fair continuous concave curve.
- (j) The top of the transom shall form a continuous curve below the level of the **sheerline** except at the tiller port if fitted.
- (k) The transom, below the **sheerline**, may have only a tiller port, drain holes and drain ports as openings.
- (l) Drain port closing devices shall be fitted to each drain port. They shall never act as an extension to the skin and shall be capable of being re-closed while sailing.
- (m) Slot gaskets of optional material and design may be fitted over the centreboard slot.

### D.4 DECK

#### D.4.1 MATERIALS

- (a) The deck shall be built from wood and plywood or GRP.

- (b) Paint and varnish may be used.

#### D.4.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) A moulded GRP deck shall be constructed in accordance with the methods proposed by the builder and approved by the RYA and the NCA.
- (b) Boats shall have a full foredeck extending aft from the stem
- (c) The aft edge of the deck shall not be forward of the aft side of the mast, but may have a slot to allow movement of the mast.
- (d) No part of the upper surface of the foredeck, inside the **sheerline** shall fall below the sheerlevel.
- (e) Side decks shall be fitted between the fore deck and the transom or aft deck. They may be faired into the foredeck.
- (f) No part of the upper surface of the side decks inside the **sheerline** shall fall below the **sheerline**, except that the inner edge of the deck or carlin supporting the edge may be splayed or rounded.
- (g) An aft deck may be fitted.
- (h) Deck support is optional but any support shall be built from wood, plywood, GRP which may include a core, aluminium or stainless steel.

### D.5 BUOYANCY TANKS

#### D.5.1 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) Buoyancy equipment shall comprise of at least three units giving not less than 360kg of positive buoyancy.
- (b) Where one or more units of buoyancy are contained or enclosed within another, they shall be counted together as one unit.
- (c) In boats with hull shells and decks constructed of buoyant material, the buoyancy may be of any type and may be fitted under the deck or side benches.
- (d) In boats with hull shells and decks constructed substantially of non-buoyant material the buoyancy shall include three units of not less than 0.06m<sup>3</sup> of closed cell foam buoyancy material and the builder shall certify that this buoyancy is fitted. Additional buoyancy of any type may be fitted under the deck or side benches.
- (e) Buoyancy apparatus shall not extend into the floor space, which shall be taken as 355mm from the centreplane between the shrouds and to 305mm from the centreplane at 915mm forward of the aft face of the transom.

### D.6 DECK OVERHANG

#### D.6.1 MATERIALS

- (a) The deck overhang shall be of wood or GRP.

#### D.6.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) The deck overhang shall run unbroken on each gunwale except that it may be faired in to the **hull** within 100mm of the bow and transom.

## **D.7 BULKHEADS**

### **D.7.1 MATERIALS**

(a) Bulkheads shall be of plywood, wood or GRP with optional core.

### **D.7.2 CONSTRUCTION**

(a) Bulkheads are optional in design and construction.

## **D.8 THWARTS AND BENCHES**

### **D.8.1 MATERIALS**

(a) Thwarts and benches shall be either plywood, wood or GRP with optional core.

### **D.8.2 CONSTRUCTION**

(a) Benches, which may take the form of buoyancy tanks, shall be fitted on each side. The benches shall extend forward from a point not more than 915mm from the **HDP** to at least as far as the shrouds.

(b) The inner edges of the benches may be splayed or rounded subject to the limitations in D.9.2

(c) Thwarts of optional design may be fitted.

## **D.9 ASSEMBLED HULL**

### **D.9.1 FITTINGS**

(a) Optional unless specified.

### **D.9.2 DIMENSIONS**

The keel line shall be taken as the intersection line from transom to stem of the hull shell and the **hull** centreplane.

The sections shall be taken as vertical, transverse planes at the following positions:

- Section 1: at 0 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 2: at 610 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 3: at 1220 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 4: at 1830 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 5: at 2285 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 6: at 2743 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 7: at 3353 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 8: at 3962 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 9: at 4115 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 10: at 4267 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 11: at 4419 mm from **hull datum point**
- Section 12: at 4519 mm from **hull datum point**

