

**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

<b>Nominating Body</b> <i>Exec Comm, NCA, Tech Comm</i>	NCA – U.S. Melges 24 Class Association (USMCA)
<b>Name and Surname</b>	Joy Dunigan
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<b>Title of the motion, amendment, nomination</b>	Motion A: Lifelines
<b>Topics concerned</b>	

	Constitution		Events
<b>x</b>	Class Rules		Technical issues
	Regatta Regulations		General policies
	Nomination		

<b>Proposal</b> <i>You can widen this box if needed</i>	<p><b>EXISTING RULE</b></p> <p>The hiking lines shall be tight at all times. When pushing down hard on the hiking line, the hiking line shall when measuring from the deck to the top of any padding on the hiking line not measure less than 100mm in the lowest position between the two stanchions.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED RULE</b></p> <p>The distance between the bearing surface of the lifeline straps and the deck shall be no closer than 10cm when a 20 kg load is placed at mid-span.</p>
<b>Reason</b>	<p>---</p> <p>The language of the old rule is vague and impossible to enforce uniformly. The new rule provides a standardized weight and allowable deflection.</p>