

You may already know of a proposed change to the Fundamental Rule of the ILCA Rules. The change might seem a minor one, but it may have profound implications for the future of our Class.

You are being asked by ILCA to vote on this issue as soon as possible. However, you have until 23 September 2011 before you have to make up your mind and vote.

There is a strong case in favour of waiting: information about the background to this Rule change is still emerging, and the argument has a long way to run. In such a fluid situation the advice of the UKLA Committee is to wait before casting your vote. We will remind you to vote on this website, and elsewhere, as the deadline approaches.

The UKLA has not been involved in this case, and does not wish to be. At this early stage the UKLA knows as little as anyone not already involved, so we cannot advise you on which way to vote. Also, the prospect of legal action being joined between the disputing parties is high, which is why the UKLA is keeping its counsel: to avoid having to pay for it.

If you wish to review the arguments posted so far in discussion forums, the Yachts & Yachting forum and the North-American Laser Association forum are good places to start.

The rule change itself can be viewed at www.laserinternational.org . Read carefully, and only vote if you're certain of your decision.