



The Racing Rules Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Tuesday 8 November 2011 at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Present:

David Tillett - Chairman

Bernard Bonneau – Vice-Chairman

Eric Tulla – Vice-President

Jim Capron

John Doerr

Kamen Fillyov

Ulrich Finckh

Rick Hatch

Nelson Horn Ilha

Oleg Ilyin

Marianne Middelthon

Bill O'Hara

John Parrish, Race Officials Committee
Representative

Dick Rose

Bo Samuelsson

Katsumi Shibamura

Ana Sánchez del Campo Ferrer

Leo Pieter Stoel

Richard Thompson

Apologies:

Bjorn Anker-Møller

Luciano Giacomi

Zofia Truchanowicz

Carlos Gastelu

Jack Lloyd

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Racing Rules Committee in San Juan, Puerto Rico

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Racing Rules Committee meeting of Tuesday 9 November 2010. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Rule 41 – Submission 163-10

The Committee noted the decision of Council for 2010 on the proposal in Submission 163-10 to change rule 41. That change was approved by both the Racing Rules Committee and the Council to take effect on 1/1/2013. The Council, in a second ballot, voted by the required

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supermajority of 75% to make the change in rule 41 effective from 1/1/2011. However, in a vote taken by email after the 2010 conference, the Racing Rules Committee vote was 13 in favour of the change taking effect from 1/1/2011 and 9 against. Therefore, because the required supermajority of 75% was not achieved, rule 41 was not changed on 1/1/2011.

4. Items Deferred from November 2010

(a) Submission 146-09

The Committee reconsider deferred submission 146-09 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Rule A5.

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(b) Submission 074-10

The Committee reconsidered deferred submission 074-10 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about New B1 – Position of the Equipment Committee.

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

(c) Submission 183-10

The Committee reconsider deferred submission 183-10 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Rules 91(b) and N2.

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(d) Submission 188-10

The Committee did not reconsider deferred submission 188-10 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Appendix B because the submission had been withdrawn.

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(e) Submission 233-10

The Committee reconsidered deferred submission 233-10 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Council Minutes from 2010 state: Defer. Case book working party to edit in conjunction with the RRC Working Party. The working party should consider whether the content of the case should be in Appendix M.

Approve edited case and an addition to Appendix M as shown below. Reason for proposing to add both the new case and a new paragraph in Appendix M is that Cases are 'authoritative interpretations' whereas Appendix M is merely 'advisory'. The 'advice' in Appendix M would gain credibility if it were supported by the case.

Case XXX

Rule 66, Reopening a Hearing

Interpretation of the word 'new' as used in rule 66.

Question

What criteria should the protest committee use to decide whether or not evidence is

'new'?

Answer

Evidence is 'new'

- if it was not reasonably possible for the party asking for the reopening to have discovered the evidence before the original hearing,
- if the protest committee is satisfied that before the original hearing the evidence was diligently but unsuccessfully sought by the party asking for the reopening, or
- if the protest committee learns from any source that the evidence was not available to the parties at the time of the original hearing.

Recommended addition to Appendix M

Number current M4 as M4.1 and insert a new paragraph 4.2. M4 would then read as follows:

M4 REOPENING A HEARING (rule 66)

M4.1 When a *party*, within the time limit, has asked for a hearing to be reopened, hear the *party* making the request, look at any video, etc., and decide whether there is any material new evidence that might lead you to change your decision. Decide whether your interpretation of the *rules* may have been wrong; be open-minded as to whether you have made a mistake. If none of these applies refuse to reopen; otherwise schedule a hearing.

M4.2 Evidence is 'new'

- if it was not reasonably possible for the *party* asking for the reopening to have discovered the evidence before the original hearing,
- if the protest committee is satisfied that before the original hearing the evidence was diligently but unsuccessfully sought by the *party* asking for the reopening, or
- if the protest committee learns from any source that the evidence was not available to the parties at the time of the original hearing.

5. Advertising Code

(a) Submission 009-11

The Committee considered submission 009-11 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Advertising Code – Regulation 20.2.3.1 – Authorization to Display Advertising.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(b) Submission 010-11

The Committee considered submission 010-11 from the Executive Committee about New Regulation 20.4.5.