The baseline (BL) shall be set 150mm athwartships from the **hull** centreplane on the starboard side of the **hull** at the following vertical distances:

at section 1: 250 mm from the **hull** shell and

at section 8 : 142 mm from the **hull** shell

	minimum	maximum
Hull length from <b>HDP</b> to intersection of deck and line of stem or stem band if fitted .....	4555 mm	4585 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell 150mm athwartships each side of the <b>hull</b> centreplane;		
at section 2 .....	164 mm	184 mm
at section 3 .....	99 mm	119 mm
at section 4 .....	50.5 mm	70.5 mm
at section 5 .....	31 mm	51 mm
at section 6 .....	24 mm	44 mm
at section 7 .....	53 mm	73 mm
at section 8 portside only .....	132 mm	152 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell excluding keelband of GRP equivalent on <b>hull</b> centreplane;		
at section 9 .....	69 mm	89 mm
at section 10 .....	95 mm	115 mm
at section 11 .....	127 mm	147 mm
at section 12 .....	145 mm	165 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell at 300mm athwartships each side of the <b>hull</b> centreplane;		
at section 1 .....	266 mm	286 mm
at section 3 .....	121 mm	141 mm
at section 5 .....	56 mm	76 mm
at section 7 .....	115 mm	135 mm
at section 8 .....	282 mm	302 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell at 450mm athwartships each side of the <b>hull</b> centreplane;		
at section 1 .....	322 mm	342 mm
at section 3 .....	147 mm	167 mm
at section 5 .....	88 mm	108 mm
at section 7 .....	205 mm	225 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell at 600mm athwartships each side of the <b>hull</b> centreplane;		
at section 3 .....	196 mm	216 mm
at section 5 .....	145 mm	165 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell at 50mm athwartships each side of the <b>hull</b> centreplane;		
at section 9 .....	96 mm	116 mm
at section 10 .....	127 mm	147 mm
at section 11 .....	194 mm	214 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell at 100mm athwartships each side of the <b>hull</b> centreplane;		

at section 9 .....	130 mm	....	150 mm
at section 10 .....	180 mm	....	200 mm
Vertical distance from BP to outside of <b>hull</b> shell at 150mm athwartships each side of the <b>hull</b> centreplane;			
at section 9 .....	176 mm	....	196 mm
Width of keel capping from stern to 2850mm from <b>HDP</b> ...	75 mm	.....	95 mm
Thickness of keelband (wooden hulls).....	3 mm	.....	6 mm
Length of bilge keels .....		..	1575 mm
Width of bilge keels .....	50 mm	.....	70 mm
Thickness of centre of bilge keel for at least 1220mm of length .....	5 mm	.....	
Height of stem from top of deck at centreplane to line of keel projected .....	660 mm	....	725 mm
Depth of transom, vertically from <b>sheerline</b> to bottom of keel capping .....	350 mm	.....	... mm
Topside tumblehome – on each side .....		.....	25 mm
Beam of <b>hull</b> , excluding deck overhang and fittings, at sheerline; at the widest section ... ..	1535 mm	..	1575 mm
Depth of <b>hull</b> at mid-length; measured vertically from <b>sheerline</b> to inside of skin 150mm from <b>Hull</b> centreplane .....	570 mm	....	610 mm
Distance from <b>hull datum point</b> , measured along the keel; to fore end of centreboard slot .....		...	2670 mm
to aft end of centreboard slot .....	1140 mm	.....	
Height of centreboard case excluding any capping measured from and at 90° to hog or GRP equivalent .....		...	330 mm
Height of centreboard case excluding any capping measured as above at 2300mm from <b>HDP</b> .....	300 mm	.....	
Thickness of centreboard case sides.....		.....	20 mm
Internal width of centreboard case .....		.....	30 mm
Radius of lower edge of centreboard slot.....		.....	5 mm
Centreboard case slot gasket recess width .....		... mm	..... 25 mm
depth .....		... mm	..... 5 mm
Length of foredeck from stem Measured at 75mm from centreplane.....		.	1450 mm
Width of side decks, in plan from <b>sheerline</b> aft of the shrouds .....	80 mm	....	185 mm
Lower edge of deck or carlin below <b>sheer</b> at any point.....		.....	50 mm
Splay or of rounding of deck or carlin, measured in plan, from inner edge of side deck .....		.....	50 mm
Aft deck (if fitted) from <b>HDP</b> .....		....	915 mm
Aft end of benches from <b>HDP</b> .....		....	915 mm

