

Bye-Law to Rule 41 - Weight of Boats

1. *Minimum boat weights are the following:*

Designation	Boat type	Minimum Weight (kg)
1x	Single Sculls	14
2x	Double Sculls	27
2-	Pair	27
2+	Coxed Pair	32
4x	Quadruple Sculls	52
4-	Four	50
4+	Coxed Four	51
8+	Eight	96

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The minimum weight of the boat shall include the fittings essential to its use, in particular: riggers, stretchers, shoes, slides, seats and hull extensions.

It shall also include:

- a. *loud speakers if they are firmly fastened to the boat and associated wiring for such speakers;*
- b. *any housings or fixings that are firmly fastened to the boat for the purpose of holding electronic or other equipment;*
- c. *cables and wires required to connect equipment to provide "Allowable Data" (see Bye-Law to Rule 39, paragraph 5), and*
- d. *Seat Pads that are attached to the seat*

The minimum weight shall not include the oars or sculls, the bow number or any other item not firmly fastened to the boat. All equipment or elements of equipment associated with providing information other than or in addition to "Allowable Data" shall not be included in the boat weight, even if it is firmly fastened to the boat.

Additional weight carried in the boat to achieve the required minimum

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weight shall be firmly fastened to the boat or to the essential fittings described above.

2. *Responsibility - It is solely the responsibility of the crew that their boat meets the required minimum weight.*
3. *Weighing Scale - The weighing scales shall be provided by a FISA-approved manufacturer and shall indicate the weight of the boat to 0.1 kgs. The scales shall be connected to a printer so that a printed record of the boat weight is immediately available. At the beginning of each official training day and of each racing day, the scales shall be tested, using calibrated (gauged) weights, by a member of the FISA Equipment and Technology Commission and/or the member of the Control Commission responsible for boat weighing.*
4. *Test weighing of boats - The weighing scale(s) shall be available to the crews at least 24 hours before the first race of the regatta for test weighing of their boats. The scales shall be located on a horizontal base, inside a building or a tent to provide protection from the wind. The weighing area shall be easily accessible from the incoming pontoons and shall be exclusively reserved for the weighing of boats during the regatta.*
5. *Selection of Boats to be weighed - The person authorised by the President of the Jury shall make a*

random draw before the start of each racing session to select the boats which are to be weighed. He shall also have the right to include additional boats at any time before the finish of the race of the boat concerned if there is a suspicion that certain boats are underweight. He shall deliver copies of the draw to the responsible person at the Control Commission.

6. *Notification to Crews - A member of the Control Commission shall notify the crews of the selected boats as they leave the water after their races and they, or people appointed for that purpose, shall accompany each boat to the weighing scales. A selected crew is required to take its boat directly to the weighing scales when it is notified that the boat has been selected for weighing. Failure to do so may lead to the crew being penalised as if the boat had been underweight. Once the crew has been notified that the boat has been selected for weighing, no extra weight of any description can be added to the boat until the boat has been weighed.*
7. *Additional Items to be removed - Equipment which is not to be included in the weight of the boat shall be removed from the boat before weighing.*

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At the official weighing of the boat, the normal wetted surface of the boat is accepted. However, any standing water must be removed before the weighing, in particular any water between the shoulders and under the canvas. All other items (tools, clothes, sponges, bottles, etc.) must be taken out of the boat before the weighing.

8. *Official Weighing - The boat shall be officially weighed.*
9. *Failure to make the minimum weight - If a boat is below the minimum weight, the member of the Control Commission shall print out the record of weighing and proceed as follows:*
 - 9.1. *Write the words "First Boat Weighing" on the printed record of weighing.*
 - 9.2. *Test the scales with the gauged weights, observed by the crew representative, print out the result of this test, and write on the printed record of weighing the name of the crew and the event and the words "Test Weighing". Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign the printed record of this test.*
 - 9.3. *Weigh the boat concerned for the second time. If, on the second weighing, the boat weight is not below the minimum, no further action is necessary. If, however, the boat is still below the minimum weight, the member of the Control Commission responsible for boat weighing will write on the printed record of weighing the name of the crew, the event and the number and type of equipment items included in the weighing and the words "Second Boat Weighing". Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign the printed record of this weighing. No other or later weighing shall be considered as valid.*
 - 9.4. *Deliver the three printed records of weighing (First Boat Weighing, Test Weighing of the scales and Second Boat Weighing) to the President of the Jury.*
10. *Penalty for Underweight Boat - The penalty for having raced in an underweight boat shall be that the crew is relegated to last place in the particular race. If two or more boats in the same race are underweight, they shall all be relegated and they shall be ranked in the descending order of their respective boat weights. If the crew races again in an underweight boat in a later round of the same event, then the penalty shall be the exclusion of the crew.*