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(c) Submission 011-11

The Committee considered submission 011-11 from the Executive Committee about Regulation 20.7.1 – Manufacturer's Marks.

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Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (d) Submission 012-11

The Committee considered submission 012-11 from the Executive Committee about Regulation 20 Table 1 – Events Advertising.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (e) Submission 013-11

The Committee considered submission 013-11 from the Executive Committee about Regulation 20 Table 2 - Manufacturer's and Sailmaker's Marks.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

6. Equipment Rules of Sailing

The Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council:

- (a) Submission 055-11 - ERS Interpretation - Regulations 29.3.5 and 29.3.6.

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (b) Submission 056-11 - Introduction - Changes Submission

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (c) Submission 057-11 - A.1 Class Rules

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (d) Submission 058-11 - C.2.3 Open Class Rules

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (e) Submission 059-11 - C3.2 Certify

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (f) Submission 060-11 - C4.1 Fundamental Measurement

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (g) Submission 061-11 - C.4.2 Certification Control

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (h) Submission 062-11 - C.4.7 International Measuret

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (i) Submission 063-11 - C.6.5 Portable Equipment

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (j) Submission 064-11 - C.6.5(a) and (b) Series and Age Dates

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (k) Submission 065-11 - F.1.2 Rig Types

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (l) Submission 066-11 - F.1.4(a) Mast

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

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- (m) Submission 067-11 - F.1.4(c) Hull Spars
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (n) Submission 068-11 - F.1.5 Rigging Components
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (o) Submission 069-11 - F.1.6(a)(i) and (iii) Forestay and Shrouds
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (p) Submission 070-11 - F.1.6(a) Standing Rigging
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (q) Submission 071-11 - F.1.6(b) Running Rigging
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (r) Submission 072-11 - F.1.7 Spreader
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (s) Submission 073-11 - F.2.3 Mast Centre of Gravity
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (t) Submission 074-11 - G.1.1 Sail & G.1.4(o) Attachments
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (u) Submission 075-11 - G.1.3(b) Headsails and Spinnakers
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (v) Submission 076-11 - G.1.3(d) Headsail & G.1.3(e) Spinnaker
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (w) Submission 077-11 - G.1.4(g) Double Luff Sails
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (x) Submission 078-11 - G.1.4(i) Dart
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (y) Submission 079-11 - New Definition - G.1.4(k) Batten
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (z) Submission 080-11 - G.1.4(k) Batten
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (aa) Submission 081-11 - G.1.4(m) Window
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (bb) Submission 082-11 - G.1.4(n) Stiffening
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (cc) Submission -083-1 - G.2.4, H.5.2 Hollows in Sail Leeches
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

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- (dd) Submission 084-11 - G.4.2(a) and (b) Mainsail and Headsail Head Point

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (ee) Submission 085-11 - G.6.3 Tabling

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (ff) Submission 086-11 - G.6.4 Batten Pocket Patch

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (gg) Submission 087-11 - G.8.4 Reinforcement Size

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (hh) Submission 088-11 - G.8.9 Window Ply Area & G.8.10 Window Area

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (ii) Submission 089-11 - H.4.2 Outer Point Distance

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (jj) Submission 090-11 - New H.4.7

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (kk) Submission 091-11 - H.5.1 Condition of the Sail

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (ll) Submission 092-11 - H.5.2 Hollows in Sail Leeches

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

- (mm) Submission 093-11 - New Rule: H.5.4 Sail Corners

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

7. The Racing Rules of Sailing

The Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council:

- (a) Submission 140-11 - Race Signals

Recommendation to Council: Reject

- (b) Submission 141-11 – Rules 6 and L24

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Approve the first part of the proposal, edited as follows:

Make 'Basic Principle' plural and add first sentence of proposed rule 6 as a second principle

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing.

Approve the second part of the proposal, moved to be in Part 4 and to read:

Add second sentence to Preamble to Part 4:

Part 4 rules apply only to boats *racing*. However, rule 55 applies at all times when boats

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are on the water.

Add new rule:

55 TRASH DISPOSAL

A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water

Consequential change: Delete first sentence of instruction L24.

- (c) Submission 142-11 - Part 2 Preamble to Section A

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (d) Submission 143 -11 - Rule 14

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (e) Submission 144 -11 - Rule 18.2(c)

Recommendation to Council: Approve

This is integral with submission 256-11.

