**New Class Rules for 2018**

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ILCA is pleased to announce that the following changes to the ILCA Class Rules, proposed earlier in 2017, have been approved by a vote of the members as required under the rules.

World Sailing has now also approved these rule changes, which will become effective as of 1 January 2018.

***Change 1: ELECTRONIC DIGITAL COMPASS***  
Proposed rule change: Delete current Rule 22 (a)-(d) shown below in text and  
replace it with new Rule 22 (a)-(e) shown below in RED text.  
Add new rule 22:  
22. COMPASS, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND TIMING DEVICES  
(a) One compass mounted on any part of the deck or the cockpit is permitted if the hull cavity is not pierced by anything other than the fasteners. Compasses may not be fitted to inspection ports. An additional wrist mounted compass is permitted. Electronic, self-contained, digital compasses using only magnetic input are permitted.  
(b) Timing devices are permitted.  
(c) A timing device and electronic compass may be integrated in the same device.  
(d) A compass or timing device must not be capable of displaying, delivering, transmitting, receiving, calculating, correlating or storing information about wind speed, wind direction, boat speed or boat position.  
(e) Any use of electronic equipment not specifically allowed in the rules is prohibited unless the rules are modified by the sailing instructions.  
Delete Old Rule 22:  
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**Reason for change**: To allow the use of affordable electronic digital compasses that are not GPS enabled.

**PASSED (81% “Yes” votes)**

***Note: In the*** [***Interpretations section of the Class Rules***](http://www.laserinternational.org/rules-and-regulations/laser-class-rules/?preview=true#tab-interpretations) ***on this website, ILCA will maintain a list of approved compasses that meet the requirements of the rule.***

***Change 2: BOAT OR BODY MOUNTED CAMERA***  
Proposed rule change: Add new Rule 28 in RED text as below.  
ADD NEW RULE 28:  
28. One camera may be attached to the sailor or may be mounted on the boat if the hull cavity is not pierced by anything other than the fasteners.

**Reason for change**: To allow the use of cameras.

**PASSED (84% “Yes” votes)**

Proposed rule change: Modify Rule 3(f)vi by deleting the words in text and adding the words in RED text as below.  
vi. A shock cord may be used as an inhaul on the clew.

**Reason for change**: To remove the restrictions on the attachment points of the shock cord inhaul.

**PASSED (89% “Yes” votes)**

***Change 4: ADJUSTABLE HIKING STRAP***  
Proposed rule change: Modify Rule 17(c) by adding the words shown in RED text as below.  
New Rule 17(c):  
17(c) The hiking strap supporting line, between the aft end of the hiking strap and the eye straps on the aft face of the cockpit, may be rigged in any manner so that the hiking strap is fixed or adjustable and may include one cleat; one ring, thimble, or shackle; or both.

**Reason for change**: To allow for the addition of one cleat and one turning point in the hiking strap support line that are not attached to the hull or the hiking strap.

**PASSED (81% “Yes” votes)**