

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 78.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To update rule 78.2 to include the system under which valid certificates are listed at a website instead of, or in addition to, issuing paper documents.

Proposal

78.2 When a *rule* requires a valid certificate to be produced or its existence verified before a boat *races*, and this cannot be done ~~it is not produced~~, the boat may *race* provided that the race committee receives a statement signed by the person in charge that the boat has a valid certificate ~~exists and that it will be given to the race committee before the end of the event~~. If the certificate is not produced or verified before the end of the event ~~received in time~~, the boat shall be disqualified from all races of the event.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

It is increasingly common for the authorities responsible for issuing measurement or rating certificates to post a list of boats holding valid certificates on a website, and for organizing authorities and race committees to establish the existence of certificates and, when appropriate the boats' ratings, by consulting that website. The proposal aligns the rule with current practice. The word "valid" is added in the rule's first sentence because boats often have a certificate that is no longer valid because of their failure to update it or to pay a required annual fee.