- (f) Submission 145-11 - Rule 18.2(e)

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (g) Submission 146-11 - Rule 18.3

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (h) Submission 147-11 - Rule 20

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Edit title of rule 20.3 to read 'Passing On a Hail to an Additional Boat'

- (i) Submission 148-11 - Part 2 Preamble to Section C and Rule 20.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (j) Submission 149-11 - New Rule 21

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

21 Exoneration

When a boat is sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled under a rule of Section C, she shall be exonerated if, in an incident with a boat required to give her that *room* or *mark-room*,

- (a) she breaks a rule of Section A, rule 15 or rule 16 or
- (b) she is compelled to break rule 31

- (k) Submission 150-11 - Rule 21.2

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Undesirable and impracticable game change.

- (l) Submission 151-11- Rule 28

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1: Approve with edit - delete "already"

Proposal 2: Approve

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Proposal 3: Reject

Proposal 4: Approve with edit to first sentence of rule 28.1 to read:

"A boat shall *start*, sail the course described in the sailing instructions and *finish*"

Proposal 5: Reject

Proposal 6: Reject

- (m) Submission 152-11 - Rule 29.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

"until all such boats **have sailed completely to** the pre-start side"

- (n) Submission 153-11 - Rule 30 - Starting Penalties

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Relocate to Appendix L.

- (o) Submission 154-11 – Rule 34

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Relocate to Appendix L.

Edit to read: "she should report her finishing time"

- (p) Submission 155-11 - Rule 36 - Exception to Rule 64.1(a)

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Approve, edited to place new words in rule 64.1(c). See Submission 174-11

- (q) Submission 156-11 - Rule 36 and P3

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Undesirable game change

- (r) Submission 157-11 - Rule 41

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Rule 41 (a proposed change in the version of rule 41 approved by Council in submission 163-10)

Amend last paragraph to read:

However, a boat that gains a significant advantage in the race from help received under rule 41(a) may be protested and penalised; any penalty may be less than disqualification.

Case Book Working Party is recommended to produce a case for consideration in November 2012.

- (s) Submission 158-11 - Terminology and Rules 41(b) and 42.3(g)

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (t) Submission 159-11 - Standardization of Rule 42 in Sailing Instructions at Major Events

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Policy issue; referred to Events Committee

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- (u) Submission 160-11 - Rule 42.3 Exceptions

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendments

Proposal 1: Reject

Proposal 2: Approve with following amendment

- (e) If a batten is inverted, the boat's crew may pump the sail until the batten is no longer inverted. This action is not permitted if it clearly propels the boat

- (v) Submission 161-11 - Rule 42.3(c)

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Delete 'side'.

- (w) Submission 162-11 - Rule 48

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

48 FOG SIGNALS AND LIGHTS: TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

48.1 When safety requires, a boat shall sound fog signals and show lights as require *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)* or applicable government rules.

48.2 A boat shall comply with rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes, of the IRPCAS.

- (x) Submission 163-11 - Rule 49.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Approve if submission 164-11 rejected by Council.

- (y) Submission 164-11 - Rule 49.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Reinsert "they shall be taut, and"

Amend final sentence to read

If the class rules do not specify the material or minimum diameter of lifelines, they shall comply with the corresponding specifications in the *ISAF Offshore Special Regulations*.

Retain note as in submission.

RRC Working Party to determine any grand-fathering with the Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

RRC voted 7 in favour of the submission as edited above, and 7 against. Submission accepted on the Chairman's casting vote.

- (z) Submission 165-11 - Rule 50.3

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (aa) Submission 166-11 - Rule 50.4

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1: Approve

Proposal 2: Approve with the following amendment

For the purposes of **rule 50 and 54 and Appendix G**, the difference between

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- (bb) Submission 167-11 - Rule 52

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Approve edited to read

52 MANUAL POWER

A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, spars and movable hull appendages shall be adjusted and operated only by **the power provided by the crew**

- (cc) Submission 168-11 - Rule 60.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (dd) Submission 169-11 - Rule 60.3

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Undesirable

- (ee) Submission 170-11 - Rule 61.1(a), 61.1(b) and 61.3

Recommendation to Council: Approve

See Submission 171-11 for amendments to rule 61.1(b).

