

Results of Ballot to 6 Metre Class owners - April 2025

Report from MYA Technical Officer

Firstly, many thanks to those owners who took part in the ballot. 52 of the 108 owners eligible to vote returned ballot forms by the end of 15th April. This seems a remarkably high turnout and hopefully reflects a high level of interest in the class and a wish for its continued simple and efficient maintenance into the future.

The detailed voting, question by question, is given at the end of this report and a more general description is given first.

In simple terms, except for the proposal to permit an alternative mast, main boom and rigging, the proposals to align with full size practice regarding bow profile, remove genoas and spinnakers, and all other proposals were supported.

The class rule changes were presented in groups according to the type of change. For simplicity the level of support for those groups is given here as a range.

Type of change	% support
To make use of ERS terminology	96-96%
To bring into line with other class rules	87-98%
Change to clarify meaning	94-98%
Introduce rule not previously used	60-92%
Grandfathering – Option A	2%**
Grandfathering – Option B	83%**
Delete overlapping headsails, spinnakers, and obsolete references	87-98%
Permit alternative mast, main boom and rigging	29%

** Some returns had votes for both options. These and abstentions account for the figures.

Next steps

The next step is to finalise the draft class rules, checking for typographic errors etc and revising diagrams where necessary. The certification control forms and any other related documents will be revised. The wording of the certification software will be checked for revision if necessary.

Mast proposal

There is clearly some significant localised support for an alternative mast, main boom and associated rigging. Where it suits those owners who prefer to be able to change rigs easily and protect their sails from damage while doing so, nothing stops them if they agree as a club from permitting this practice so long as it does not affect any event that is advertised as an open event for the class. If any club needs guidance on a suitable text for a suitable class rule, please get in touch.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the ballot please contact the MYA Technical Officer at

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Thanks,

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%	question
96	1
96	2
96	3
96	4
96	5
96	6
92	7
96	8
98	9
96	10
94	11
94	12
87	13
96	14
96	15
96	16
98	17
96	18
98	19
98	20
98	21
94	22
94	23
94	24
98	25
60	26
90	27
92	28
92	29
2	30
83	30
92	31
87	32
98	33
29	34