

Submission: JPN 1

Reporting committee: **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

ORC LEVIES

PROPOSAL

ORC Levy shall be exempted for the re-issue of a certificate with a Crew weight change during the year for a valid certificate. This exemption shall apply only to a Crew weight change.

RATIONALE

There is no doubt that Crew Weight is one of important factors to determine fair TA with various wind conditions or to Rating numbers. However, certificate holders mostly want to declare their crew weight as low as possible. The reasons are:

- 1) The larger the declared Crew weight results in a faster rating (smaller number)
- 2) In many cases, crews have difficulty to prepare the full crew members in a race

On the other hand, sometimes, especially in casual races, they may want to invite guest members or families on board exceeding the maximum recorded crew weight in the certificate. They may then want a temporary one-time crew weight change and have a new certificate issued free of the Levy on such occasions. This re-issued certificate could be put on the reverse side of the original certificate if they wished.

Currently changes made to crew weight would require a re-issue of a new certificate and payment of the ORC Levy. Our proposal will create more flexibility as the owners demand.