



THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION

## The Sira Cup Rules – v5.3

### 1.0 Eligibility criteria

In order to qualify for the Sira Cup an International 8-Metre yacht shall have a valid certificate of rating and comply with these Rules for the Sira Cup.

### 2.0 Grandfathering

All measured 8m boats having already made modifications to their hull, deck, keel or rudder in contradiction with these rules and were otherwise eligible to race for Sira Cup as of September 1, 2016 are grandfathered.

Any alterations to grandfathered parts of the boat subsequent to September 1, 2016 will only be allowed with the written authorization of the Technical Committee.

When competing for the Sira Cup, in addition to a valid measurement certificate, the owner will also submit a signed statement that no modifications have been made that would affect their rating, entitlement to enter the Sira Cup or continued entitlement to the grandfathering provisions, if applicable, since their last measurement.

### 3.0 Boat design and construction

The boat design shall originate prior to January 1st 1960. Alterations to the hull and keel geometry made after this date and/or alterations made by anyone other than the original naval architect are not permitted.

#### 3.1 New construction and restoration of classic Int. 8-Metres

Yachts may be restored or built new to such existing designs, subject to its construction being traditional carvel wood, conforming to the Lloyd's Rules and Regulations for the construction and classification of yachts of The International 8-Metre Class, valid for 8-Metres built between 1921 and 1949.

#### 3.2 Keel and hull geometry

The geometry of keel and hull shall not be modified.

#### 3.3 Rudder

In order to qualify for the Sira Cup yachts shall not have split rudder and keel configurations and shall have no more than one movable underwater appendage.

Modifications to rudder geometry are permitted.



## THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION

### **3.4 Mast & forestay position**

The mast and forestay position may be modified from the original design.

### **3.5 Material use and sheathed hulls**

Sheathing of the hull with any kind of structural fibre or fibre cloth is not permitted.

Under certain conditions the use of non-structural sheathing may be permitted for minor restoration works, but solely after written consent from the IEMA Technical Committee.

### **3.6 High modulus fibres**

The use of high modulus fibres (such as S, R and Quartz glass and all Carbon and Aramid) is not permitted in any part of the hull, deck, rudder or keel.

### **4.0 Sails**

All sails shall comply with the 8m Class rules.

### **5.0 Deck fittings**

There are no restrictions on deck fittings and hardware.

### **5.1 Hydraulics**

Notwithstanding Rule 2.0, Boats may have hydraulic systems on board, but the use of hydraulics for sail and rig adjustments is not permitted during racing.

### **6.0 Rigging and spars**

**6.1** The standing rigging shall be in steel wire or alloy steel rod.

**6.2** Runners, checkstays and backstays can be made out of fibre.

### **7.0 Scoring**

The winner of the Sira Cup is the classic 8-Metre answering to the Deed of Gift and complying to these Rules of the Sira Cup with the best result in the overall score of the championships. The score is calculated using the actual points from the overall score.



## THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION

### **8.0 Inspection**

- 8.1** Control of the compliance to the Sira Cup rules shall be performed after completion of a major restoration or new build.
- 8.2** During the official measurement period ahead of a Sira Cup event, a boat's compliance to these rules may be checked by a member of IEMA's Technical Committee.
- 8.3** Any protest during an event regarding these rules will be handled by the protest committee according to RRS 64.3.  
IEMA's Technical Committee will act as the responsible authority.

### **9.0 Government of Rules**

The IEMA governs the Sira Cup Rules. Amendments, if any, shall be submitted to the IEMA's Technical Committee not less than 90 days before the next scheduled AGM. The Technical Committee will formalize these and present them for the AGM.

### **10.0 Technical guidance**

Owners of yachts embarking on a restoration or refit of an 8-Metre aiming to race for the Sira Cup are encouraged to submit their plans to the IEMA Technical Committee.

Owners embarking on a new construction of an 8-Metre aiming to race for the Sira Cup are obliged to require an IEMA TC Building Approval (owners must submit a copy of the original lines plan and construction plan to the IEMA Technical Committee, before starting building).

The Technical Committee will review such plans and assist owners and yards guiding them through the implementation of the 8-Metre Vintage Rules, Lloyd's scantlings as well as the Class Rules of the Int. 8-Metre Class, during a restoration or new build process.