

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016
Saturday, 5 November 2016

According to the IM24CA Constitution, motions, amendments and nominations for the AGM shall be proposed only by the Executive Committee, NCA's, the Technical Committee and ISAF and must reach the [International Secretary](#) not less than eight (8) weeks before the officially announced date of the meeting. Only the motions, amendments and nominations on the Agenda and its attachment/s shall be voted upon. The Chairman may, in exceptional circumstances, accept amendments from the floor of the AGM when, in his opinion, this will assist the resolution of issues on which the World Council have had an opportunity to express their views.

Deadline for the submissions for the 2016 AGM is **September 9th, 2016**. To allow this process to function smoothly, the each Submission should adhere to the following guidelines:

- The Submission shall clearly state the current position along with the proposal for a change (clearly stating the rule) and the rationale behind this change.
- The Submission should be written to relate to any IM24CA documents or topics as listed below.
- Wherever possible, each submission should contain wording for the proposed new rules.
- Reason for the motion
- Technical items the tech staff can work on during the year should not be sent as an Submission

Nominating Body <i>Exec Comm, NCA, Tech Comm</i>	NCA – U.S. Melges 24 Class Association (USMCA)
Name and Surname	Joy Dunigan
Position in Nominating Body	USMCA Admin/Communications Director
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Title of the motion, amendment, nomination	MOTION C: Backstay
Topics concerned	

	Constitution		Events
x	Class Rules		Technical issues
	Regatta Regulations		General policies
	Nomination		

Proposal <i>You can widen this box if needed</i>	<p>PROPOSED RULE</p> <p>The cleats and hardware restrictions for the backstay control lines shall be the same as for the traveler- "1 or 2 cleats on brackets on each side tank for Backstay control-line cleats, blocks, etc..."</p>
Reason	<p>This is considered a "housekeeping measure" and puts each system on the same level. The control lines and cleats for the Backstay are within 25 mm of those for the Traveler. These controls are within the reach of the helmsman an effect sail shape to a similar degree. It is logical that the systems should have similar level of convenience and functionality. The motion will make sailing the Melges24 easier for by using a continuous backstay one can cleat the leeward side of the backstay from the weather side.</p>