

Equipment Rules of Sailing

Introduction

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

Move the Applicability section of the introduction forward and make the wording changes indicated below:

Proposal

INTRODUCTION

The *Equipment Rules of Sailing* includes and references:

- Rules for use of equipment.
- Definitions of equipment, measurement points and measurements for use in **class rules** and other rules and regulations.
- Rules governing **certification control** and **equipment inspection**.

Applicability

The ERS **are rules only if they are invoked** ~~may be made applicable~~ by:

- (a) **Class Rules**,
- (b) Adoption in the notice of race and sailing instructions,
- (c) Prescriptions of an MNA for races under its jurisdiction,
- (d) ISAF Regulations, **or**
- (e) Other documents that govern **an event** ~~faces~~.

Terminology

A term used in its defined sense is printed in “**bold**” if defined in the ERS and in “*italic*” if defined in the RRS. Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use in English.

Current Position

As above

Reason

It should be clear that the ERS rules are only made applicable when invoked by another rule or regulation. The ERS definitions are to be used within a rule framework to govern equipment and are not a dictionary by default.