

## Joint Statement Regarding NoR Provision 6

Over the past seasons, the Class Executive has received concerns from within the membership of the use of ‘professionals’ on-board Cape 31s and that the World Sailing Categorization system may not, alone, be sufficient to control crew costs etc. There was also a complete outage of World Sailing’s Categorization system during MED Round 2 this year, leaving no way to verify team’s compliance with the class rules.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee has agreed to trial an additional control which can be observed within the NoR for the Cape 31 European Championships in provision 6 which contains a requirement for each member of crew to obtain a ‘SailorPass’ in addition to following the Class Rules which limit the number of professional’s onboard as assessed by the World Sailing Categorization Code. For the Europeans this is essentially an experiment to test the viability of using a third-party system for crew eligibility.

SailorPass is intended to be a method of assessing crew based on time spent interacting with the sport of sailboat racing and past events competed in, and not a method of assessing the crews’ professional interaction with the sport therefore not being a ‘Categorization’ system as per racing rule 79.

SailorPass has been developed by the same developers behind the Class Management System for the Cape 31 Class and uses the same level of security for storing information submitted to SailorPass. In addition, the information required to obtain a SailorPass is substantially the same as is input to CMS.

The purpose of requiring all crew to obtain a SailorPass for the European Championships is to gather information on which level of ‘Pass’ each member of Crew would be assigned should the Class decide to utilise such a system in addition to the World Sailing Categorization System which remains a Class Rule requirement. For the European Championships there is no limitation on how many crew with each level of SailorPass is permitted. This is just a trial to establish what, if any, criteria should be proposed in the future in assisting the Class’ control of crew configurations on board in addition to sailor Categorization pertinent to the World Sailing Categorization Code.

Within SailorPass there are three levels of ‘pass’:

- *Personal*: aimed at those which interact with sailboat racing a limited amount of the year.
- *Industry*: aimed at those which interact with sailboat racing a significant portion of the year.
- *Elite*: aimed at those sailors which have or do compete in ‘elite’ events such as the Olympic Games, Americas Cup, Sail GP, the Ocean Race etc.

After the European Championships the results of how each crew member was assessed by SailorPass will be considered in developing a proposal to the wider Membership at the class AGM later in 2025. Individual answers given and personal data will be retained within SailorPass in accordance with SailorPass’ terms and conditions.

Finally, SailorPass is being developed as a ‘not for profit’ venture with the hope to offer a tool to classes to ensure a level playing field.