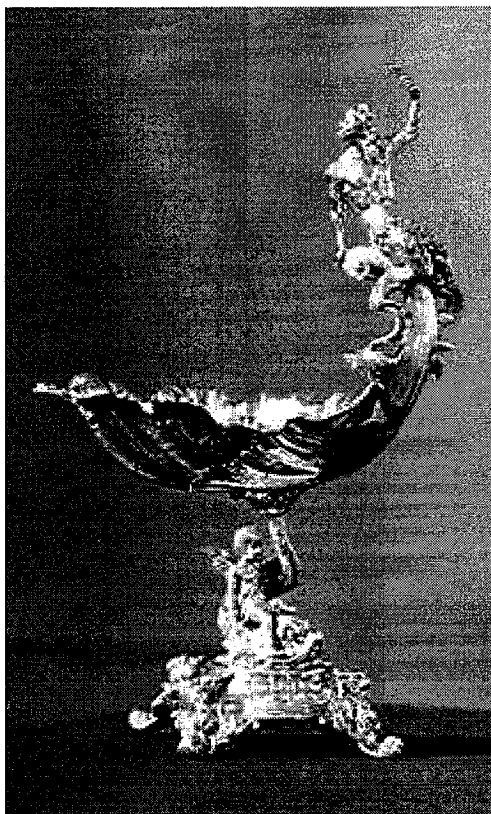




THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION

The Neptune Trophy

[Version 1.10]



Eligibility criteria

In order to qualify for The Neptune Trophy an International 8-Metre yacht shall have a valid certificate of rating and comply with The Sira Cup Rules v5.3. In addition the following additional rules and restrictions apply;

1.0 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.



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1.1 New construction and restorations 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.

1.2 Keel and hull shape/geometry

The geometry of keel and hull shall not be modified.

2.0 Sails

2.1 Material use

The yacht shall have Dacron working sails. For the spinnaker all common woven fabrics are permitted.

2.2 Panel orientation

The mainsail, genoas and jibs shall have cross cut ("horizontal") panels. The spinnaker may have a radial panel layout provided the spinnaker is in one colour, preferably all white.

2.3 Sail battens

The maximum sail batten length is restricted to: Top batten: 1500mm, other battens: 2000mm

2.4 Main sail girth

The details of mainsail measurement are described in the class measurement instructions, paragraph 29. The mainsails girth:

At 25% "A", not to exceed 83% "B"

At 50% "A", not to exceed 60% "B"

At 75% "A", not to exceed 35% "B"

3.0 Deck fittings

Above deck, the yacht shall have bronze or galvanised steel fittings of traditional design.

3.1 The winches shall be in bronze and of traditional design. Captive wire winches in authentic style and constructions are permitted for the runners and halyards. For halyards, one self-tailing winch combined with two jammers may be used, subject to these being positioned inside the cabin. Self-tailing winches and jammers are not permitted for sail handling sheets and runners. On and above deck as well as in the cockpit the yacht shall have traditional cleats. Jammers, spinlocks etc. are not permitted.



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- 3.2 Bronze genoa tracks and cars are permitted. Adjustable mainsheet traveller systems are not permitted.
- 3.3 A kicking strap on the main boom is permitted subject to a purchase of maximum 1:4 and the blocks being of wood and the cleating being of a traditional design. Vangs supporting and/or lifting the boom are not permitted.
- 3.4 Blocks shall have wooden or bronze cheeks and shall be of traditional design.
- 3.5 A mast track for the inboard end of the spinnaker pole is permitted.
- 4.0 **Rigging and spars**
- 4.1 The yacht shall have wooden spars answering to the class rules in force at the time of the event. Dispensation may be requested for the use of spars that conform to the class rules in force at the time of the original design.
- 4.2 Alterations to the rig shall not affect the authenticity and design of the cabin top or appearance of the deck lay-out.
- 4.3 The standing rigging shall be in steel wire or alloy steel rod. When rod is used, its diameter shall not exceed 8.38mm (Navtec -17).
- 4.4 Runners, checkstays and backstays can be made out of fibre. All running rigging and control lines shall be in white or hemp colour rope.
- 4.5 The use of hydraulics is limited to the useage as set out in The Sira Cup Rules. In addition, the use of hydraulics is limited to those yachts with such systems in place as of June 1, 2018. Any subsequent modifications or alterations to such systems, other than removal, will invalidate Neptune Trophy eligibility.
- 5.0 **Advertising**
The event sponsor may request yachts to fly a burgee with a maximum size of 250mm on the hoist and 400mm on the fly. A modest logo or emblem may be worn on the crew's clothing. While racing, no other display of advertising is permitted.
- 6.0 **Flag etiquette**
The yachts are requested to fly at her masthead a rectangular distinguishing owner's flag or racing flag of suitable size. The correct size for the owner's or racing flag is $\pm 550 \times 370$ mm. The IEMA secretariat will gladly assist any owner in search of the yacht's original racing flag.



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7.0 Instruments

The use of electronic instruments such as sail computers and wind instruments indicating true and apparent wind angle and/or speed are prohibited. The use of a GPS, a compass, log and depth sounder is accepted. Displays, if any, are to be mounted in the cockpit area. Repeaters and displays mounted in any other position outside the cockpit are prohibited

8.0 Inspection

8.1 Control of the compliance to The Neptune Trophy Rules shall be performed after completion of a major restoration or new build.

8.2 During the official measurement period ahead of a Neptune Trophy event, a boat's compliance to these rules may be checked by a member of IEMA's Technical Committee or other qualified person approved by an IEMA class officer.

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.

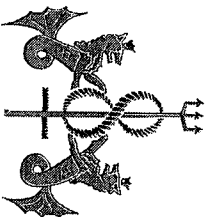
9.0 Scoring system

Eligible boats will be scored in the overall scoring and the trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best score in a separate scoring table for this category. Should a discard apply in the overall scoring, a discard will also apply in this separate table.

10.0 Government of Rules

The IEMA governs The Neptune Trophy Rules. Amendments, if any, shall be submitted to the IEMA's Technical Committee not less than 90 days before the next event. The TC will formalize these and submit them to the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club who will act as arbiter in case of dispute over the said rules.

Only the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club shall make alterations to this Deed of Gift.



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11.0 Technical guidance

Owners of yachts embarking on a restoration or refit of an 8-Metre aiming to race for The Neptune Trophy are encouraged to submit their plans to the IEMA TC.

Owners embarking on a new construction of an 8-Metre aiming to race for The Neptune Trophy are obliged to request an IEMA TC Building Approval (owners must submit a copy of the original lines plan and construction plan to the IEMA TC, 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.

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