

TECHNICAL CONTROL : What's it? What is it for?

To be sure that the IODA rules are well applied ; above all, those about security and material equity between sailors.

The rules are edited by IODA (International Optimist Dinghy Association), the sailors association.

The technical committees control during the regatta the strict compliance with the rules. He doesn't edit or modify the rules. He can explain the rules and help to comply with them.

DECLARATION of conformity with the class rules

When? From the interregional level, usually the technical control consist in an individual check of each boat before pre-registration validation. Today, to reduce the duration of checks, to simplify procedures and reduce the sailor's (and parents) stress, the real check will be effective on the water at the end of each race for the first sailors and others at random. For that it's necessary to fill a form (on paper or by the web). If you know the sail number, the IODA sail number and the serial number of dagger board and rudder, less than 3 minutes are necessary to fill the form.

Sailor responsibility: This form engages the responsibility of the sailor, not the one of the trainer or parent who fill out the form ... Penalties are exclusive to sailor.


IODA sail number and serial numbers are necessary to control the class rule 4.5 : only one sail , dagger board and rudder shall be used throughout any series of races . Before all changing, a requirement will be validated by the technical committee or the race committee.

Items to fill

Nationality letters: The one of the sail

Sail number: appearing on the sail during all the races.

Name and first name: of the sailors notified in the pre inscription record, not the one of the parent or trainer who fill the form!

IODA sail number: it's a number with 5 digits on a plastic button or a sticker stiched near the tack, with the IODA logo.  It's NOT the one on the IODA book of the hull or the serial number sometime on a builder sticker.

Serial number of rudder and dagger board: the number inscribed by the builder. Remind, it's necessary to write the sail number over the foils. (It's possible to do it on an adhesive tape to pull it out after the race in case of baring boat or lending boat, etc ...). Note that the dagger board may be attached firmly to the hull; the elastic maintaining system is not conforming.

Certified sail: the sail may be certified by an official measurer. For that, a measurement form is delivered with all measures, the sail he stamped near the tack with date, sail number and sign. For changing numbers, a new limited certification is necessary. In case of "no" response, a declaration may be done before definitive registration.

Sail conformity with individual national number on the hull: In case of "no" response, a declaration may be done before definitive registration, to avoid duplicates numbers on the regatta fleet.

Sail number format: conform with appendix G of RRS and the RC 6.5.1

Eyelets cord: the sailor will respect the maximum space and their presence during the race. In case of accidental lost, it has to be replaced before crossing final line. Otherwise a penalty will be applied. This is a security rules, to prevent a jammed head between boom and sail in case of capsize.

Mast security: sailor confirms the good and efficient implementation control of the device in case of capsizes.

Buoyancy: conform with rules. Remind, it's necessary to write the sail number over it. It's possible to do it on an adhesive tape to pull it out after the race in case of baring boat or lending boat, etc ...

Paddle and bailer: attached firmly to the hull.

Painter: conform as defined in rules

Personal floatability: The norm label may be clearly readable, with a whistle firmly attached , without rip, repairs, with all originals ties in good condition .

In case of any « no » answer, contact the technical committee to resolve the problem before validation of registration.

Google sheets :

It is useless to fill a form if you don't know the sail number and/or the IODA sail number and/or the serial numbers of daggerboard and rudder, used during the regatta because you may fill another one.

Modifying or completing the declaration of conformity is authorized before closing regatta registrations by filling a new form as many times as necessary. The oldest form will be cancelled.

After this time, it's obligatory to make a request at the technical committee or race committee and justify the impossibility of use.

During checks after on the water, in case of non conformity with rules and declaration, penalties [sp] or a protest to the jury will be applied.