

S20 Class Members:

The ballots have been tallied for the recent Class vote on removing floatlines from our boat measurement standard. Removing this clause from our bylaws rids us of being required to make a very difficult, often unfeasible and inaccurate measurement. Moving forward with a weight-based measurement will insure that all boats are in compliance with our one-design standard.

The tallied votes unanimously supports the changes to the Bylaws to allow us to begin implementing the weight-based measurement certification. Below are the Class approved changes to the bylaws. The class association has purchased a digital scale and it will be made available to all fleet measurers and captains. If your fleet is hosting a large event, or would just like to get your Fleet's boats all weighed together, please contact the Class Measurer to obtain the scale and begin the transition. The scale will also be available, as needed, at the major sanctioned events. The approved bylaw changes allow for the Measurement Certificate to be valid for 5 years as long as a major refit has not been done.

There are "what-ifs" associated with our new bylaw - what if I do not have a hoist at my club and I am going to race Class Championships? Well, it is still the boat owner's responsibility to ensure that their boat is compliant. In most cases there will be a hoist of some type at the hosting Club, you should be able to obtain your Measurement Certificate at the measuring-in prior to the regatta. Or if you will be racing at another venue (with a hoist) prior to the Championships, notify the Class Measurer and arrange the use of the Class-owned scale. The good news is that every single boat we weighed (32 boats officially) came in above the minimum 1350 pounds, so that bodes well for all other boats out there that have yet to be weighed.

Boats that were measured as part of the data collection program may use that measured weight on the new Measurement Certificate. The weight will be noted on the measurement certificate, signed by the class representative who weighed your boat, and dated. The class does thank the folks who took the time to help us collect the data.

The approved changes will help the S20 Class remain a strict one-design class and gives us a measurement which is easy to make and in the spirit of the S20. All changes will also be reflected in the upcoming 2011 yearbook publication.

I hope everyone is enjoying a great start to 2011 and are getting ready for another great sailing season!!

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Article III - Measurement and Registration Certificates

1. *Santana 20 Class sloops which meet all measurement requirements shall be issued a "Certificate of Measurement and Registration." Such measurement certificates shall be approved with the signatures of the Fleet Measurer, and the Class Measurer (or a Class Association Board member if the Class Measurer is not available). Each Measurement Certificate shall be valid for five (5) years from its date of issue.*

Article V - Design, Characteristics, and Equipment

Insert new Article V.3 and renumber remaining Articles.

3. *The official minimum weight for the Santana 20 shall be 1350 pounds, and for the issuance of a Measurement Certificate, this shall be determined using an accredited hoist scale with a tolerance of +/- ° 10 pounds. The boat shall be weighed empty, with only bin/bunk/floor boards, hatches, spinnaker pole, and standing/running rigging aboard. The actual measured weight shall be noted on the boat's Measurement Certificate, as well as any added weight required to bring the boat up to the minimum weight.*

Article VIII.8.b - Sanctioned Events

8. *For all Class Championship Regattas and as an option for other Class sanctioned events, all entered Santana 20s shall be required to have a valid Measurement Certificate and the following equipment:*
 - *one (1) suit of sails (i.e. one main, one jib, one genoa, and one spinnaker)*
 - *all required floorboards, binboards, and hatches*
 - *one personal floatation device for each crew member*
 - *one throwable flotation device*
 - *a whistle or horn*

Additional ballast as necessary shall be in the form of non-consumable, non-wearable items and must be approved by the Measurer and carried for the duration of the regatta. The additional ballast shall be registered on the boat's Measurement Certificate.