

POLICY STATEMENT

The Technical Committee will continue the policy, "***If it does not look like a Monotype-XV, it is not a Monotype-XV.***"

The primary responsibility to "police" the integrity of the one-design Monotype-XV is with the competing skippers and not the Committee. It is the obligation of a skipper to protest a competing Monotype-XV that is not in compliance with the **intent** of the class plans and Specifications as revised and amended. Technical protests shall be filed in writing to the Race Committee and may be filed at any time during the regatta, prior to two hours following the last race, or within two hours after the regatta has been declared completed by the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall promptly refer such protests to the Technical Committee Chairman or the Technical Committee members, the Commodore or Secretary for prompt resolution on the ice if at all possible. The Technical Committee is solely responsible to rule on such protests. A racing protest follows rules spelled out by the International Iceboat Authority.

Before awarding the prizes, the Race Committee shall be satisfied that all prize winning Monotype-XV is free of any technical protests by a competing Monotype-XV. Technical protests that have not been ruled on, for whatever reason, prior to the award of prizes shall be stated at that time and any pending award to an unresolved protested yacht shall be withheld until the protest is resolved. Protests not resolved within 60 days of the prize award date shall be considered void and the regatta results will be final and withheld prizes awarded.

The attraction of a Monotype-XV to most Monotype-XV owners is the strict one design class rules. The Monotype-XV philosophy incorporated into the rules is we want to go iceboating; we don't want the time and money obligation that goes with a class governed by a no-limits rulebook. We would rather win races by working on our sailing and tuning skills, not by exploring grey areas of the rulebook in search of a competitive advantage. The class rules were created to prevent any changes that may affect performance, so that on the ice, every boat is the same. The small number of class rule changes allowed has been minor; the sole intent of those changes has been to make racing the Monotype-XV more comfortable or more reliable. Over the years the class has refused to allow rule changes that would result in more expensive and complicated equipment, or would make older boats obsolete. If you feel you want to change something on a Monotype-XV – STOP. Ask yourself why you want to do it. If your answer is "to make me go faster", there is a very good chance the modification or addition is illegal! If the plans do not specifically allow a change or addition - IT IS ILLEGAL! A protested feature of a Monotype-XV that does not comply with the plans and Specifications and **adds significantly** to the boat's speed potential, in any condition; the protest must be allowed. All protest rulings by the Technical Committee shall be final and not subject to appeal.

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