



SB20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

25th August to 1st September 2018

ROYAL IRISH YACHT CLUB

Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland

Notes from the Class Measurer

I am pleased to be supporting the Royal Irish Yacht Club in welcoming the SB20 Class to the 2018 European Championships, in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

Before we get there, I would like to draw your attention to the Class Rules, and I have highlighted some particular points below.

Some changes to the Class Rules were recommended by the SB20 World Council and approved by World Sailing (previously ISAF) to be effective from 3rd July 2018. The current Class Rules and Changes documents are available at World Sailing <http://www.sailing.org/34370.php>

The SB20 is a one-design governed by CLOSED CLASS RULES, where if it does not specifically say that you 'may' then you "SHALL NOT".

1. Note especially Rule C.1.2 (a)

the SB20 shall only be raced with hull, hull appendages, rig, sails, battens and tiller as supplied,

2. Rule C.6.3 - ALTERATIONS

which states that **no performance advantage** shall be obtained from any replacement, addition or repair permitted by these class rules.

3. Note Rule C.1.2 (c) regarding ownership and membership of the Class Association.

4. Rule C.3.3 - CREW POSITIONING, comes in two parts, and has not been changed:

(a) When hiking or sitting outboard, crews shall sit facing inboard in such a way that the base of their spine or legs are not on or over the side rails, or outside the forward extension of the line of the side rails,

(b) No device, method or sheet may be used to implement or assist hiking or sitting outboard other than the foot straps (this includes such as (i) holding the backstay downwind to assist

hiking or sitting outboard and (ii) holding shrouds or boat hull to assist or stabilise hiking upwind).

5. Rule C.9.8 (a) BOWSPRIT USE

- (1) The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at all times other than when the spinnaker is set or in the act of being set or recovered.
- (2) A retraction line of optional design may be fitted subject to the restrictions of C.5.1 (12)
- (3) When retracted, the **bowsprit outer point** shall not extend more than 200mm forward of the **hull**.

6. Rule C.8.3 KEEL has been changed to remove the quoted depth and to stress that the keel maximum projection must remain as set by the Licensed Manufacturer. No changes may be made to the keel to alter the depth.

7. Rule C.9.7 - BOOM LENGTH has been changed to remove the quoted length but to permit shortening at the aft end to reduce catching on the backstay during gybes; but importantly, the rule stresses that the position of the outhaul sheave shall not be adjusted.

8. Rule C.5.2 (12) permits use of shock cord and similar as long as the use does 'not modify the effective sheeting of any sail'.

Rule C.6.3 ALTERATIONS no performance advantage shall be obtained from any replacement, addition or repair permitted by these class rules.

On balance, it has been decided to not permit shock cord fastened between the Gnav and the outboard end of the boom, or mainsheet fastenings, for this event as there may be potential performance advantages.

9. BOAT COMPLIANCE AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS Checks of the boat, and required equipment, including weighing boats and keels, and checking safety equipment may be made during registration and measurement, and may be made between races, and before and after racing.

Strict adherence to the Class Rules is a fundamental ethos within the SB20 Class and we will make every effort to help you enjoy your sailing in a fair and competitive environment in Dun Laoghaire at the 2018 European Championships hosted by the Royal Irish Yacht Club.

I urge you to read the Class Rules and the Racing Rules

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020new-\[24067\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020new-[24067].pdf)

And please enjoy your sailing, especially at the European Championships in Dun Laoghaire

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