Upper surfaces of benches above level of highest point of centreboard case .....	10 mm
Width of benches .....	300 mm .... 355 mm
Upper surface of benches, varying athwartships from the horizontal .....	10 mm
Splay or rounding of inner edges of benches forward of 1600mm from the <b>HDP</b> (exception to the above); Plan.....	50 mm
Depth.....	50 mm
Any part of the curve of top of transom below <b>sheerline</b> .....	100 mm
Radius of curve of top of transom below <b>sheerline</b> .....	500 mm .....
Alternative tiller port; width.....	230 mm
height.....	100 mm
Number of drain holes in transom.....	2
Area of each transom drain hole.....	500 mm <sup>2</sup>
Number of drain ports in transom .....	2
Area of each drain port.....	0.033 m <sup>2</sup>
Drain port from top of transom, any part of outside of hull and the other port or drain hole .....	25 mm .....
Drain port closing device from outside skin of <b>hull</b> .....	15 mm
Longitudinal distance from <b>hull datum point</b> as defined in D.2.3 to shrouds at deck .....	2795 mm
Deck Overhang projection; width .....	12 mm .... 77 mm
distances of fairing from transom and forward end of <b>hull</b> , excluding stemhead fitting, .....	100 mm
Number of suction bailers .....	2
Total effective cross sectional area of suction bailers.....	1300 mm <sup>2</sup>
Thickness of wood hull shell.....	6 mm .... 10 mm
Thickness of wood hull shell transom.....	17 mm .....

## Section E – Hull Appendages

### E.1 PARTS

#### E.1.1 MANDATORY

- (a) **Centreboard**
- (b) **Rudder**

### E.2 GENERAL

#### E.2.1 RULES

- (a) **Hull appendages** shall comply with the **class rules** in force at the time of **certification**.

#### E.2.2 CERTIFICATION

- (a) The **Certification Measurer** shall **certify hull appendages**.

#### E.2.3 MANUFACTURERS

- (a) The manufacturer of **hull appendages** is optional.

### E.3 CENTREBOARD

#### E.3.1 MATERIALS

- (a) If of aerofoil section, the **centreboard** shall be of wood and/or GRP and resin except that the edges may be of brass strip or solid resin with optional filler of maximum 20mm from the edge.
- (b) If of metal, the **centreboard** shall be of constant thickness except within 25mm of the edges. It shall be cut from flat sheet.

#### E.3.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) The area of the **centreboard** below the lower width measurement may be of any shape except that it shall be within the area bounded by the straight line extensions of the leading and trailing edges.
- (b) The top of the **centreboard** above the upper width measurement may be of any shape, but shall be of uniform thickness.
- (c) The **centreboard** may be finished with paint or varnish.

#### E.3.3 DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
Thickness of metal <b>centreboard</b> .....	6 mm	.....
Fairing of metal <b>centreboard</b> edges .....	.....	25 mm
<b>Width of centreboard</b>		
At centre of pivot hole		
measured at 90° to the leading edge .....	340 mm	.... 360 mm
At 1000mm below centre of pivot hole		
measured at 90° to the leading edge .....	270 mm	.... 290 mm
Length of <b>centreboard</b> from centre of pivot hole to tip..	1220 mm	.. 1270 mm
Deviation of leading and trailing edges from a straight		

line between points defined by width measurements..... 5 mm

#### **E.4 RUDDER BLADE, RUDDER STOCK AND TILLER**

##### **E.4.1 MATERIALS**

- (a) The **rudder** blade shall be of any combination of wood, plywood, foam, GRP and resin, and paint and varnish.
- (b) The **rudder** stock shall be of wood, GRP or aluminium.
- (c) The tiller shall be of wood, GRP or aluminium.
- (d) The tiller extension materials are optional except the shaft shall be of aluminium.

##### **E.4.2 CONSTRUCTION**

- (a) The shape, design and construction of the **rudder** blade is optional except that wings, side foils or trim tabs are prohibited.
- (b) The design and construction of the stock and tiller is optional.

## Section F – Rig

### F.1 PARTS

#### F.1.1 MANDATORY

- (a) **Mast**
- (b) **Boom**
- (c) Standing **rigging**
- (d) Running **rigging**

#### F.1.2 OPTIONAL

- (a) **Whisker poles**

### F.2 GENERAL

#### F.2.1 RULES

- (a) The **spars** and their fittings shall comply with the **class rules** in force at the time of **certification** of the **spar**.

#### (B) THE STANDING AND RUNNING **RIGGING** SHALL COMPLY WITH THE **CLASS RULES**.F.2.2 CERTIFICATION

- (a) The **Certification Measurer** shall **certify spars**.
- (b) No **certification** of standing and running **rigging** is required.

