



Porto Cervo, 5 – 11 September 2021

Object:	To the attention of:	Place:	Date:	Posting time:
Notice to Competitors 3	All Competitors	Porto Cervo	01/09/2021	hrs: 12.00

From: Organizing Authority (X) | Race Committee ( ) | International Jury ( )

Signed: [Handwritten signatures]

Dear MYRC competitors,

Hereby a reminder of the Owner Driver rules and some general information with these.

Owner Driver rules

NoR 1.5.1 reads: The IMA Class Rules.

- (a) IMA Rule C.2.1.(a).2 applies to Mini Maxi and Maxi;
- (b) IMA Rules C2.2 to C2.5 apply to helmsmen in the Mini Maxi and Maxi.

Amendment 2 amends NoR 1.5.1 (b), and relaxes IMA Rule C.2.2 as permitted by the IMA Rule for Owner Drivers from the age of 75:

- (a) WL races: Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. Per hour a 10 minute break is permitted. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the first and final mile of the race. The break(s) shall take place between mark roundings and avoid clearly imminent manoeuvres (tack/gybe).
- (b) Coastal Races (any non WL race up to 60 miles): Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. The first hour a 10 minute break is permitted, thereafter a Relief Helm may helm up to a total of 30 minutes per hour and after four hours up to a total of 45 minutes per hour. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race.

Principally the helmsmen of boats in the classes Mini Maxi and Maxi / their sub-classes shall be the owner. If for proper reason the owner cannot helm his or her boat a Helmsman Application Form shall be filled out for his replacement, whether this is a relative, a Group 1 substitute or the genuine full time Boat Captain: See IMA Rule C.2.2.(e):

The Owner Driver may apply to be replaced by a Substitute Helm or the Boat Captain to the Helmsman Approval Panel in case of proper reason for absence or incapacity to helm. This shall happen no later than seven days in advance of the race the request applies too. Only clear emergencies rising within the seven days period will permit a shorter application interval.

To know:

- The OA presumes that the owner is driving the boat in case we do not receive a Helmsman Application Form.
- For a copy of the Helmsman Application Form please go to: [https://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/IMA\\_Helmsman\\_form.pdf](https://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/IMA_Helmsman_form.pdf)
- Please note that substitution by the boat captain or a substitute helm results in a penalty on the elapsed time: In events where C2.1 (a)(2) is applied and in the event that an Owner Helm or Charterer Helm is unwilling or unable to steer in compliance with this Rule and is replaced for any reason by a Substitute Helm or by the Boat Captain the OA and the Class shall be notified in writing and the following penalties on the elapsed time shall apply:
  - if helmed by the BOAT CAPTAIN – 1%
  - if helmed by a SUBSTITUTE HELM (Group 1 competitor) -2%
- The OA aim is to ensure safe, fair and fun racing. If any of the starts/classes has a realistic request to relax / modify the owner driver rules or their penalties the OA will seriously consider accommodating this. At this stage however unanimous support from the competitors for such change will be required.

Also in C.2.2 you will find when the owner has to be at the helm:

- (a) WL races: Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. After one hour a 10 minutes break per hour or the equivalent is permitted. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race. The break(s) shall take place between mark roundings and avoid clearly imminent manoeuvres (tack/gybe).
- (b) Coastal Races (any non WL race up to 60 miles): Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. After one hour a Relief Helm may helm 15 minutes per hour or the equivalent and after four hours 45 minutes per hour or the equivalent. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race.
- (c) Offshores (any race over 60 miles): not applicable to this regatta.
- (d) At anytime, so also during the first hour or the final two miles to the finish, the Owner Driver or Charterer Helm may be assisted for safety reasons (immediate risk of collision or driver incapable to continue helming, for instance because of injury).



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Also permitted is a crew member holding the helm for the few seconds it takes to cross from side to side during a manoeuvre. Note: A short stop (maximum 5 minutes) for good reason (sanitary, change of clothing, etc) is permitted during the first hour, but not whilst or shortly before or after mark roundings or in the lead up to or whilst manoeuvring (tack/gybe) if such a manoeuvre clearly is imminent.

For the complete IMA Class Rules: [https://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/2021\\_classrules.pdf](https://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/2021_classrules.pdf)

- In case of general event questions or observations please contact the Race Office: [secretariat@yccs.it](mailto:secretariat@yccs.it)
- In case of rule / technical questions or observations please contact the Chief Measurer James Dadd: [james.dadd@outlook.com](mailto:james.dadd@outlook.com)