

INSA Rule Proposal Form

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Summary: Allow Polyester Laminate sailcloth and mandate a minimum cloth weight for all sails regardless of cloth type

Affects:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | By-Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> | Class Rules |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Specifications | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | | |

Objective: Keep the INSA at the forefront of modern sailmaking technological advancements while retaining an affordable cost for its class members

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red): Example: ByLaws: **Article X. Racing Rules**

*All Fleet races and all races sponsored by the Association shall be governed by the racing rules of the ~~International Sailing Federation~~ **World Sailing** as adopted by the national authority of the nation in which the race is held.*

Cloth shall be a ~~dacron or nylon woven cloth only~~ **limited to commercially available woven or laminated nylon or polyester fiber cloth of at least 125g/m² (approx. 2.9oz).** Mylar **Carbon**, Kevlar, spectra or other exotic fabrics or films **fibers** shall not be allowed (except windows).

Windows are permitted **and are not subject to the minimum cloth weight requirement.**

Reasons: Suitable available lightweight Dacron is becoming more limited from cloth suppliers. Costs for Polyester Laminates are comparable if not cheaper than coated race Dacron. With a minimum weight, we will encourage longevity of sails while not making any current sails obsolete. A modern look may help kids think of the Sabot as a "cooler" boat and grow participation. As the Australian Sabot, Snipe, 505 and others have shown, it is likely the fleet will have a mix of woven and laminate sails going forward. This is a very similar situation to when we lost LeFiel as a mast supplier and needed to legalize Carbon spars.

¹ Proposals must be submitted 30 days prior to the INSA Spring meeting (March/April)
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