#### F.2.3 DEFINITIONS

- (a) MAST DATUM POINT

The **mast datum point** is the **sheerline**.

#### F.2.4 MANUFACTURER

- (a) No licence is required.

### F.3 MAST

#### F.3.1 MATERIALS

- (a) The **spar** shall be of wood or standard grade marine aluminium alloy.

#### F.3.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) The **spar** extrusion shall include a fixed sail groove or track which may or may not be integral with the **spar** and may be of the any material.
- (b) Tapering is permitted above the forestay attachment.
- (c) The **mast spar** surfaces shall be relatively smooth with no additional fairings on the surface of the **spar**.
- (d) The **mast spar** may have only one set of spreaders and/or one pair of jumper struts.
- (e) The aluminium **mast spar** shall be either sealed to keep out water, or filled for at least the top 4270mm with closed cell expanded foam or foam pellets, or have openings at each end to facilitate quick draining.

F.3.3 FITTINGS

(a) Optional

F.3.5 DIMENSIONS

minimum maximum

**Mast spar** including sail track but excluding rigging and fittings shall pass through a circle - diameter ..... 100 mm

**Mast spar** tube section weight where un-tapered..... 0.90 kg/m .....

Wall thickness as specified by manufacturer ..... 1.5 mm .....

**Whisker pole fitting:**

projection ..... mm ..... 40 mm

**F.4 BOOM**

F.4.1 MATERIALS

(a) The **spar** shall be of wood or aluminium alloy.

F.4.2 CONSTRUCTION

(a) The **spar** extrusion and shall include a fixed sail groove or track which may or may not be integral with the **spar** and may be of any material.

F.4.3 FITTINGS

(a) Optional

F.4.5 DIMENSIONS

minimum maximum

**Boom spar** including sail track but excluding rigging and fittings shall pass through a circle - diameter ..... 100 mm

**F.5 WHISKER POLE**

F.5.1 MANUFACTURER

(a) Manufacturer is optional.

F.5.2 MATERIALS

(a) The **spar** shall be of wood, GRP or aluminium alloy.

F.5.3 CONSTRUCTION

(a) Construction is optional.

F.5.4 FITTINGS

(a) Fittings are optional.

F.5.5 DIMENSIONS

minimum maximum

**Whisker pole length** ..... 1830 mm

## **F.6 STANDING RIGGING**

### **F.6.1 MATERIALS**

- (a) The standing **rigging** - excluding any shroud purchase systems - shall be of stainless steel.

### **F.6.2 CONSTRUCTION**

#### **(a) MANDATORY**

- (1) A forestay.
- (2) Shrouds.

#### **(b) OPTIONAL**

- (1) Jumper wires

### **F.6.3 FITTINGS**

- (a) Optional

## **F.7 RUNNING RIGGING**

### **F.7.1 MATERIALS**

- (a) Materials are optional.

### **F.7.2 CONSTRUCTION**

- (a) The type of running rigging is optional.

### **F.7.3 FITTINGS**

- (a) Optional

## Section G – Sails

### G.1 PARTS

#### G.1.1 MANDATORY

- (a) Mainsail
- (b) Headsail

### G.2 GENERAL

#### G.2.1 RULES

- (a) **Sails** shall comply with the **class rules** in force at the time of **certification**.

#### G.2.2 CERTIFICATION

- (a) The **Certification Measurer** shall **certify** mainsails and headsails in the **tack** and write the sail area of the jib near the **tack** and shall sign and date the Official RYA **certification mark**.
- (b) For **headsails** the weight in g/m<sup>2</sup> of the **body of the sail** shall be indelibly marked near the **head** by the sailmaker together with the date and signature or stamp.

#### G.2.3 SAILMAKER

- (a) No licence is required.

### G.3 MAINSAIL

#### G.3.1 IDENTIFICATION

- (a) The class insignia shall conform with the dimensions and requirements as detailed in the diagram contained in Appendix H.
- (b) The class insignia, national letters and sail numbers shall comply with the RRS except where prescribed otherwise in these **class rules**.

#### G.3.2 MATERIALS

- (a) The **ply** fibres shall consist of polyester.
- (b) **Stiffening** shall consist of:
  - (1) Cornerboards of plastic or aluminium
  - (2) Battens of wood, plastic or GRP
- (c) **Sail reinforcement** shall consist of polyester.

