



## THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION

### THE TROPHIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL 8-METRE CLASS

#### **The International Eight Metre World Cup**

Yachts of all vintage start and race together during the World Championships. This poses a challenge to the scoring as the design of the yachts covers a period of more than 100 years and 3 consecutive rating rules. Although the International Rule provided room for naval architects to develop their ideas, the framework in which this could be done was and is tight meaning that the performance difference is small enough to provide interesting racing between yachts of the different design periods, yet it is too significant not to provide additional trophies for the different age groups. Following is an attempt to explain the background of the several trophies and their method of scoring during a World Championships.

**The groups of yachts competing are:**

#### **THE MODERN 8-METRES**

These yachts have been designed and built after 1967 and their design often resembles successful America's Cup 12-Metres. Other than the restrictions specified in the Class Rules, the modern boats have no limits on materials for the hull, sails, spars and deck gear. Most of them are equipped with state of the art systems, similar to what can be found on the most advanced America's Cup yachts. The moderns race for the *World Cup* and the *Coppa d' Italia*.

#### **THE CLASSIC 8-METRES**

These yachts have been designed and built before 1967. Traditionally these yachts have raced for the Sira Cup but in recent years the development in the class lead to the introduction of further trophies. Following debates on changes to the underwater body of the yacht which could exclude yachts racing for the Sira Cup, the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club has donated a trophy with more permissive rules. Traditionally the classic yachts have been following the latest trends in yacht gear such as kevlar sails and aluminium spars and modern deck gear. Since 1998 the vintage yachts appeared on the starting line with a very traditional and authentic approach. These yachts qualify for the Neptune Trophy which is governed by a separate rule.



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### THE FIRST RULE 8-METRES

The roots of the 8-Metre Class go back to when the International Rule and the IYRU were established. The First International Rule provided superb racing for the approximately 140 8-Metres built under that rule in the period between 1908 and 1919. Almost 100 years later a few of these beautiful classic yachts have survived and the IEMA applauds their participation in the official World Championships. The largest concentration of these yachts is found on Lake Constance in Germany and their association has made available the First Rule Cup.

### The International 8-Metre World Cup

Donated:	1970
Year of origin:	1970
Donated by:	Eugene van Voorhis Rochester Yacht Club
Owner of the Trophy:	The Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club
Qualifying yachts:	All Int. 8-Metres holding a valid certificate of rating.

### The Coppa 'd Italia

Donated:	1908
Year of origin:	1898
Donated by:	His Majesty King Umberto of Italy
Owner of the Trophy:	Yacht Club Italiano - Genoa
Qualifying yachts:	All Int. 8-Metres holding a valid certificate of rating
Scoring:	Only European yachts are scored. A separate low score based on the positions from the overall score.



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### **The Sira Cup**

Year of origin: 1939  
Donated: 1983  
Donated by: His Majesty The King of Norway Olaf V  
Owner of the trophy: The International Eight Metre Association

Qualifying yachts: All Int. 8-Metres built and designed prior to 1960 holding a valid certificate of rating and answering to the deed of gift and rules of the Sira Cup.

Scoring: The winner of the Sira Cup is the classic 8-Metre answering to the deed of gift of the Sira Cup with the best result in the overall score. The scoring therefore is calculated using the actual points from the overall score.

### **The Neptune Trophy**

Donated: 2005  
Year of Origin:  
Donated by: The Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club  
Owner of the trophy: The Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club

Qualifying yachts: All Int. 8-Metres designed prior to 1960 holding a valid certificate of rating and answering to the deed of gift and rules of the Neptune Trophy

Scoring: A separate low score based on the positions from the overall score.



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### The First Rule Cup

Donated: 1998  
Donated by: The Lake Constance 8-Metre Association  
Owner of the trophy: The Lake Constance 8-Metre Association

Qualifying yachts: All Int. 8-Metres designed prior to 1920 or racing with a gaff rig. The trophy is governed on a permissive rather than restrictive bases by the Lake Constance 8-Metre Association. In case of doubt, owners of yachts wishing to qualify should contact the Association.

Scoring: The First Rule Cup is scored using the positions from the overall results in a separate point scoring system.

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