

Dear all friends and competitors

Although not many competitions could take place in these years of Covid19, we could find some places to compete and see how the current rules are working or need some fine tuning. What we saw as judges from the EC 2022 in Romania was the fairness of all competitors. Thanks everybody for that.

We also found, that the hat system is working but give a lot of headache to the responsible person and sometimes we also faced a shortage of available limiters because of sunken boats. Thinking about the shortage of limiters on a WC will be a nightmare.

So, when everybody is playing that fair as we have seen it in Romania it will make a hat system of limiters obsolete. And here is Thailand's first proposal:

1. Limiters are part of competitor's boat. It will be checked for the correct limit and sealed during registration. Doesn't matter which class, the competitor is free to use what ever connectors he want to use. The seal will show, which Wh the limiter is set, so it cannot be used in a class with different energy limit.

The ECs in Romania were a lot of work but a great success. We could manage to run all M-section classes in just a few days. But let's be fair, what is a EC compared to a WC with 3 times more competitors. As there is always the order to shorten the time of an event we have to cancel classes. Yes, it sounds bad to cancel classes but M-section is made for individual races, not for team races. Moreover most competitors safe there boat to run on individual class and skip the last qualifying runs in Team which is not the idea behind.

And here is the next proposal:

2. Cancel the Team races like Mini Eco Team, Eco Team, Mini Mono Team, Mono1 Team in Naviga EC's and WC's.

I was in a deep discussion with China and they ask why every class has 2-3 different sizes to compete except of the submerged propellers. That's right. We have 3 Mono classes and 3 Hydro classes. We have 2 Eco classes and only 1 FSRE class. The idea is to have one more FSRE class to lift the submerged propellers at least up to 66% of the semi submerged propellers. So here is the proposal which is according to the Chinese national rules to implement a MiniFSRE:

3. Boat length max 550mm(it's a mini so it has to be length restricted),  
42Wh (two times MiniEco),  
Race time 10min.  
Maximum 12 competitors in one heat, as the course is big (60m M-course.)

Please discuss those proposals with your racers in your countries.

Best regards to you all and stay safe and healthy

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