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ORC MAXI CLASS

PROPOSAL

Develop and define a new ORC Maxi Class for yachts to compete in ORC-scored events that have CDL ratings larger than the upper limit currently defined for Class Zero. This would be offered as an exhibition class at the 2024 ORC World Championship in Newport.

RATIONALE

There is strong interest for large fast Racer and Cruiser/Racer yachts to compete using ORC rules and scoring, most notably at the 2024 ORC World Championship at New York Yacht Club. Entries in this Exhibition class would not be eligible for World Championship titles, and therefore not bound by Green Book standards, but this may develop in time.

The proposed CDL limits for this class would be 17.401 to 27.720 based on the yachts currently interested to compete, but this may be adjustable to another defined upper limit depending on committed entry interest.