

# Submission: **FIN 3**

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## **LOWER CDL LIMIT FOR CLASS C**

### **PROPOSAL**

Set a lower CDL class limit to allow First 31.7's to enter ORC Championship events.

### **RATIONALE**

Attached is letter from the Finnish First 31.7 Class Association explaining the rationale.

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#### **Appeal to adjust the lower limit of CDL for 2024 ORC European Championships in Åland, Finland**

Beneteau First 31.7 LR is one of the most popular offshore racing boats in Finland and Sweden.

In Finland alone, we have an active 20+ boat fleet with 10+ boats participating one design races. The First 31.7 is also a perfectly sized boat for the shallow waters and harbors in Finland.

Many First 31.7 sailors are also very active ORC sailors. First 31.7 crews have also been very competitive in ORC racing as the popular one design class attracts skilled sailors.

First 31.7 teams have been active participants in ORC championship events in recent years:

- 2023 ORC Finnish Championship (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, ORC C)
- 2023 ORC DH Finnish Championship (1<sup>st</sup> place, Class 2)
- 2022 ORC DH Finnish Championship (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Class 2)
- 2022 ORC DH Worlds Championships (6<sup>th</sup>, ORC C)
- 2018 ORC Finnish Championship (1<sup>st</sup>, ORC C)

We are very pleased to have the ORC European Championships in Åland, Finland on the 2024 season. As the First 31.7 sailors are eagerly looking forward to the race, it would be important to determine the CDL limits for the race so that also the First 31.7 crews could participate.

For example, First 31.7 crew Penelope participated the 2021 ORC Worlds in Tallinn with the following handicaps: GPH 684.6 - CDL 8.100 Penelope, FIN-10605

The 2023 handicaps for the top First 31.7 crews are:

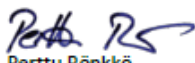
GPH 677.0 - CDL 8.180 Penelope, FIN-10605

GPH 679.5 - CDL 8.180 Thetis, FIN-10742

We have noticed that the lower limit of CDL to participate the world champions / European champions has been increasing lately. In the ORC Race Management Guide 2023 the lower CDL limit has been set to 8.320 – out of reach the First 31.7 crews. It would be a real pity, if the local competitive First 31.7 yachts and crews could not participate the 2024 European Championships.

The First 31.7 class association appeals to adjust the lower limit of CDL to 8.170 or lower for 2024 ORC European Championships to be sailed in Åland, Finland.

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Perttu Rönkkö

Finnish First 31.7 Class Association, Chairman of the board