

Submission: **MANCOM 2**

Reporting committee: **OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

CLASSES AT DOUBLE HANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS

PROPOSAL

Set up fixed class limits for the DH Championships just as it is for the fully-crewed championships except that APH should be used to define the classes instead of CDL as follows:

Class A: APH from 430.0 – 519.9 s/NM

Class B: APH from 520.0 – 559.9 s/NM

Class C: APH from 560.0 – 630.0 s/NM

with the additional requirement of having a minimum of 10 entries for the number of boats plus the number of countries in each class.

RATIONALE

ORC DH Championships have now been held for 3 years in 3 countries, and as this was a new type of racing the classes were not defined by the Notices of Race. Instead classes were determined after the close of entries. A result of this approach was that the same boat could race in different classes in different championships.

Having defined fixed limits is also easier for the sailors to prepare the boat knowing which class they would like to enter.

After 3 years of DH championship events there is enough data of the boats participating from which a study was made to develop the proposed class limits shown above. Use of APH is more appropriate for DH events since CDL is based on rated upwind speed and more appropriate for windward/leeward racing.