#### G.3.3 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) The construction shall be: **soft sail, single ply sail**.
- (b) The **body of the sail** shall consist of the same **woven ply** throughout except within 350mm of the **foot**.
- (c) The **sail** shall have a maximum of 4 batten **pockets** in the **leech**.
- (c) The following are permitted: Stitching, glues, tapes, bolt ropes, corner eyes, headboard with fixings, Cunningham eye or pulley, **batten pocket patches**, batten pocket elastic, mast and boom slides, leech line with cleat,

two **windows**, tell tales, and items as permitted or prescribed by other applicable *rules*.

#### G.3.4 DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
<b>Leech length</b> .....	6120 mm	
<b>Half width</b> .....	1850 mm	
<b>Three-quarter width</b> .....	1045 mm	
<b>Top width</b> .....	125 mm	
Weight of <b>ply</b> of the <b>body of the sail</b> .....	128.4 g/m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Primary reinforcement</b> .....	350 mm	
<b>Secondary reinforcement:</b>		
from <b>sail corner measurement points</b> .....	1050 mm	
for <b>flutter patches</b> .....	120 mm	
for <b>chafing patches</b> .....	1050 mm	
for <b>batten pocket patches</b> .....	175 mm	
<b>Tabling width</b> .....	40 mm	
<b>Seam width</b> .....	20 mm	
<b>Window Area</b> .....	0.19 m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Window to sail edge</b> .....	150 mm	
<b>Batten pocket length:</b>		
uppermost and lowermost pockets:		
<b>inside</b> .....	770 mm	
intermediate pockets:		
<b>inside</b> .....	1030 mm	
<b>Batten pocket width:</b>		
<b>inside</b> .....	50 mm	
<b>outside</b> .....	90 mm	
<b>Head point</b> to intersection of <b>leech</b> and centreplane of uppermost <b>batten pocket</b> .....	1175 mm	1224 mm
<b>Clew point</b> to intersection of <b>leech</b> and centreplane of lowermost <b>batten pocket</b> .....	1175 mm	1224 mm

### G.4 HEADSAIL

#### G.4.1 MATERIALS

- (a) The **ply** fibres shall consist of polyester.
- (b) **Sail reinforcement** shall consist of polyester.

#### G.4.2 CONSTRUCTION

- (a) The construction shall be: **soft sail, single ply sail**.
- (b) The **body of the sail** shall consist of the same **woven ply** throughout.
- (c) The **leech** shall not extend beyond a straight line from the aft **head point** to the **clew point**.

(d) The following are permitted: Stitching, glues, tapes, corner eyes, hanks, luff wire, leech line with cleat, two **windows**, tell tales, luff wire pocket and items as permitted or prescribed by other applicable *rules*.

G.4.3 DIMENSIONS

	minimum	maximum
Area of Sail.....		3.310 m <sup>2</sup>
<b><u>Luff (in mm) x luff perpendicular (in mm)</u></b>		
<b>2,000,000</b>		
Area to be rounded up to the next 0.001m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Top width</b> .....		30 mm
Weight of <b>ply of the body of the sail</b> .....	128.4 g/m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Primary reinforcement</b> .....		300 mm
<b>Secondary reinforcement:</b>		
from <b>sail corner measurement points</b> .....		900 mm
for <b>flutter patches</b> .....		100 mm
for <b>chafing patches</b> .....		900 mm
<b>Tabling width</b> .....		40 mm
Luff wire <b>pocket</b> .....		40 mm
<b>Seam width</b> .....		20 mm
<b>Window area</b> .....		0.40 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Window to edge of luff and leech</b> .....	150 mm	
<b>Window to straight line between tack point and clew point</b>	150mm	

# PART III – APPENDICES

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The rules in Part III are **closed class rules**. Measurement shall be carried out in accordance with the ERS except where varied in this Part.

## Section H

### H.1 BUOYANCY TESTS

#### H.1.1 ENDORSEMENTS

- (a) Buoyancy tests shall be undertaken by the owner who shall sign and date the certificate and arrange for such signature to be witnessed.

#### H.1.2 NEW BOATS

- (a) All boats shall pass a flooded buoyancy test.
- (b) Boats without built-in buoyancy shall complete a full immersion test.
- (c) Boats with built-in buoyancy shall complete either an immersion test or a dry pressure/vacuum test.

