

Motion	Sail Buttons
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Each sail manufactured or measured after (suggestion 1st January 2007) to be fitted with a sail button. Main & Jib in the tack and spinnaker in the head. Sail buttons to be supplied through the Class Association only and to Sailmakers registered with the Class Association.

**Reason**

Many International classes require that each sail has a sail button with an unique registered number. This serves a number of purposes, firstly when competitors register for a championship they have to supply the sail button serial number, this minimises the chance of sails being swapped during an event. Secondly the Class Association keeps track of what sails are being made and opens a communication channel with all the active sailmakers. Finally the system generates funds for the class, as an example the Optimists use the surplus from sales of their buttons to purchase boats in emerging countries to help new fleets develop.