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CIRCULAR LETTER

HEAVY JIB RULE – EXPLANATION

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The Board of Governors has decided to delay the full effectivity of the heavy jib rule to January 1st 2015. In 2014 the same rule as in 2013 will be in force. (See Circular letter from the Chairman of the Rules Committee of October 2012).

To summarize, the current rule states that:

- All new jibs must be produced using materials of at least 160 gr/sqm;
- A seal shall be imprinted by the sailmaker to certify that the material is 160 gr/sqm or more;
- Measurers cannot approve any jib made of lighter materials; only older jibs measured before 1st January 2013 can be used in regattas up to the national championship included;
- Heavy jibs must be used in International events.

As for 2014 the international events in which the heavy jibs will be mandatory shall be:

WE&O Championship
European Championship
Master World Championship
Womens' World Championship
Junior European Championship
North Americans
South Americans

Beginning from January 1st 2015 the heavy jibs shall be used in the national championship and in all the International Regattas with a Deed of Gift published on the Rulebook.

According to the rule and looking at the current production and availability, the list of the approved mylar laminates which can be used in manufacturing the sails from January 1st 2013 is as follows:

for both sails **Bainbridge SL 1000P**

Diax 60 P

for main only **Dimension Polyant PM-05 (1.5 mil), formerly M 290**

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