

Equipment Rules of Sailing

C.4 Equipment Control, C.4.2 Certification Measurement, C.4.3 Event measurement, C.4.4 Certification Measurer, C.4.6 Event Measurer, H.1 Certification Measurement, H.2 Event Measurement

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Purpose or Objective

To revert “equipment inspection” and “equipment inspector” back to “event measurement” and “event measurer” respectively.

To apply the terms “certification measurement” and “event measurement” consistently within the ERS.

Proposal

C.4 CERTIFICATION **EQUIPMENT** CONTROL AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

C.4.3 **Event measurement** ~~Equipment Inspection~~

Equipment control carried out at an event as required by the notice of race and the sailing instructions which may include **fundamental measurement**.

C.4.4 ~~Official~~ **Certification** Measurer

A person appointed or recognized, by the MNA of the country where the control takes place, to carry out **certification control measurement** and when the **class rules** permit, **certification**. An MNA may have delegated this responsibility

C.4.6 **Event Measurer** ~~Equipment Inspector~~

A person appointed by a race committee **or an organizing authority** to carry out ~~equipment inspection~~ **event measurement**.

Section H – Equipment Control and Inspection

H.1 **CERTIFICATION** ~~CONTROL~~ **MEASUREMENT**

H.1.1 A ~~An official~~ **certification measurer** shall not carry out **certification measurement control** of any part of a **boat** owned, designed or built by himself, or in which he is an interested party, or has a vested interest, except where permitted by the MNA or ISAF for In-House Certification.

H.1.2 If ~~an official~~ a **certification measurer** is in any doubt as to the application of, or compliance with, the **class rules** he shall consult the **certification authority** before signing a certification control form or applying a **certification mark**.

H.2 ~~EQUIPMENT INSPECTION~~ **EVENT MEASUREMENT**

H.2.1 If an ~~equipment inspector~~ **event measurer** is in any doubt as to the application of, or compliance with, the **class rules**, the question should be referred to the authority responsible for interpreting the **class rules**.

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Rules governing **equipment control** ~~certification control and equipment inspection~~

Current Position

As above

Reason

1. Despite the fact that the terms “equipment inspection” and “equipment inspectors” were introduced about a decade ago, “(event) measurement” and “(event) measurer are still used by many sailors, officials and Classes, as they understand that term very well.

Although the “inspection” and “inspector” terms were initially introduced to indicate that certification measurement was not to be performed at events, their introduction mainly created confusion.

2. The term “inspector” may also imply that this person does not possess the same capabilities and knowledge as a “measurer”.
 3. By reverting back to the term “event measurer”
 - we give these officials a name that worked well and is well understood by sailors;
 - we achieve consistency in terminology and uniformity of terms between the ERS and non-ERS parts of the sailing community; and
 - we can then simplify the RRS by defining a single term for the officials who perform equipment controls at an event.
 4. “Equipment control” should be the general term for all versions of what is broadly described as “measurement”. Then we have two main types of measurement: 1) for certification and 2) at an event. Related titles are needed for the officials who perform these two types of measurement. And these titles should be selected to minimize confusion and maximize consistency and uniformity of terms between the ERS and non-ERS parts of the sailing community.
 5. The “official measurer” will become “certification measurer”, to be compatible with the term certification measurement in C.4.2. These persons will perform the action described in C.4.2. With the current term, it might be understood that "unofficial measurers" exist as well.
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