- (ff) Submission 171-11 - Rule 61.1(b)

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

If a race committee or protest committee intends to protest a boat concerning an incident the committee observed in the racing area, it shall inform her after the race within the time limit of rule 61.3. In other cases the committee shall inform the boat of its intent to protest as soon as reasonably possible.

- (gg) Submission 172-11 - Rule 62

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Change 'grounds' to 'reasons'

RRC Working Party to edit for consistency.

- (hh) Submission 173-11 - Rule 63.6

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

See also submission 217-11.

Approve both proposals, combined and amend to read:

The protest committee shall take the evidence of the parties **present at** the hearing and of their witnesses and other evidence it considers necessary. A member of the protest committee who saw the incident **shall, while the parties are present, state that fact and** may give evidence. A party **present at** the hearing may question any person who gives evidence. The committee shall then find the facts and base its decision on them.

- (ii) Submission 174-11 - Rule 64.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

64.1(b) If a boat has taken an applicable penalty, she shall not be further penalized **under this rule** unless the penalty for a *rule* she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.

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and add new paragraph

64.1(c) If the race is restarted or resailed, rule 36 applies.

- (jj) Submission 175-11 - Rule 69

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1

Approve with edit of Rule 69.1(a) to read:

A competitor **or boat owner** shall not commit gross misconduct, including a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship or conduct bringing the sport into disrepute.

Proposal 2:

Approve with edit to final paragraph of rule 69.1(b) to limit reasons to conflict with national law of the country of the event.

Proposal 3

Approve

RRC Working Party to edit all proposals for consistency between "competitors" and "boat owner".

- (kk) Submission 176-11 - Rule 69

Recommendation to Council: Defer

RRC is sympathetic to the proposal and request the Executive Committee to consider resources required to implement the proposal.

- (ll) Submission 177-11 – Rule 78.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (mm) Submission 178-11 - Rules 86.1(b), J2.2 and L1.5

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (nn) Submission 179-11 - Rules 89.2(b) and 90.1

Recommendation to Council: Reject

- (oo) Submission 180-11 - Rules 90.3(a), A4, Rule K13, Rule L17

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Approve but include in Appendix LE scores for Bonus Points System from existing rule A4.1

- (pp) Submission 181-11 - Rule 90.3(c)

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

(c) When the race committee determines **from its own records or observations** that it has scored a boat incorrectly, it shall correct the error and make the corrected scores available to competitors.

- (qq) Submission 182-11 - Rules 91(b) and N2

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Approve proposal on rule 91.

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Reject proposal on rule N2.

- (rr) Submission 183-11 - Rules A11, A4.2, A5

Recommendation to Council: Reject

- (ss) Submission 184-11 - Rules A4.2, A5 and A11

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Reject change to description of DPI. See approved submission 184-10.

- (tt) Submission 185-11 - Rules A4.2

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Use sailing instructions when necessary.

- (uu) Submission 186-11 - Rule A11

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Arbitration not used in the RRS.

- (vv) Submission 187-11 - Rules A11 and Appendix L, Instruction L16.6

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Reject change to rule A11. DPI abbreviation was accepted in submission 184-10.

Approve deletion of last sentence of rule L16.6

- (ww) Submission 188-11 – Appendix B -Windsurfing Competition Rules

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

- (xx) Submission 189-11 - Appendix B -Windsurfing Competition Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Working Party to edit to make appendix conform to the RRS.

- (yy) Submission 190-11 - Rule C2

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (zz) Submission 191-11 - Rule C2.4,13.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (aaa) Submission 192-11 - Rule C2.6(a)

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (bbb) Submission 193-11 - Rule C3.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (ccc) Submission 194-11 - Rule C6.5(a)

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

"the umpires may disregard the flag Y."

- (ddd) Submission 195-11 - Rule C6.5(b)

Recommendation to Council: Reject

- (eee) Submission 196-11 - Rule C8.6

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Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (fff) Submission 197-11 - Rule C10.3

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

C10.3 When a single round robin is terminated before completion, or a multiple round robin is terminated during the first round robin, the score shall be determined as the average points scored per match sailed by each competitor, unless one or more competitors have completed less than one third of the scheduled matches when the entire round robin shall be disregarded and if necessary the event declared void. For the purposes of tie-breaking in **rule** C11.1(a), the highest score shall be determined as the average points scored per match amongst the tied competitors.

