

2026 IOM Class Rules – Notes.

The 2026 revision to the IOM Class Rules reflects the following:

- Resolution 2025-2 was agreed by the 2025 IOMICA World Council and resulted in:
 - the replacement of the term “kicking strap” with the term “vang” throughout the Class Rules
 - a definition of the term “vang” at A.1.4. The definition was derived from the ERS definition of vang but with the allowance for Gnav variations removed.
 - a change to F.4.3(a)(3) and F.4.3(b)(3) to allow multiple vang fittings/openings on the boom
- The signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between IOMICA and IRSA resulted in Resolution 2025-6 being put to the 2025 IOMICA World Council and passed. This resolution proposed changes to Class Rules A.2.1, A.3.1, A.6.1, and A.7.1 to reflect those changes.
- The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Appendix E8 incorporated the requirements for sail numbering that had previously been set out in the IRSA Supplementary Class Rules. Class Rule C.8.4 was modified to remove the reference to the IRSA Supplementary Class Rules and replace it with a reference to RRS E8.
- Resolution 2025-4 was agreed by the 2025 IOMICA World Council and resulted in:
 - A modification to G.2.4 (b) to specify that the clause applies only to the mainsail and not the jib
 - A modification to G.4.3 dimensions to ensure consistency with G.2.4(b)
- An incorrect rule reference in I.2 was corrected – the reference is now to Class Rule D.2.2(b)(4).

For the avoidance of doubt, the 2024 Class Rule amendment F.2.4(e) (“[Vang] shall be capable of passing through a 20 mm ring gauges”) has been removed.

The 2026 revision to the Class Rules is effective from 1 March 2026 in line with the IOMICA Regulations.