

LRSCA Constitution

Proposed Amendments related to 'Certificate'

1. Preamble

The completion of the Technical Database, incorporating the Hull Register, in 2025 removes the need to issue boats with paper 'certificates'. This in turn results in the need for some limited revision to the class constitution and the class rules.

2. Clause 3

Current wording:

- 3 p) 'The Certificate' shall mean the certificate as defined by the current version of the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 3 q) 'Valid Certificate' shall mean a certificate in which:
- i) The particulars of ownership are up to date.
 - ii) Any endorsement required by the class rules in respect of boats built before September 1998 has been duly entered.
 - iii) The successful completion of an annual buoyancy test has been entered.
 - iv) The weight of correctors is recorded.
- 3 r) 'Owner' and 'Joint Owner' shall mean any person, persons, corporation or association entered on the Certificate as the owner or joint owner of a Lymington River Scow.

ERS paragraph C. 3.3 defines Certificate:

C.3.3 Certificate

*Documentary proof of successful **certification control** as required by the **class rules** or a **certification authority**.*

For the hull: issued by WS, the MNA of the owner, or their delegates.

*For other items: issued by the **certification authority**.*

The term includes handicap and rating certificates.

Class rule 2 e):

- 2 e) Certification

The Class will issue certificates for boats that comply with the Class Rules and keep a register of them in a manner approved by the Royal Yachting Association.

There is no requirement for a paper certificate and the class rules comply with ERS C. 3.3. We simply need to reference the technical database which to comply with constitution 2 e) we should refer to as the 'Hull Register'. The hull register contains data for all boats built. It is incomplete for many early boats which implicitly therefore hold dispensations in respect of missing data.

We should therefore add to both the constitution and the class rules that LRSCA is the **certification authority**.

The phrase: " and keep a register of them in a manner approved by the Royal Yachting Association" is not complied with and should be deleted.

Constitution amend:

- 2 f) Act as the **Class Authority**, ~~and~~ **Class Rules Authority** and **Certification Authority**.
- 3 p) 'The Certificate' shall mean the certificate as defined by the current version of the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS). **Certificate data is contained within the LRSCA hull register.**

Class rules amend:

- 2 b) The **class authority**, ~~and the class rules authority~~ and the **certification authority** are the LRSCA.
- 2 e) Certification

~~The Class will issue certificates for boats that comply with the Class Rules and keep a register of them in a manner approved by the Royal Yachting Association. The Class will keep a Hull Register of all boats identifying those that comply with the Class Rules and hold a valid certificate.~~

3. **Clause 5**

Current wording:

- 5 j) *Acceptance of a Certificate by an owner or joint owners shall ipso facto render him or them subject to the jurisdiction of the National Association or the Committee in any matter pertaining to Class Rules.*

This is meaningless. When would it ever be applied? On the race course, RRS take precedence. So, it is also erroneous.

It should be deleted entirely.

Delete:

- ~~5 j) Acceptance of a Certificate by an owner or joint owners shall ipso facto render him or them subject to the jurisdiction of the National Association or the Committee in any matter pertaining to Class Rules.~~

Renumber the remainder of clause 5 appropriately.

4. **Clause 11**

Current wording:

- 11 a) *Hulls delivered before 1st January 2024 by approved Association boat builders shall be entered on the Hull Register. Hulls delivered after 31st December 2023 shall be entered on the Hull Register on receipt by the Association of a statement from the boatbuilders declaring that the hull has been built in accordance with the Lymington River Scow Construction and Materials Specification, Section A, Hull Construction.*
- 11 b) *The Association shall arrange for the inspection of the certificates of all Lymington River Scows competing in the Annual Championships and shall ensure that the Notice of Race states that certificates will be inspected. Such certificates must include an in- date record of a buoyancy test.*

Inspection of certificates at the Annual Championship is satisfied by inspection of the hull register. The final sentence is redundant because the constitution defines the requirement for a certificate to be valid.

Amend:

- 11 b) The Association shall arrange for the inspection of the certificates of all Lymington River Scows competing in the Annual Championships **by inspection of the LRSCA hull register** and shall ensure that the Notice of Race states that certificates will be inspected. ~~Such certificates must include an in- date record of a buoyancy test.~~

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