

### **World Sailing Race Officials**

#### Conflicts of Interest – New Regulation 34.7

A submission from the Federação Portuguesa de Vela

#### **Purpose or Objective**

To define conflict of interest for Worlds Sailing Employees regarding their appointment as World Sailing Race Officials at the events listed in Regulation 25.8.10, with the exception when Regulation 25.9 applies.

#### **Proposal**

Add new Regulation 34.7:

**34.7 World Sailing employees and employees of its consolidated entities cannot be appointed to serve as World Sailing Race Officials at the events listed in Regulation 25.8.10, except when Regulation 25.9 applies.**

#### **Current Position**

None.

#### **Reasons**

1. There are some cases when World Sailing employees have been appointed as Race Officials at major sailing events. In some events the appointment is made by World Sailing.
  2. To avoid conflict of interest in World Sailing Race Officials in cases when they are also World Sailing employees.
  3. To comply with the principle of separation of powers.
  4. Despite World Sailing and the Events Appointments Working Party has a good system for handling the appointment of World Sailing staff to major events that ensures there is no conflict of interest, there is perception among the Race Officials worldwide that the appointment is made because the Race Official is also a World Sailing employee.
  5. However, World Sailing employees should have the right to be appointed to any other event not listed in Regulation 25.8.10, when this appointment is made by the organizing authority without any intervention from World Sailing, as any other Race Official.
  6. World Sailing Technical Delegates are now part of the group of Race Officials, and this proposal should not change the application of Regulation 25.9.
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