

**PROPOSAL TO IGC Bureau 2016/7
Year 1**

**Proposed by the 13,5 meter working group
(pending acceptance by the Bureau prior the IGC plenary 2017)**

Proposal 1

1. That the 13.5m class definition in SC3 should be changed to include self-launching capability and the capability to launch by conventional methods (aerotow and winching).

This proposal affects: Sporting Code Section 3c 5.5.5

Proposal 2

2. That the 13.5m class requirement in Annex A be changed to require a self launching capability.

This proposal affects SC3A Part 4

Discussion:

In 2016 the plenum approved a requirement for self launching capability in the 2017 WGC for the 13.5 class.

Since this decision there has been considerable discussion about the future of the class and the WGC in this class.

It has become evident that we need to make a clear statement of our objectives for this class to **become a lightweight self launching class that will provide a competitive environment for Microlight gliders**. Without such a statement there is a significant risk of the class developing as a truncated 15m class.

If we do not specify the requirement for self launching whilst maintaining the wing loading limit, versions of the current 15m gliders could dominate the class competitively.

The 2016 decision was a stop gap to allow time to evaluate any changes in EASA legislation and recommendations from the CWG. It would appear that there is little chance of changes in regulation that would prevent us from developing the class as a self launching class.

It is acknowledged that the timescale for change of class definition will be four years and changes to Annex A two years.

The 13,5 meter class working group suggests to the Bureau that the above listed proposals be made to the 2017 plenum.

