

## **Rule change ballot proposals from Worlds 2023 meeting & International Convener of Rules**

At the International Mirror Class meeting in Sligo at the 2023 Mirror Worlds, everyone present wanted to see a change the class rules to remove the need for annual buoyancy tests. There was also a discussion regarding building wooden boats from plans. The International Convener of rules is proposing the other ballot items.

Class rules changes have to be approved by a majority of National Class Associations in a ballot, and approved by World Sailing. So there will be a ballot on the following proposals:

1. Remove the need for annual buoyancy tests. Boats will still have to pass a buoyancy test when they are first certified (i.e. measured).
2. Allow ratchet blocks on spinnaker sheets
3. Allow jib tack downhaul to have a purchase of 2:1
4. On wooden boats, allow the keelband to be formed by the join between the bottom panels and the bottom and aft edge of the skeg. Allow more options for keelband material (e.g. plastic, wood, filler,....).
5. Allow sail battens to be left in place during certification control & equipment inspection (i.e. measurement).
6. Allow attachments on mainsail for reefing cringles, reefing points, attaching flags & a tack tie