RRC working party to edit.

- (ggg) Submission 198-11 - Rule CBS2012 Experimental Match Racing Rules for Vision Impaired Competitors

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Appendix to be published only on the ISAF web site.

- (hhh) Submission 199-11 - Rule D

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

See Appendix 1 below

Working party to edit.

- (iii) Submission 200-11 - Rule D2.3

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Accept principle that the rules should try to provide a penalty that can be given at the time of the incident. This is only one of several options that should be trialled before the rule is changed.

- (jjj) Submission 201-11 – Appendix E

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

See Appendix 2 below

Working party to edit.

- (kkk) Submission 202-11 - Rule E1.4(b)

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Change 'boat' to 'competitor'.

- (lll) Submission 203-11 - Rule E1.4(c)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

- (mmm) Submission 204-11 - Rule E1.4(c)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

- (nnn) Submission 205-11 - Rule F2.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Edited to include 206-11 and to read:

F2 SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

- F2.1** (a) No later than 15 days after receiving the protest committee's written decision or its decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the protest committee's decision to the national authority. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the *protest* committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect.
- (b) When the hearing required by rule 63.1 has not been held within 30 days after a *protest* or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall within a further 15 days send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence. The national authority shall extend the time if there is good reason to do.
- (c) When the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence.
- (d) If a copy of the *protest* or request is not available, the appellant shall send a statement of its substance.

(ooo) Submission 206-11 - Rule F2.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve

See submission 205-11.

(ppp) Submission 207-11 - Rule F4

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Edit rule F4(b) to read:

“The national authority may seek clarifications of *rules* governing the event from organisations that are not *parties* to the hearing.”

(qqq) Submission 208-11 - Rule G1.3(e)

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Abbreviations LP and J are not defined.

(rrr) Submission 209-11 - Appendix L, Instruction 5.4

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Prefer submission 210-11.

(sss) Submission 210-11 – Appendix L, Instruction 5.4

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(ttt) Submission 211-11 - Appendix L, Instruction 5.4

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Prefer submission 210-11

(uuu) Submission 212-11 - Appendix L, Instruction 5.4

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Prefer submission 210-11.

(vvv) Submission 213-11 - Appendix L, Instruction 5.5

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Recommendation to Council: Reject

Prefer submission 210-11.

(www) Submission 214-11 – Appendix L, Instruction 9

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(xxx) Submission 215-11 - Appendix L, New Instructions 14.3 and 16.6

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Approve principle, improved wording required.

(yyy) Submission 216-11 - Appendix L, Addendum A

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Approve principle; RRC WP to work with ROC to produce a web site based facility. The files (including those posted) must be in a format that is easily downloaded and that can be used in any standard software used for creating SIs. It must also be possible to edit the files.

(zzz) Submission 217-11 - Appendix M, Paragraph 3.2, 7th Bullet Point

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Working Party to edit for consistency.

(aaaa) Submission 218-11 - Rule P5(a)

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(bbbb) Submission 219-11 - New Appendix X

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The rules for kiteboards will be included within the RRS. The RRC made clear that the consequence of this decision is that during the next 4-year cycle these rules may only be amended by submission following the procedures in the Regulations. A change for immediate implementation requires a 75% vote of both the Racing Rules Committee and the Council. This was accepted by the representatives of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee.

(cccc) Submission 220-11 - New Appendix X

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(dddd) Submission 221-11 - New Appendix X

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Edit to include changes listed below (see Submissions 224-11, 229-11, 230-11, 235-11 and 241-11).

RRC Working Party to edit to make appendix conform to the RRS.

(eeee) Submission 222-11 - New Appendix X – New Definition Elimination Series

Recommendation to Council: Reject

(ffff) Submission 223-11 - New Appendix X – New Definition Elimination Series

Recommendation to Council: Reject

(gggg) Submission 224-11 - New Appendix X – New Definition Mark Room

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Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Mark-Room for a kiteboard is *room* to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark*. However, *mark-room* does not include room to tack unless the kiteboard is *overlapped* to *windward* and on the inside of the boat required to give *mark-room*.

