

NORDIC FOLKBOAT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION



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To: National Folkboat Associations

Subject: Measurement Certificate/Class Rules.

There are now Folkboats in several new countries and consequently, there has come up some questions concerning Measurement Certificates.

As a service to all nations, I will explain the way it is done in Germany and Denmark, and enclosed I forward copies of Measurement Certificates from Germany. In Denmark you will only find the Certificates on-line. You can use this link <http://websejler.dk/da/sogbaade> and use my certificate nr. 16018. I also will give you the Class Rules you have to follow.

In Germany:

The process is to apply for it by contacting the Deutscher Segler-Verband in Hamburg. They generate the certificate for either a new or an updated one (change of owner). The MC will be generated along with the 'International card for pleasure craft' on the same sheet of paper. Whilst the international card is valid for 2 years and has to be renewed after expiration, the MC-part is valid until further notification (like owner change). So once you have got the MC, you do not need to take care about timing any more.

This procedure is valid for all cases – even when having bought a boat from foreign countries. In this case you have to attach to the application a copy of the sales contract and the MC issued so far for the former owner.

In Denmark:

The process is to apply for it by contacting the Dansk Sejlunion in Copenhagen. They generate the certificate for either a new or an updated one (change of owner). The MC will be available on-line, and is valid for 1 year. Every year we have to pay 250,- dkr (about 34,- Euro) to get the Certificate revalidated.

This procedure is valid for all cases – even when having bought a boat from foreign countries. In this case you have to attach to the application a copy of the sales contract and the MC issued so far for the former owner.

But you have to be aware of this part of the Class Rules:

Abbreviations:

NNFA – National Nordic Folkboat Association
NA – National Association

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1.70 Measurement Certificate

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No Nordic Folkboat shall take part in class races unless it has a valid measurement certificate and its owner is a current member of a NNFA.

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A valid measurement certificate is an original or copy of the measurement form which has been endorsed by an NA or is a special measurement certificate issued by an NA.

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To obtain a Measurement Certificate:

1. The owner shall apply to his NA for a sail number. (Each country shall issue sail numbers which shall be consecutive beginning from one. The number shall be preceded by the national letters. Each number shall be used once only.)

2. The national letters and sail number of the yacht shall be carved in the inside fwd cabin bhd of a wooden hull, or in the equivalent position in a GRP hull. The letters and numbers shall not be less than 30mm in height and carved to a depth of not less than 2mm.

3. An official measurer shall measure the yacht and complete a measurement form.

4. The owner sends the completed measurement form to his NA, together with any registration fee required.

5. On completion of the above the NA may issue a Measurement Certificate.

6. Where the measurer has endorsed the measurement form with any comments regarding the boat not conforming to class rules the N.A shall not issue a measurement certificate until the boat fully conform to class rules.

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Change of ownership invalidates the measurement certificate and the original certificate shall be returned to the NA together with a written application containing the name, address and club of the new owner and any re-registration fee that may be required by the NA. A certificate shall then be issued to the new owner. Remeasurement and re-carving of national letters and sail number shall not be necessary to revalidate a certificate.

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A copy of the completed and signed measurement form shall be supplied to the NFIA Secretary by the builder or the owner. If the boat is not yard finished this copy shall be supplied by the owner before the yacht is raced.

(New owners are requested to inform the NFIA Secretary of their purchase to enable a record to be kept of the movement of boats.)

If you have problems with a NA, you must contact NFIA, and we will help you in accordance with Class Rule:

1.23 In countries where there is no national yachting authority (NA), or the NA does not wish to administer the class, its functions as stated in these rules shall be carried out by the NFIA or its delegated representatives, a National Nordic Folkboat Class Association (NNFA).*

If some Folkboat from your country would like to participate in a International Race such as Gold Cup the owner of the boats must be aware of these Class Rules.

1.80 Owner's Responsibility

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It is the responsibility of the owner to see that his yacht, spars, sails and equipment comply with the class rules and relevant International Yacht Racing Rules at all times and that alterations, replacements or repairs to the yacht, spars, sails or equipment do not invalidate the measurement certificate.

Note: Alterations, repairs or replacements which are not re-measured may invalidate a yacht's certificate.

It will be waste of time to show up with a boat without a National Measurement Certificate, and with other sail numbers than described in the Class Rules.

I hope to have clarified the whole subject to a satisfactory extent.

But, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact NFIA

Many regards

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