

Submission: **EST 2**

Reporting committee: **ITC**
RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PERCENTAGE LIMIT OF LOWER SCORING WIND

PROPOSAL

Setting percentage limit of lower scoring wind for the race-winning boat.

RATIONALE

Race 9 in Class B at the World Championship 2023 was held in really unstable wind conditions and below fair sailing conditions, where all boats achieved a scoring wind of 6 knots, but even the winning boat lost to her time allowances by approximately 34%.

To avoid brutally slow windward/leeward races, where the wind drops significantly during the last leg (which favors the fastest boats) or is at a super low wind speed, it would be wise to set a percentage limit for lower-scoring wind, after which the results are not valid.

For example, in Race 9 in Class B the winning boat EST475 had an estimated average speed in the scratch sheet was 888,5 sec/mile, when she actually she sailed at 1191 sec/mile.

According to the proposal, there should be X percentage that will be added to the scratch sheet (time limit) until the results are valid. This helps provide more equal sailing in a short-distance race and to avoid extremely low wind conditions.