

Permanent selection system for races that impose a quota

In order to address the restrictions associated with race organisers who impose a quota, the Class40 Board has voted to include a selection system in the class rules for members who qualify to compete in quota-based races, and to which all members shall abide.

The system is as follows:

Aims:

- To give the class control over the selection system for races;
- To give preference to competitors who are active on the Class40 circuit and compete over the long term in its races, and to select members who are therefore familiar with Class40 in terms of safety and performance;
- To leave room for older boats;
- To leave room for amateur sailors;
- To leave room for non-Europeans.

Definitions

Non-European: a person whose normal place of residence is outside the geographic definition of Europe.

Calendar: list of races on the www.class40.com website on the 'Races' page under the heading 'Calendar'.

Mile: theoretical miles of a race in the calendar.

Screenshot: the ranking on a specific date in relation to the selection system.

Participation: ranked or DNF.

Medical Incapacity: inability to sail justified by the presentation of a medical certificate forbidding the practice of sport for a defined period.

Member: member of the Class40 association who has paid their annual subscription.

Long-standing member: Number of years of uninterrupted membership prior to the date of the Screenshot.

Interim Skipper: interim skipper standing in for a principal Skipper who is pregnant or suffering from medical incapacity.

Principal Skipper: the skipper at the head of the project.

Substitute Skipper: the skipper who can replace the Principal Skipper in a quota-based race.

Selection Committee: the committee as defined in article 5.

The above definitions refer to both singular and plural.

1. Rules that apply to earning Miles:

A permanent rolling ranking has been drawn up based on the number of Miles raced by members entered in races in the Class40 Race Calendar.

- The start date of this ranking is the 1st of January 2024;
- Races or legs of races completed (example: outbound leg of Les Sables Horta) over the previous 3 years at the date of the Screenshot will count (rolling years);
- All members on board the Class40 will earn Miles;
- Only Miles of races completed will count, with the exception of transatlantic races where the number of Miles covered on the theoretical route will count;
For those races that consist of legs, only the Miles of legs completed will count;
- Miles acquired on solo races will have a coefficient of 1.2;
- The Screenshot taken into account is that of the ranking on the date that entries for a specific quota-based race close, or the last day of the semester preceding the start of the race (whichever date is closest to the start is the one that counts)
 - o Example 1/ Les Sables -Horta: start end June. Entry deadline at the beginning of May.
Ranking Screenshot used = beginning May
 - o Example 2/ Route du Rhum: start end October / early November. Entry deadline March.
Ranking Screenshot used = 30th June
 - o Example 3/ Transat Jacques Vabre: start end October / early November. Entry deadline mid-July.
Ranking Screenshot used = mid-July.
- For an event's Miles to count, the race organiser must publish a Class40 ranking:
 - o Example: miles raced by a Class40 competing in a race using a corrected time ranking will not count, even if the race is in the Calendar. (A Class40 competing in the Drheam Cup under IRC will not earn any Miles)
- Where there is a tie in the number of Miles on the day of the Screenshot, the Member having competed in the most races in the Calendar over the previous three years to count on the date of the Screenshot will be given priority.
If there is still a tie, the skipper who is the most Long-standing member will be given priority;
- For double-handed and crewed races, only the skipper's ranking will count for entry in the race, and not the ranking of the co-skipper or any crew member.

2. Bonus

At the end of each calendar year, bonuses will be awarded to certain Members. These cannot be combined (only the higher bonus will be awarded) and cannot be transferred.

- Annual Class40 Championship
 - o Winner: + 600 miles
 - o Second: + 400 miles
 - o Third: + 200 miles
 - o First sharp (pointy-bow): + 600 miles
- Each of the Annual Class40 Trophies
 - o Winner: + 400 miles

- Second: + 300 miles
- Third: + 200 miles

Example: If a member wins a Trophy (+400 miles) and finishes third in the Championship (+200 miles), he/she will be awarded 400 miles and not 600. The 200 miles not awarded for the member's third place in the Championship will not be awarded to the next person down in the ranking.

- Globe 40: even though the race is not in the Class40 Calendar, competitors (on condition that they are paid-up members) can earn Miles, up to a maximum limit of 5000 Miles (the equivalent of races in the Calendar that they are unable to compete in) as per the rules in article 1.
- A non-European Member may request that a non-European offshore race be added to the Calendar before the entry deadline of the race in question. If there is not a Class40 ranking for the race in question, the Member will still earn Miles.

3. Specific cases for pregnant Members or Members suffering from medical incapacity:

A Principal Skipper who is either pregnant or suffering from medical incapacity will earn the same number of Miles as their Interim Skipper aboard the Principal Skipper's boat, over a maximum period of 6 months starting from the date that they inform the class of their inability to race.

4. Specific cases involving Substitute Skippers:

A team can appoint a Substitute Skipper for a quota-based race. The Substitute Skipper must be named by the entry deadline at the latest. The Substitute Skipper cannot be entered in the race in any other capacity. In the case of substitution, only the designated Substitute Skipper will be allowed, and this Substitute Skipper must compete on the boat originally entered in the race.

With the exception of the case where the substitution is due to a medical issue as outlined in article 3, only the Substitute Skipper will earn Miles.

5. Selection Committee

This rule is intended to cover all cases. However, it is always possible that unexpected situations arise, or that there are objections. In that case, the Selection Committee will rule on any disputes or interpretations.

The Selection Committee will be comprised of 5 members, and will include the association's managing director as well as impartial current or former members of the Board who have no involvement in the quota-based race, and they will be appointed by the current Board. In the case of difficulty in constituting the Selection Committee, the Board may choose someone from the outside who has never been a Board Member.

A decision taken by the Selection Committee is final. It is not possible to appeal the decision.

6. Publishing of the Selection system

The Selection system is published on the 'Races/ Class40 Selection' page of the Class40 website www.class40.com (or on any other page on the same website should it be moved).