

MOTION A by USMCA

(Existing 2015 Rule)-

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Crews shall be weighed during the registration period prior to racing. During the event, Crews will be selected at random to be reweighed. Such reweighting shall be done on the same scale and at the same place and within one (1) hour of the end of the protest time limit of the last race of the day. Should a boat be found to exceed the maximum weight, she will be penalized by adding one point for each race of the day to her final total score - after discards - of the regatta for every kilogram over the limit. A boat found over the weight limit shall not continue racing until she complies with the class rule. Re-weighing under this situation shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Effective: Previous issues:

3 March 2015

10 March 2014 16 January 2014 22 March 2013 19th March 2012 1st July 2011

5th January 2010 1st January 2009 4th Jan 2008 23rd May 2007 1st March 2006

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(Proposed Rule-The following is designed to normalize the racing crew weights of the competitors, considered essential by *MELGES24* designer, John Reichel, and to create a weigh-in process that is more efficient, fair and effective.

H.3B Crew Weigh-in Process

(1) For *MELGES24* Class-sanctioned championships, the Organizing Authority shall verify compliance with Class Rule C.2.2 by weighing each participant wearing a minimum of light sport shorts and top. This weight shall be taken within one day prior to the first race of the series. The total weight of each entry shall be recorded and made available to competitors.

(2) For *MELGES24* Class-sanctioned events of **duration longer than three days**, all crew members of each boat shall be reweighed within the posted time frame on or before the full day at a point 75% of the way through the regatta week. (i.e after sailing and before the banquet on day 3 of a 5-day regatta). This is to ensure compliance with Class Rule C.2.2 for the entire fleet.

(3) Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be penalized one point per kilogram for each of the previous races and shall not be permitted to continue racing until they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances. Such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.

(4) For all *MELGES24* Class-sanctioned events, the official scale shall be certified and made available, at all times, to crews and regatta officials.

