

Submission: **NED 7**

Reporting committee: **OFFSHORE CLASSES ANE EVENTS COMMITTEE
RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

WIND RANGE FOR W/L AND COASTAL RACE AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

PROPOSAL

Setting a minimum wind range for W/L racing to ensure fair racing. The wind should be at least 6 knots, stable and sustained.

RATIONALE

During the ORC Worlds in Kiel (but also in Porto Cervo, Šibenik and Copenhagen) races were held where it is debatable whether these races were below a (sustainable) wind range where fair racing can be conducted. Especially the last race in Kiel had a big effect for certain boats, and it is questionable whether these were fair racing conditions. It was at best a patchy 4 to 7 kts.

In many competitions, such as in the Melges 24 and Club Swan 42 classes, both a lower and upper wind range is specified:

For the Melges 24

“As a general guideline, sustained wind speeds for racing in the course area shall be between 6 and 30 knots. • Surface conditions will affect the safety of the event, the Race Officer shall use his/her best judgement.”

For the Club Swan 42

CS42 CLASS RACING RULES (a) TWS limit Rule Races of any CS42 Class events shall not start with less than 5 and more than 28 knots of true wind speed measured by the Race Committee during a 3-5 minute period on deck level.

The decision to conduct a race lies solely with the Race Committee, and it is a skipper's sole responsibility to decide to participate in the race.