

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 76.1

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

76 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS

- 76.1** The organizing authority or the race committee may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor, subject to rule 76.2, provided it does so before the start of the first race and states the reason for doing so. However, the organizing authority or the race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor **on unreasonable grounds, or** because of advertising, provided the boat or competitor complies with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. **When asked to do so, the organizing authority or race committee shall promptly provide its reasons in writing. The boat may request redress if she considers that the rejection or exclusion is improper or that the grounds are not reasonable.**
- 76.2** At world and continental championships no entry within stated quotas shall be rejected or cancelled without first obtaining the approval of the relevant international class association (or the Offshore Racing Council) or the ISAF.

Current Position

As above

Reason

The organising authority or race committee should be required to have reasonable grounds to exclude a boat or competitor. When excluded, a boat should be entitled to request redress under rule 62.1(a). This submission implements in the RRS a similar RYA prescription which has been found necessary to provide protection to competitors that may have been unreasonably excluded from regattas.