#### H.1.2 TEST INTERVALS

- (d) Boats with hull shells and decks constructed substantially of wood shall have, at yearly intervals, their buoyancy apparatus checked by the owner who shall be satisfied that the buoyancy apparatus is in a sound condition. Every third year or, if the owner is in any doubt as to the adequacy of the buoyancy apparatus, such a boat shall undergo and pass a dry pressure/vacuum test, or an immersion test in order to retain certification.
- (e) Boats with hull shells and/or decks constructed substantially of GRP shall pass a dry pressure/vacuum test or an immersion test annually.
- (f) Boats shall be capable of passing a flooded test at all times.

#### H.1.3 TYPES OF BUOYANCY TESTS

##### H.1.3.1 FLOODED buoyancy tests shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Check that all buoyancy tanks or compartments are dry.
- (b) Flood **boat**, excluding sails
- (c) Locate a weight of 270kg of iron (or denser material, or of persons not immersed above the knee) in the vicinity of the centreboard case.
- (d) Verify that gunwales remain clear of the water.

##### H.1.3.2 DRY PRESSURE/VACUUM buoyancy tests shall be conducted as follows:

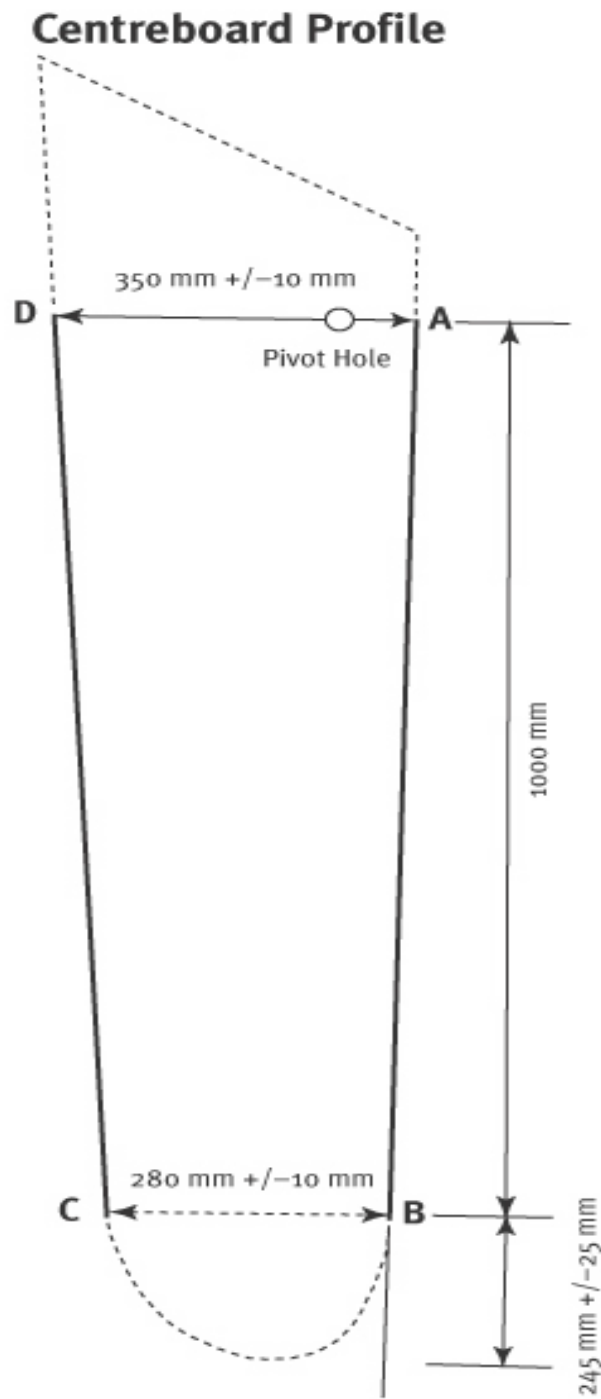
- (a) All openings in buoyancy compartments shall be closed with their own stoppers except where tubes for a pressure/vacuum gauge and source are connected.
- (b) Equipment for producing and assessing pressure differentials between buoyancy compartments and surrounding atmosphere shall be connected to the compartment.

