

**WINDSURFER CLASS FRANCE SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD AND
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF IWCA :
ALLOW THE USE OF A RESHAPED SAIL UNDER SPECIFIC
CONDITIONS**

We as representatives of the executive committee of the Windsurfer Class France, submit the following proposals to the board of the IWCA as follow :

- Request for the modification of Rule :
 - PART II – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.
 - Section C Condition for racing.
 - C.9 Sail.
 - C.9.1 : Limitations.
 - C.9.3 : Maintenance and modification.
 - Section G – SAILS.
 - G.1 Parts (a).
 - G.3 Material, Construction and dimensions.
 - G.3.1 The sail.
 - G.3.2 (a) 5.7m² sail.

We hereby submit a request for the approval of the use of a reshaped Windsurfer sail **under limited conditions as defined hereafter**. We therefore ask for the modification of the above mentioned Class Rules regarding the sail's size and shape.

1) Giving the right to any IWCA member to reshape a sail in order to reduce its size as far as the sail in question is an original sail manufactured by a licensed manufacturer.

- The meaning and objective of this potential modification would be ecosustainability driven and to allow women and specific age groups to sail in a wider range of wind conditions :
 - One one hand, giving the right to reshape new One-Design sails would allow lighter or less experienced skippers to remain afloat and push forward their training programmes in strong winds and, on the other hand, the prospect of extending the life of used sails is evidently ecofriendly.
- Gauge of reshaped sails and agreed sailmaker :
 - We have identified ALLARD in Lorient, french Brittany, as a sail maker wich could be agreed as the approved sail "reshaper" by the french Class.
 - ALLARD has already acquired a track record in reshaping used Windsurfer sails with a specific gauge. Some reshaped old sails are currently being used by a group of skippers for the purpose of longer training sessions in very strong winds.

2) Giving the right to use of a reshaped sail from an original One-Design one, according to a specific gauge, for sailing and competing in official Windsurfer Class races in wind conditions over 20 knots.

- This modification of the above mentioned Rule would be exclusively allowed for women, youth and legends categories under specific conditions.
- The decision to authorize the use of reshaped sails during a race or a serie of races by such categories be it Course Race, Long Distance Race or Slalom would remain at the sole discretion of the Jury and Race Comitee.
- We thank the IWCA Board and technical committee for their attention to our submission for the modification of this IWCA Class Rules.