



To all Mini Maxi owners:

The officers of the IMA, at their mid-winter meeting, approved a revision of the weighing policy for the Mini Maxi World Championship. Mini Maxis intending to participate in the 2013 event in Porto Cervo now have the option of being weighed by an IMA approved measurer within 60 days of the close of registration (1 September, 2013). In the case of the Mini Maxi Racing category, a weighing session is being organized by the IMA technical office to be held in Palma on 25 and 26 April at the STP shipyard. The Palma weighing session is limited to boats that weigh less than 20 tons.

For boats that elect to be weighed within 60 days of the close of registration for the Mini Maxi Worlds, the following are the criteria and requirements to exercise that option:

1. The weighing must be conducted by an IMA approved measurer and be approved in advance by the IMA ATO.
2. The load cell to be used must be certified immediately in advance of the weighing itself and not used for any other purpose other than weighing the scheduled boat.
3. The load cell certification paperwork must be forwarded to the IMA ATO upon issuance for review.
4. A copy of the data input sheet forwarded to the IRC Rating Office must also be sent to the IMA ATO for review.
5. Boats weighed in advance of the Mini Maxi World Championship would still be subject to inspection during the registration period prior to the event.
6. All boats, including those that weigh more than 30 tons, will be required to be weighed under this new policy.

It is the IMA's intention to ask all boats to be weighed in advance of the event, rather than during the inspection period just prior to the event. If there is any problem for owners to comply with this new policy it is requested that the IMA ATO be notified well in advance so that additional assistance may be provided.

For the weighing session in Palma on 25 and 26 April, boat owners will be asked to share the cost of the crane, shipyard services and the reprocessing of the IRC certificate. The IMA will pay for the measurers and load cell.

Since all Mini Maxi Racing category boats are equipped with a single point lift, we expect to weigh seven boats in a day. Boats shall present themselves in the water at the STP shipyard fuel dock at the scheduled weighing time. Once weighing is complete, in-the-water overhang measurements will be checked.

In order to develop a firm schedule for weighing, each boat is requested to send an email to the ATO at technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com with the boat name in the subject line, expressing the time period of the day that is most convenient for them. Priority will be given to the earliest emails. The ATO will then issue a schedule within a few days to each of the respondents. The ATO is planning to be in Palma on 24 April and will be available to resolve any outstanding issues. The crane is scheduled to be operational at 0800 on 25 April. In Palma, the ATO may be contacted by mobile phone at +1 401 524 1335.

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