(hhhh) Submission 225-11 – New Appendix X – Preamble of Part 2 Section D

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(iiii) Submission 226-1 - New Appendix X – Preamble of Part 2 Section D New Definition

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(jjjj) Submission 227-11 - New Rule XA4.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(kkkk) Submission 228-11 - New Rule XA4.2

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(llll) Submission 229-11 - New Rule XA2.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

16 CHANGING COURSE OR KITE POSITION

16.1 When a right-of-way kiteboard changes course or the position of her kite, she shall give the other kiteboard *room to keep clear*.

16.2 In addition, when after the starting signal a *port-tack* kiteboard is *keeping clear* by sailing to pass astern of a *starboard-tack* kiteboard, the *starboard-tack* kiteboard shall not change course or the position of her kite if as a result the *port-tack* kiteboard would immediately need to change course or the position of her kite to continue *keeping clear*.

(mmmm) Submission 230-11 - New Rule X13.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

13.2 When sailing downwind, if one kiteboard is *looping* her kite or is changing *tack* and another is not, the kiteboard that is *looping* her kite or the kiteboard that is changing *tack*, until she is moving on the new *tack*, shall “*keep clear*” of the one that is not. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two kiteboards are *looping* their kites or changing *tack* at the same time, then the kiteboard required to *keep clear* under rule 10, 11 or 12 shall do so.

(nnnn) Submission 231-11 - New Rule X13.2

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(oooo) Submission 232-11 - New Rule X14

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(pppp) Submission 233-11 - New Rule X14

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(qqqq) Submission 234-11 - New Rule X16

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(rrrr) Submission 235-11 - New Rules X21.3 and X21.4

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Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Add new rules 21.3 and 21.4:

21.3 During the last minute before her starting signal, a kiteboard that significantly slows down or stops, or one that is not making material forward progress, shall *keep clear* of all others unless she is accidentally *capsized*.

21.4 A kiteboard that is *jumping* shall keep clear of a kiteboard that is not. If two kiteboards are *jumping* at the same time, then the kiteboard required to *keep clear* under rule 10, 11 or 12 shall do so.

(ssss) Submission 236-11- New Rules X21.3 and X21.4

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(tttt) Submission 237-11 - New Rule X44.3(b)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(uuuu) Submission 238-11 - New Rule X60.1(c)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(vvvv) Submission 239-11 - New Rule X60.1(c)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(www) Submission 240-11 - New Rule X60.2

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(xxxx) Submission 241-11 - New Rules X60.2, X63.1, X63.6, X64.1(c) and X64.3(b)

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 2 WITHDRAWN

Proposals 1, 4 and 5: Reject

Proposal 3 Approve with the following amendment:

For a race of an elimination series, rule 63.6 is deleted and replaced by:

63.6 Taking Evidence, Finding Facts and Communicating a Decision

The protest committee may take evidence to find the facts in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

(yyyy) Submission 242-11 - New Rule X61.1(a)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(zzzz) Submission 243-11 - New Rule X61.1(a)

Recommendation to Council: Reject

(aaaa) Submission 244-11 - New Rule X63.1

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(bbbb) Submission 245-11 - New Rule X63.6

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(cccc) Submission 246-11 - New Rule X64.1(c)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

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(ddddd) Submission 247-11 - New Rule X64.3(b)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(eeeeee) Submission 248-11 - New Rule X64.3(b)

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(fffff) Submission 249-11 - Definitions - Relocation

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1: Reject

Proposal 2: Approve

(ggggg) Submission 250-11 - Definitions Finish

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

(hhhhh) Submission 251-11 - Definitions Finish

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1: Reject. Q&A E4 is being withdrawn

Proposal 2: Amend to read **'from the course side'**

Proposal 3: Approve

Proposal 4: Approve

(iiiiii) Submission 252-111 - New Definitions - Gybing and Tacking

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Unnecessary

(jjjjj) Submission 253-11 - Definition Keep Clear

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(kkkkk) Submission 254-11 - Definition Keep Clear

Recommendation to Council: Reject

(lllll) Submission 255-11 - Definition Mark

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(mmmmm) Submission 256-11 - Definition Mark Room

Recommendation to Council: Approve

This is integral with submission 144-11.