- (c) Super or sub atmospheric pressure shall be applied to the compartment, sufficient to produce a reading of at least 125mm water gauge.
- (d) After isolating the buoyancy compartment from the pressure or vacuum source, the pressure differential shall not reduce from 125mm to 50mm water gauge in less than 30 seconds. Tanks which do not meet this criteria shall be recorded as failing.
- (e) Boats with one or more tanks that fail shall be recorded as failing buoyancy test and shall not be endorsed on the certificate

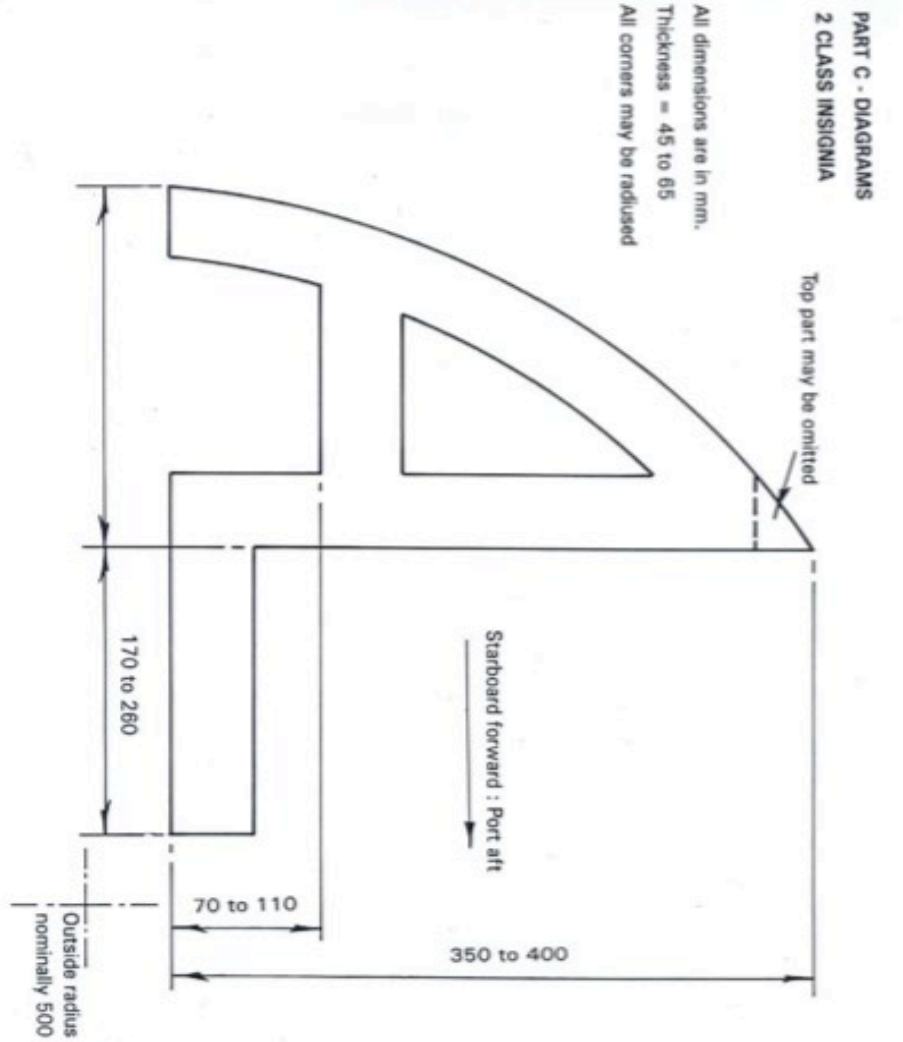
H.1.3.4 IMMERSION buoyancy tests shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Check that all buoyancy tanks or compartments are dry.
- (b) Capsize boat as necessary and immerse each buoyancy unit either together or one at a time.
- (c) Ensure each buoyancy unit is full submerged.
- (d) Maintain boat in condition (c) for at least 5 minutes.
- (e) Repeat steps (b) through (d) to ensure all units are tested.
- (f) Raise boat drain cockpit of water and position boat such that when tank drain ports are opened any water contained in tanks can be captured and measured.
- (g) Open one tank and capture any and all water in tank for measurement.
- (h) Tanks with more than 500 ml of water shall be recorded as failing.
- (i) Repeats steps (g) and (h) for all tanks.
- (j) Boats with one or more tanks that fail shall be recorded as failing buoyancy test and shall not be endorsed on the certificate.

## H.2 CENTREBOARD PROFILE



### H.3 SAIL INSIGNIA



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