

# Bongo Class Rules

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- 0.0 The goal of the Bongo class is to promote FUN racing while developing and improving the skills of all Bongo sailors.
- 1.0 All skippers must be current members of the Bongo Class Association (BCA) to participate in class racing. Membership dues should be paid by April 1 of each year and the amount shall be determined by the BCA.

## 1 Type of class

1.0 The Bongo is a strict One Design Class! If for any reason the boat has been modified the class will restrict that boat from racing. The boat can become class legal again only by going to the factory to be returned to class legal status.

1.1 The Bongo is a closed class rule with builders appointed by PC Sailing/Paul Cronin.

1.2 Any changes/alterations to the construction, shape, equipment, hardware, mast, pole, boom, sails, or running rigging from what is supplied by the builder is prohibited.

1.3 Any and all changes, including repairs, must be approved by the class association.

## 2. Authority

2.1 The Bongo Class Association (BCA) is the authority in all disputes.

2.2 PC Sailing/Paul Cronin must approve all rules changes submitted to the BCA.

## 3. Language

3.1 English is the official language of the BCA.

3.2 The word "must" is mandatory and the word "may" is optional.

## 4. Hardware and Lines

4.1 All hardware must stay in the factory position and remain factory size to remain class legal.

4.2 All lines must be the same size delivered from the factory to remain class legal. All lines can be shortened from the factory length, but no line can be longer than the factory length.

4.3 All purchase systems must remain the same as factory delivered.

4.4 All line core and cover material must be the same as delivered from the factory to remain class legal.

4.4 No additional hardware or lines may be added. The only exception is the tow/anchor line and spare line which must be carried on board.

## 5. Hull and foils

5.1 No fairing of the hull, keel, or rudder is allowed.

5.2 All repairs must be approved by the class prior to repair to remain class legal. All boats must be re-measured after all repairs.

5.3 Hull, keel, bulb, and rudder must match the factory templates to remain legal.

## 6. Measurement

6.1 All boats must have a valid measurement certificate to participate in class racing.

### 6.2 Measuring

A. Boats shall meet the minimum class weight of 415 lbs. This weight includes the following: three sails, all hardware, keel installed, rudder, tiller with extension, rigged mast and boom. The following items shall be removed before weighing: lifting bridle, lifting post, safety equipment, covers, personal gear and crew.

B. Keel, Keel bulb, and rudder must fit exactly in the class templates. The tolerance is  $\pm 1$ mm.

C. Keel weight and VCG must match the factory specification.

D. Rudder weight must match the factory specifications.

E. Hull shape must match the factory templates. The tolerance is  $\pm 1$ mm.

F. Sails must be stamped and measured to be used in class events. Only one design class sails are legal.

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## 7. Championship Regattas

7.1 Regional, National, International regatta championships must consist of at least 3 races. The goal is to run 12-20 races over 3 to 5 days. 4 races a day should be the goal.

7.2 Championship regattas: the course should be deep triangles with reaches off the windward leg if true wind speeds of less than 8 kts. In over 8 kts the courses should be windward/leewards.

7.3 National championship regattas can add a skills race which will be worth 1.5 races.

7.4 Awards will be given to two divisions. Open division which is all competitors under 50 years old on the day of the first race.

Masters division is all competitors 50 years and older on the day of the first race.

## 8. Safety Equipment

8.1 All safety equipment shall be carried during racing. Failure to do so will result in a DSQ for all races sailed without the required safety equipment. The following items must be carried during racing:

8.2 Anchor (minimum weight 1.5 lbs)

8.3 Tow/Anchor line 50 feet long and  $\frac{1}{8}$ " minimum diameter.

8.4 Paddle 4 foot minimum length. The paddle can be folding.

8.5 Coast Guard approved life jacket for each sailor.

## 9. Electronics (Allowed by Class)

9.1 Hand held VHF

9.2 Hand held wind meter

9.3 Hand held GPS

9.4 Tacktick digital compass

9.5 Knot meter

9.6 Depth Sounder

## 10. Current approved changes:

When significant hardware and rigging changes are made at the factory, it is permitted for previous owners to modify their boats to the current standard. All changes must be approved by the BCA.

10.1 You may tie two knots in the traveler to restrict the travel block for the main sheet. Approved 15 Jan 2005

10.2 You may tie a piece of shock cord from the aft lifting strap eyes to the tiller to help keep the tiller on centerline during maneuvers. Approved 18 Feb 2005

## 11. Crew limitations during regattas.

11.1 The Bongo can be raced with a crew of one or two.

11.2 All races in the regatta must have the same crew sail all the races, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE BCA.

11.3 The maximum crew weight is 300 lbs.

## 12. Rules revision.

12.1 The BCA will have its class meeting each year at the midwinters regatta.

12.2 Additional rules and changes to the existing rules must be voted on and approved by the BCA.