



THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION

The Sira Cup Rules (TC)

1.0 Eligibility criteria

In order to qualify for the Sira Cup an International 8-Metre yacht shall have a valid certificate of rating and comply with these Rules for the Sira Cup.

2.0 Boat design and construction

The boat design shall originate prior to January 1st 1960. Alterations to the hull and keel geometry made after this date and/or alterations made by anyone other than the original naval architect are not permitted.

2.1 New construction and restorations of classic Int. 8-Metres

Yachts may be restored or built new to such existing designs, subject to its construction being traditional carved in wood, conforming to the Lloyd's Rules and Regulations for the construction and classification of yachts of The International 8-Metre Class Valid for 8-Metres built between 1921 and 1949.

2.2 Keel and hull shape/geometry

The shape/geometry of keels and hull shall not be modified.

2.3 Rudders

In order to qualify for the Sira Cup yachts shall not have split rudder and keel configurations and shall have no more than one movable underwater appendage.

2.4 Mast & forestay position

The mast and forestay position may be modified from the original design.

2.5 Material use and sheathed hulls

Sheathing of the hull with any kind of structural fibre or fibre cloth is not permitted.

Under certain conditions the use of non-structural sheathing may be permitted for minor restoration works, but solely after written consent from the IEMA Technical Committee.

2.6 High modulus fibres

The use of high modulus fibres (such as S, R and Quartz glass and all Carbon and Aramid) is not permitted in any part of the hull, deck, rudder or keel.



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3.0 Sails

All sails shall comply with the 8m Class rules

4.0 Deck fittings

There are no restrictions on deck fittings and hardware.

4.1 Hydraulics

Boats may have hydraulic systems on board, but the use of hydraulics for sail and rig adjustments is not permitted during racing.

5.0 Rigging and spars

5.1 The standing rigging shall be in steel wire or alloy steel rod.

5.2 Runners, checkstays and backstays can be made out of fibre.

5.3 Moving the mast heel or mast position at the deck level during racing is not permitted.

6.0 Scoring

The winner of the Sira Cup is the classic 8-Metre answering to the Deed of Gift and complying to these Rules of the Sira Cup with the best result in the overall score of the championships. The score is calculated using the actual points from the overall score.

7.0 Grandfathering

All measured 8m boats having made modifications which may be in contradiction with these rules, prior to September 1st 2016 are grandfathered.

Owners that believe their boat is entitled to be grandfathered have to register this with IEMA's TC before March 1st 2017.

8.0 Inspection

8.1 Control of the compliance to the Sira Cup rules shall be performed after completion of a major restoration or new build.

8.2 During the official measurement period ahead of a Sira Cup event, a boat's compliance to these rules may be checked by a member of IEMA's Technical Committee.



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- 8.3** Any protest during an event regarding these rules will be handled by the protest committee according to RRS 64.3.
IEMA's Technical Committee will act as the responsible authority.

9.0 Government of Rules

The IEMA governs the Sira Cup Rules. Amendments, if any, shall be submitted to the IEMA's Technical Committee not less than 90 days before the next scheduled AGM. The TC will formalize these and present them for the AGM.

10.0 Technical guidance

Owners of yachts embarking on a restoration or refit of an 8-Metre aiming to race for the Sira Cup are encouraged to submit their plans to the IEMA TC.

Owners embarking on a new construction of an 8-Metre aiming to race for the Sira Cup are obliged to request an IEMA TC Building Approval (owners must submit a copy of the original lines plan and construction plan to the IEMA TC, before starting building).

The Technical Committee will review such plans and assist owners and yards guiding them through the implementation of the 8-Metre Vintage Rules, Lloyd's scantlings as well as the Class Rules of the Int. 8-Metre Class, during a restoration or new build process.