

2024 Annual Meeting proposal of rule changes

The Rules Committee has recently voted on and approved several modifications to the Rules of the Atlantic Class Association. We now pass these new modifications on to the owners for your approval.

Mast Step Position: Words slated for removal in the existing Rules of the Atlantic Class Association are highlighted in ~~red & struck through~~ and new language is highlighted in **green**:

*9.1 No changes whatsoever may be made in the hull, ~~mast step~~, keel, deadwood and rudder except upon application to and receipt of written permission from the Rules Committee. Frames, stringers, floors, and vertical struts, in place of original watertight bulkheads, may be added for the purpose of strengthening wooden boats. Through-hull fittings are prohibited except as originally supplied on the Seafarer cuddy model, except one may be installed no more than one foot forward of the transom, of a maximum nominal inside diameter of 1-1/2", to accommodate overboard discharge of a permanently installed bilge pump. Installation of such a pump must include hose, through-hull, and through-bulkhead fittings of such quality as to prevent impairment of the integrity of the aft flotation tank. Provisions of Rule 16, EQUIPMENT are in no way altered by this rule. **Drawing, "Atlantic Class Deck Plan & Profile (Rev. 4/19/1993)" is for reference only.***

*12.1 The mast and main boom may be of wood or aluminum alloy, but must be constructed by a builder approved by the class in strict accordance with the Atlantic Class spar plans included herein. Internal spinnaker halyards or internal topping lifts are not permitted. Permanently bent or rotating masts are not permitted. Masts shall not be adjusted at the partners **or at the mast step** during a race.*

*12.5 Mast tenon shall be 5" long by 1 3/8" wide by 1 1/8" deep, mounted on a tenon plate, which is not to exceed 3/8" thick. Mast step slot shall not exceed ~~5-1/4"~~ **7"** in length, and 1 3/8" in width. **Drawing "Atlantic Class Deck Plan & Profile (Rev. 4/19/1993)" is for reference only.***

Boat Weight: No changes are being made to any of the existing rules in Section 10 of the Rules of the Atlantic Class Association, which primarily address the weight of a new boat. The Rules Committee has approved new rules in Section 10 to address the weight of existing boats:

10.8 Racing Weight: A boat competing in the Championship Series shall have been weighed at least once in the previous 15 months from the start of the first race of that Championship Series using a scale approved by the Rules Committee and witnessed by an Owner Member.

10.8.1 A boat shall have a minimum adjusted empty weight (AEW) of 4550 pounds and a maximum AEW of 5000 pounds.

***10.8.2 Boat weight adjustments can be made for the following equipment:
Mast with halyards and shrouds: +125 pounds. Boom with main sheets and blocks: +60 pounds. Misc Equip, running rigging, anchor, chain, tow line, battery, and other lines and equipment needed to race: +75 pounds.***

These rule modifications will be voted on at our Annual Class Meeting.