



European Region International Laser Class Association

Submission of Proposal to the European Annual General Meeting

Your submission will be used as an agenda item. Please make sure your submission is concise and clear, including all the necessary information so that other delegates can easily understand and discuss it during the meeting.

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Proposal	What efforts are being made by EurILCA Districts to ensure that replica equipment is not used for racing?
Current Situation	<p>Replica sails and spars are kept away from UKLA events through measurement checks and education, but are increasingly allowed at lower-level racing events and for club sailing. Some clubs issue illegal sailing instructions that permit replica equipment. Sailors themselves are reluctant to protest offenders.</p> <p>The prime cause is the differential between the prices for authorized sails and the prices for replicas. The gross margin on authorized sails amounts to unreasonable exploitation of a licensed monopoly. If Laser sails are at justifiable prices, few will buy replicas. When replica sails emerged the builders reduced prices: replica sales fell.</p>
Reason for Proposal	<p>The problem of replica use is increasing, and may destroy the class at club level. Concerted EurILCA action is needed.</p> <p>On one hand the Laser Class rules must be enforced, through the RRS, by clubs and other race organisers. On the other, EurILCA should demand complete transparency over button-fees and all other monetary arrangements between ILCA and the European Region's licensed builder.</p>

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