

RS700 Righting Moment and Weight Equalisation Amendment Vote

For several years there has been an ongoing discussion regarding the RS700 Weight Equalisation System, with some of the fleet believing that it is 'unfair' and others believing that it works well. In particular, there is the belief amongst some that sailors above the weight equalisation bracket enjoy an unfair advantage over their lighter counterparts. At the 2015 AGM a weight equalisation proposal was put forward, and whilst there was not a consensus of agreement to adopt the change, the members decided that it should be put forward to a class vote.

Since then the proposal has been amended (due to some initial feedback), so the current proposal is slightly different from the one presented at the 2015 AGM. As Chairman, I believe that it is fair that this proposal is presented to the Fleet for a vote, however noting that 66% of the Fleet stated that they are content with the current system in the RS700 Sailor Survey, I have put forward a counter-argument for 'No Change'.

I would ask that members read both the new proposal and the argument for no change before voting for:

Yes - Adopt the new proposal.

No - No change.

I would like to thank Ian Swann, Jerry Wales and Alex Newton-Southon for their work putting together the new proposal.

Regards,

Richard Wadsworth
UK RS700 Class Association Chairman