



Cape 31 Gold Cup 2026

Pre-Race Inspection, Information & Measurement Notices

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Event Technical Committee

The Technical Committee in racing rule 92 is:

Adam Parry, Technical Committee Chair (GBR); and

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Executive Committee Delegation

In accordance with class rule B.2.1(e), the Cape 31 Class Authority has delegated the Technical Committee the following responsibilities that would otherwise be discharged by the Class Authority.

Rule	Description
C.2.1(c)	Changing of crew during an event
C.2.3(f)	Ability to waive the category 1 requirement for a part owner or alternate helm.
C.2.3(g)	Approving a temporary alternate helm.
C.5.7(a)	Haul out restrictions

Class Rule Changes

The Cape 31 Class Authority has authorised class rule changes that are appended to this notice.

Pre-event actions

Boats are reminded of the Class Rules related to crew. These give deadlines for certain actions. These are:

Deadline to submit a request to use an alternative helm: **7 October** this should be emailed to measurer@cape31class.com including declaration that the alternative helm meets Class Rule C.2.3(f) and their World Sailing Sailor ID.

Declaration of Crew on the Class Management System: **5 October @10:30** (this is as per the class rule change in the appendix, the intention of bringing this forward is to mitigate the number of World Sailing reviews close to the racing days).

Time limit to protest another boat's crew categorisation: **6 October @10:30** (where a boat believes another crew holds the wrong categorization).

Pre-race Inspection 12/13 October

As required by NoR 9.5 all boats need to present themselves prepared for a full measurement including boat weighing. Below, is the detail of what will be inspected.

Each boat will have basic equipment checks and sails measured. To facilitate this, each boat must book a 10 minute time slot for Monday afternoon or Tuesday. A link will be provided to book such a time slot on the event whatsapp group and replicated on the ONB. Slots will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

In addition, 5 boats will be selected at random by the CMS and announced on 5 October. These 5 boats will be weighed as well as having the keel inspected. This will take place on Monday morning (starting 08:00).

These 5 boats shall be weighed in the order they are selected.

THESE BOATS MUST LIAISE WITH THE YACHT CLUB FOR DETAILS RELATED TO THE CRANE ARRANGEMENT AND CRADLE TO PREPARE THE BOAT ASHORE.

The following equipment will be inspected on all boats during their booked time slot to make sure it is on board and meets the required standard.

1. A PFD for each member of crew stating that they meet the ISO 12402-4 standard (50N) or equivalent.
2. All 'buttoned' sails that may be used for racing with the world sailing IHC sticker or other certification mark visibly on display.
3. A safety knife on deck in its storage location used during racing, it shall be clear of significant rust (pitting).
4. 2 x 9 litre buckets each with a lanyard.
5. Anchor and chain, the combined weight must be at least 8kg.

IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED FOR YOUR BOOKED TIME SLOT YOU WILL BE PUT TO THE BACK OF THE QUEUE TO PREVENT DELAYS TO OTHERS!

6. In addition, the 2 newest spinnakers will be measured for every boat. These will be based on the date on the certification mark.

Policy

This event is the class' premier event of the calendar. As such, the class rules will be enforced without exception. The Technical Committee will protest all boats that:

1. Fail to declare their crew on time.
2. Have more than 3 uncategorized or group 3 crew declared (where a crew can demonstrate they've made a genuine effort to obtain categorization, the technical committee will apply NoR 21.2).
3. Do not submit themselves for pre-event inspection according to the conditions above.
4. Do not present themselves for post-race inspection when selected.
5. Take equipment off their boat before being 'released' during post-race inspection.
6. Are found to not meet a class rule associated with post-race inspection.
7. Has crew over the weight limit during post race inspection.

The Technical Committee may protest for other technical rule breaches but remind competitors that **if you tell the Technical Committee you think another boat is not in compliance with the class rules the Technical Committee cannot protest for that (RRS 60.4(b)(3)) and you should protest directly.**

During pre-event inspection any boat which is weighed and is clearly underweight will be required to install corrector weights according to the class rules.

Any spinnaker measured which is greater than the permitted area will be 'rejected' and a boat will not be permitted to race with such a sail.

Class Rule Amendments

The following class rule changes for the Cape 31 Gold Cup have been authorised (An amendment to the Notice of Race will be issued to implement these changes):

After Class Rule C.1.1(b)(iv) add new (v) as follows:

“(v) Section 4 – Portable Equipment and Section 5 – Personal Equipment.”

After Class Rule C.4.1(a)(i) add the following:

- “(ii) A personal flotation device meeting the requirements of ISO 12402-5:2020 (Buoyancy aids (level 50) – Safety requirements), or equivalent standard for every member of **crew** on board.
- (iii) 2 fire extinguishers in different parts of the boat.
- (iv) A first aid kit, the contents of which reflect the likely conditions and duration of the race or races and the number of **crew**.
- (v) A manually operated bilge pump.
- (vi) A soft tapered wooden plug per through **hull** opening stored adjacent to the opening.
- (vii) A marine grade handheld VHF radio that is waterproof or in a waterproof cover
- (viii) An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the **standing rigging** from the boat.
- (ix) 2 strong 9 litre buckets with lanyards.
- (x) A strong sharp knife secured in a restrained sheath accessible from the cockpit.
- (xi) A lifebuoy with a whistle and a drogue.”

After Class Rule C.4.1(a), add new (b):

- “(b) The equipment listed in (a) shall be readily accessible, fit for the intended purpose and be regularly inspected by the boat's person in charge described in RRS 46 to ensure the equipment remains fit for purpose. In addition, where the equipment is inflatable, it shall be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements and inspected for air retention at least annually.”

Add new Class Rule C.5.5(c):

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- (i) Boats shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2 installed on the deck according to the supplier's instructions and any other provisions in the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions.
- (ii) The Vakaros unit in (i) shall be mounted to a bracket supplied by MadMounts which shall be installed as follows:
 - The aft edge of the bracket shall be 4440mm from the forward edge of the load cell pin on the forestay.
 - The starboard edge of the bracket shall be 100mm from the inside jammer.
- (iii) The bracket and Vakaros unit shall be protected by the accompanying shell provided by MadMounts.”

Class Rule C.5.7(b) and (c) are deleted.

Class Rule C.7.2(1) is replaced by the following:

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- (i) Not more than 1 **mainsail**, 2 **headsails** and 3 **spinnakers** shall be on board.
- (ii) Notwithstanding (i) above, the heavy weather jib described in OSR 4.26.1 may be on board in addition to the 2 **headsails** referred to therein.”

Class Rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with the following:

- “(b) The crew shall be declared on the CMS by 10:30 (France time) on Monday 5th October.