

International Melges 24 Copyright Holder Permission:

Date: June 5, 2020

Attention: Jim Pugh

Back ground: The International Melges 24 Class Association’s Technical Committee has been asked for its opinion pertaining to the “Manufacturer-Controlled Class” aspect of our class rule and specifically to address a contradiction currently found in the Introduction section of these rules. We were contacted by our licensed builder, Melges Performance Sailboats (MPS) and made aware of this situation. MPS have asked if it was possible to fast track a rule change that would clear this up. This action is being undertaken to head off any potential supply issues that the class may face going forward.

The issue before us is that the class rules specifically limit MPS to using a single source for rigs as is stated in the Introduction section of our class rules on page 3 paragraph 5, “rigs shall only be supplied by Southern Spars”. This prevents the class and the builder from considering an alternate source for the rigs. This is in contravention of our own class rules as stated in the 2nd paragraph in the same section stating the “International Melges 24 hulls, hull appendages, rigs and sails are measured and manufacturing controlled.” The intent of this statement is to define the International Melges 24 as a Manufacturer-Controlled Class. Clearly paragraph 5 is in opposition to paragraph 2 and can potentially limit the class and the builder’s procurement of spares and new stock. With respect to this the Technical Committee purposes the following actions:

Class Rules:

Remove and delete from Page 3 of the Introduction section the following paragraph “*International Melges 24, rigs shall only be manufactured by Southern Spars – in the class rules referred to as the licensed builder.*”

Reason: This is in contradiction of the class rules as they pertain to a Manufacturer-Controlled Class.

Remove and delete from Page 20 F.2.1 (a) “*The spars and their fittings shall comply with the class rules in force at the time of certification of the spar*” and replace F.2.1 (a) with “*Spars shall only be supplied by a licensed builder and built in accordance with the manufacturing specification in force at the time of certification of the spar*”. Reason: This allows the class to approve other licensed builders as required and deemed necessary.

Our class **Constitution** has relevance in this matter:

Section 3.12 states Reichel/Pugh Yacht Design is the Copyright Holder.

Section 3.13 states a “licensed builder” is issued by World Sailing and the Copyright Holder.

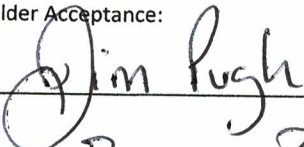
Section 12.13 states the rights of the Copyright Holder and as also mentioned in 3.13.

To that end we ask Reichel/Pugh Yacht Design, the Copyright Holder, for permission to implement this change to our class rules. Your permission is needed before the class can move forward with this resolution. It is important to clarify this rule change proposal does not infer or approve a new mast supplier or a new mast. It is intended to simply correct a contradiction within our rules.

Mike Gozzard
IM24CA Technical Committee Chair

Copyright Holder Acceptance:

Signed: _____



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Per: REICHEL PUGH YACHT DESIGN INC.