(nnnnn) Submission 257-11 - Definition Proper Course

Recommendation to Council: Submission withdrawn

8. The Case Book

The Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council.

- (a) Submission 258-11 – New or Revised Cases
Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment
Proposal 1: Reject
Proposal 2: Approve
Proposal 3: Approve
- (b) Submission 259-11 – New Case 78
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (c) Submission 260-11 – New Case – Mark Room
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (d) Submission 261-11 - New Case – Mark Room
Recommendation to Council: Reject
- (e) Submission 262-11 – New Case - Rating or Measurement Certificates
Recommendation to Council: Approve

9. The Call Book for Match Racing

The Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council.

- (a) Submission 263-11 - The Call Book for Match Racing
Recommendation to Council: Approve
Call to be published as Rapid Response Call during 2012
- (b) Submission 264-11 - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call MR44
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (c) Submission 265-11 - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call MR 45
Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment
Amend Answer 2 to read: “at the approximate place where the crew fell overboard.”
- (d) Submission 266-11 - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call MR 46
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (e) Submission 267-11 - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call UMP 48
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (f) Submission 268-11 - The Call Book for Match racing – New Call UMP 49
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (g) Submission 269-11 - The Call Book for Match racing – New Call UMP 50
Recommendation to Council: Approve

10. ISAF Racing Rules Question & Answer Service

To receive a report from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Q&A Panel about the ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service in 2011. (Did not have time to discuss)

11. 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition

To receive a progress report from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and the ISAF Events Manager. (Did not have time to discuss)

12. Racing Rules Committee Representatives on other Committees

(Please note the following items were not discussed)

(a) Equipment Committee

To receive a verbal report from the Equipment Committee representative.

(b) Equipment Control Sub-committee

To receive a verbal report from the Equipment Control Sub-committee representative.

(c) Class Rule Sub-committee

To receive a verbal report from the Class Rule Sub-committee representative.

(d) Race Officials Committee

To receive a verbal report from the Race Officials Committee representative.

(e) Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

To receive a verbal report from the Chairman of the Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee.

13. Report on finalization of Rule Book 2013-2016

To receive a verbal report from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee. (Did not discuss)

14. Special Working Parties

(Please note the following items were not discussed)

(a) To receive a progress report from the Section C Working Party made by Dick Rose and Richard Thompson.

(b) To receive a progress report from the Rule 28 Working Party made by Dick Rose.

(c) To receive a progress report from the Rule 90.1 Working Party made by Dick Rose

15. Annual Report

The Committee noted the Chairman's report to the ISAF Council meeting of 11 November 2011 on the activities of the Racing Rules Committee for the period 1 January to date.

16. Late Submissions

(a) Submission 270-11

The Committee considered submission 270-11 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Rule 62.1(a) and Definition Party.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Amend rule 62.1 and the definition Party:

'.... organizing authority, equipment inspection committee or measurement committee for an event'

The submission is not considered of "pressing importance".

(b) Submission 271-11

The Committee considered submission 271-11 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Rule 62.2

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

"identify the reason for the request, and be delivered"

17. Any other Business

The Chairman thanked the Racing Rules Committee, Working Parties and the ISAF Secretariat Staff for all of their hard work and support over the last year.

APPENDIX D

TEAM RACING RULES

Team races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix.

D1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

D1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4

- (a) In the definition *Zone* the distance is changed to two hull lengths.
- (b) Rule 18.2(b) is changed to:

If boats are *overlapped* when the first of them reaches the *zone*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*. If a boat is *clear ahead* when she reaches the *zone*, or she later becomes *clear ahead* when another boat passes head to wind, the boat *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*.
- (c) Rule 18.4 is deleted.
- (d) Unless deleted by the sailing instructions, when rule 20 applies the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.
- (e) Add new rule 23.3: 'A boat that has *finished* shall not act to interfere with a boat that has not *finished*.'
- (f) Add new rule 23.4: 'When boats in different races meet, any change of course by either boat shall be consistent with complying with a *rule* or trying to win her own race.'
- (g) Add to rule 41: 'However, a boat may receive help from another boat on her team provided electronic communication is not used.'
- (h) Rule 45 is deleted.

