

Racing Rules of Sailing

Introduction, Terminology, and Rule 89.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

Terminology A term used in the sense stated in the Definitions is printed in italics or, in preambles, in bold italics (for example, *racing* and ***racing***). ‘Racing rule’ means a rule in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. ‘Boat’ means a sailboat and the crew on board. ‘Race committee’ includes any person or committee performing a race committee function. A ‘change’ to a *rule* includes an addition to it or deletion of all or part of it. ‘National authority’ means an ISAF member national authority. **An ‘affiliated’ organization is affiliated to a national authority.** Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

89.1 Organizing Authority

Races shall be organized by an organizing authority, which shall be

- (a) the ISAF;
- (b) a member national authority of the ISAF;
- (c) a club ~~or other organization~~ affiliated to a national authority;
- (d) an affiliated organization other than a club and, if so prescribed by the national authority, with the approval of the national authority or in conjunction with an affiliated club;**
- (e) ~~a~~ **an unaffiliated** class association, either with the approval of a national authority or in conjunction with an affiliated club;
- (f) two or more of the above organizations;**
- (g) an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliated club where the body is owned and controlled by the club. The national authority of the club may prescribe that its approval is required for such an event; or
- (h) if approved by the ISAF and the national authority of the club, an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliated club where the body is not owned and controlled by the club.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To clarify the meaning of 'affiliated' as used in rule 89.1 and elsewhere in the rulebook.

To clarify the conditions for a class association to be an organizing authority.

It is frequently the case that two or more clubs or other organizations serve jointly as the organizing authority for a race. It is also that case, as in oceanic races with ports of call in more than one country, that the organizing clubs or organizations are affiliated to different national authorities. Proposed new rule 89.1(f) would allow such arrangements.