

RS800 Vote!

Two exciting proposed rule changes:

1. Weight equalisation rules wording update
2. Boom take-off/crew sheeting

Your RS800 Class Association committee have been working hard to take your RS800 forward!

They have two exciting proposals on which you can vote:

1. The first proposal is a clarification to the current weight equalisation rules Appendix A wording:

The aim for updating the RS800 weight equalisation wording of Appendix A is to make it easier to understand and implement

The proposed changes can be summarised as:

- Rack and weight settings are now defined for people outside the range
- Rounding of numbers is clarified
- Clothing for weigh-in is defined (minimum and maximum, as proposed at the AGM)

The proposal does not change the rack settings or weights for a given crew weight combination

An example of how the proposed updated rules Appendix A would read is here:

<http://www.rs800.org/documents/p1b64dd5ob9t0jpm1eeoov3su3.pdf>

The current wording is at pages 13 to 15 of the rules here:

http://www.rs800.org/documents/RS800%20Int%20Class%20Rules_11.12.pdf

2. The second proposal is the ability to allow boom take-off/crew sheeting:

The aim of offering boom take-off/crew sheeting is to widen the appeal of the RS800 and so enable greater participation

It would be optional to adopt boom take-off/crew sheeting

The full proposal can be read here: <http://www.rs800.org/documents/p1b6r562i91b1t137os671je1jqj3.pdf>

Photos of how the new boom sheeting set-up would look are here:

<http://www.rs800.org/documents/p1b6r5c2em1b4819ff1a4at9d171t3.pdf>

The RS instruction guide on how to fit the boom sheeting set-up is here:

http://www.rs800.org/documents/RS800_Crew_mainsheet_pack_sm.pdf

You can see a video of Luke and Emma McEwen trialling the proposed optional boom take-off/crew sheeting here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4cgvgrfx35d11rl/RS800%20mainsheet%20trial%20edit.mp4?dl=0>

An example of how the proposed updated rules to allow boom sheeting would read is here:

<http://www.rs800.org/documents/p1b69flql5p2v14g01ips1vb0133o3.pdf>

The proposed changes are tracked in red at paragraph C7.3

Both proposals have been raised with Alex Newton-Southon who is the licence holder, designer and boat manufacturer

Alex fully supports the RS800 Class Association putting both proposals to the vote of RS800 International and UK Class Association Members

In order to implement both rule changes amendments have to be made to the RS800 rules

This requires a majority vote of the relevant members of the Class Association who return written replies within one month of the circulation of the proposed rule change

The proposed rule change is being circulated today Thursday 19 January 2017. The closing date for your written reply is therefore Thursday 16 February 2017. An email response counts as a written reply

Please see RS Class Association Rules here:

http://www.rssailing.org/docs/Class%20Rules%20V%202%207_11.pdf

Please see RS800 Class Association Rules here:

http://www.rs800.org/documents/RS800%20Int%20Class%20Rules_11.12.pdf

The RS800 demo boat has been set up for boom sheeting. To trial the boat please contact RS800 class Chair Chris Feibusch here or via the Try a Boat Button on the website (top bar under contacts, or at the bottom of the current results box)

So vote "**yes weight wording**" to clarify weight equalisation rule wording, or "**no weight wording**" to no change to weight equalisation rule wording

and vote "**yes boom sheeting**" to allow the option of boom take-off/crew sheeting, or "**no boom sheeting**" to no change to main sheet rules

Send your answers to me at clare@rs-association.com by Thursday 16 February 2017

If you would like to discuss the above proposals with your fellow RS800 sailors please go to your RS800 forum on the website (top bar, contacts, forum)

I look forward to reading your decision and then publishing the RS800 Class Association decision late February 2017

Happy RS800 sailing

Cheers

Clare Sargent

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