



Sail number allocation procedure

In order to compete in regattas, A-Cats shall have sail numbers and valid official documents. Starting with the decision of the general assembly of 21.1.2012, there are two types of sail numbers:

1. Boat Number
2. Personal Sail Number

Each type has its own purpose detailed below.

Boat Number

The Boat Number is allocated by SACA for each new boat made or imported in Switzerland, based on an incremental list starting at 100. The Boat Number follows the boat during its lifecycle in Switzerland, independently of the boat owner. This Boat Number might appear on the boat measurement form filled by the official measurer.

The allocation of the Boat Number by SACA is free of charge.

Sailors are allowed to use this Boat Number for their sail. However, they will lose the number when selling the boat.

Personal Sail Number

As long as officially allocated, the Personal Sail Number is owned by the sailor and can be carried over to a new boat provided there is an appropriate Measurement Certificate issued by Swiss Sailing.

Allocation Rules

The Personal Sail Number is permanently allocated by SACA on request of a sailor, which must comply with the following rules:

1. The sailor must be an active member of the SACA.
2. Existing allocated Personal Sail Numbers of active SACA members are not available for allocation, except if explicitly released by their owner.
3. The Personal Sail Number must be between 5 and 99 (1-4 are reserved for European / world champions, see Annex A for allocation rules).
4. The Personal Sail Number must match the Measurement Certificate established by Swiss Sailing.
5. The list of existing allocations is public, available from www.saca.ch.

Allocation procedure

1. The Personal Sail Numbers are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
2. In case of conflict during the allocation, the desired Personal Sail Number is allocated based on years of SACA membership. If the duration is the same for both applicants, the SACA Committee decides who gets the desired Personal Sail Number.
3. For special cases, the SACA Committee might allocate a Personal Sail Number in the range 900-999.

De-allocation procedure

1. A Personal Sail Number is de-allocated and thus becoming free when a sailor leaves the SACA or when status is changed to « passive member ».
2. When de-allocated a Personal Sail Number must be removed from all sails to avoid confusion.
3. If desired, a Personal Sail Number in the special range 900-999 is allocated.

Pricing

The allocation of incremental numbers is free of charge (unchanged). However, the allocation of numbers in the range 5-99 is charged according to this price-list:

1. Range 1 - 4 : free of charge
2. range 5 - 9 : CHF 200.-
3. range 10 - 50 : CHF 100.-
4. range 51 - 99 : CHF 50.-

Transitory procedure

A transitory procedure was applied for 3 weeks in beginning of 2012. It is now obsolete and remains here for historical purpose.

When the ruling is approved and published, a transitory ruling will be used to avoid allocation conflicts:

1. Sailors will be informed of a 3-week period during which they will have to submit their allocation request.
2. At the end of the period, the SACA Committee will allocate the requested numbers based on the allocation procedure.
3. All existing sail numbers being used by passive members are de-allocated.

Measurement Certificate

Swiss Sailing establish official Measurement Certificate based on the Measurement Forms. Both Sail Numbers will be listed in the Measurement Certificate as showed below:

Boat Number / *Sail N°*

SUI - 231

Personal Sail N°
allocated by SACA

SUI - 111

Annex A – allocation rules for numbers 1 – 4

European and world champions are entitled to use SUI 1/2/3/4 as personal sail number. The allocation rules are:

1. The winner of the title (1st European for the Euro, 1st place for the Worlds) can choose a number in the range 1 – 4.
2. The number is allocated to the winner as long as desired, and as long as nobody else does a better result.
Example : if SUI-1 is allocated to the European champion, the next European champion get SUI-2, but the next World champion get SUI-1.
3. If all numbers 1 – 4 are allocated and a new champion is showing up, the oldest allocated number is transferred to the new champion.
4. The SACA Committee has the final decision on this ruling.

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