



# IMA Maxi European Championship

## Question for Officials

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**Question No: 02**

**Question For: Protest Committee**

**Question:**

To the jury of the Maxi European Championship

Reading the Sailing Instruction of 2025 Edition regarding the race time limit and the finishing window we have noticed a big difference with sailing instruction of 2024

For both windward/leeward races and coastal races the finishing window has been reduced considerably:

On W/L the finishing window was 90 mn in 2024 and is now 45 mn

On Coastal race was 4.5 hours from the time the first boat finish and now is only 75% of the time of the first boat elapsed time but not greater than 2 hours.

As you can easily understand this is penalizing smaller boat and could be almost impossible to finish in the time limit window in case of light wind.

Making an example, considering that the fastest boat arrive in 2 hours with a rating of 1.834 we will have a maximum time limit of 90 mn giving us the possibility to finish in 3.5 hours.

Considering the rating, the boat arriving will score  $(120 \times 1.834) = 220.08$  minutes and we will score  $(210 \times 1.103) = 231.63$  minutes. Giving us a real window of 21 corrected minutes (19 real minutes) in respect to first boat to finish.

We consider this system to create the finish time limit window unfair to smaller boat because they have a really small real window to finish the race. We kindly ask to reconsider the time limit window giving more time for finish the race to smaller boats.

Best regards

19/05/2025

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**Answer:**

As per RRS 90.2(a) the race committee shall publish written sailing instructions.  
The international jury is not the authority responsible for determining race time limits and the finishing window.

Therefore, your question has been referred to the race committee.

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*Response By Timo Haß Printed at 2025-05-31  
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