D1.2 Protests and Requests for Redress

- (a) Rule 60.1 is changed to:

A boat may

 - (1) protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 unless she was involved in the incident or the incident involved contact between members of the other team; or
 - (2) request redress.
- (b) Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that a boat may remove her red flag after it has been conspicuously displayed.

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- (c) A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. She shall display the red flag until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire.
- (d) The race committee or protest committee shall not protest a boat for breaking a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 or 42 except
 - (1) based on evidence in a report from an umpire after a black and white flag has been displayed; or
 - (2) under rule 14 upon receipt of a report from any source alleging damage or injury.
- (e) *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (f) A boat is not eligible for redress based on damage or injury caused by another boat on her team.
- (g) When a supplied boat suffers a breakdown, rule D5 applies and the boat is not entitled to redress under rule 62.

D1.3 Penalties

- (a) Rule 44.1 is changed to

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31.
- (b) When a boat takes a penalty by retiring, she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and shall have 6 points added to her score.
- (c) There shall be no penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 when the incident is between boats on the same team and there is no contact.

D2 UMPIRED RACES

D2.1 When Rule D2 Applies

Rule D2 applies to umpired races. Races to be umpired shall be identified either in the sailing instructions or by the display of flag U no later than the warning signal.

D2.2 Protests by Boats

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:

- (a) She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- (b) The umpires shall give the boats time to respond. A boat involved in the incident may promptly take the appropriate penalty or clearly indicate that she will do so as soon as possible.

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- (c) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat.
- (d) If more than one boat broke a rule and was not exonerated, an umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and did not take the appropriate penalty.
- (e) An umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule D2.4.
- (f) A boat penalized by an umpire shall take a Two-Turns Penalty.

D2.3 Penalties Initiated by an Umpire

An umpire may penalize a boat without a *protest* by another boat, or report the incident to the protest committee, or both, when the boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 or 42 and does not take a penalty;
- (b) breaks a rule, clearly indicates that she will take a One-Turn Penalty, and then fails to do so;
- (c) fails to take a penalty signalled by an umpire;
- (d) commits a breach of sportsmanship;
- (e) breaks rule 14 when damage or injury has been caused;
- (f) breaks a rule and takes a penalty and as a result she or her team gains an advantage;
- (g) breaks a rule of Part 2 through contact with another boat on her team or a boat in another race, and no boat takes a penalty.

The umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule D2.4. A boat penalized by an umpire shall take a Two-Turns Penalty except that, when an umpire hails a number of turns, the boat shall take that number of One-Turn Penalties.

D2.4 Signals by an Umpire

An umpire shall signal a decision with one long sound and the display of a flag as follows:

- (a) For no penalty, a green and white flag.
- (b) To penalize one or more boats, a red flag. The umpire shall hail or signal to identify each boat penalized.
- (c) To report the incident to the protest committee, a black and white flag.

D2.5 Limited Umpiring

This rule changes rule D2.2(b) only if the sailing instructions so state.

When a boat protests and either there is no decision signalled, or an umpire displays a yellow flag with one long sound signalling he has insufficient facts to make a decision, the protesting boat is entitled to a hearing.

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D2.6 Two Flag Protest Procedure

This rule replaces rules D2.2(c) and (d) only if the sailing instructions so state.

- (c) After allowing the protested boat time to take a penalty, the protesting boat may request a decision by conspicuously displaying a yellow flag and hailing 'Umpire'.
- (d) An umpire shall then decide whether to penalize any boat.

If a boat hails for an umpire decision without complying with the protest procedure, the umpire shall disregard her hail.

D2.7 Limitations on Other Proceedings

A decision, action or non-action of an umpire shall not be

- (a) grounds for redress,
- (b) subject to an appeal under rule 70, or
- (c) grounds for abandoning a race after it has started.

The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress when it believes that an official boat, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat.

D3 SCORING A RACE

- D3.1**
- (a) Each boat *finishing* a race shall be scored points equal to her finishing place. All other boats shall be scored points equal to the number of boats entitled to *race*.
 - (b) A boat that is scored OCS shall have 10 points added to her score unless she retired as soon as possible after the starting signal.
 - (c) When a boat fails to take a penalty imposed by an umpire at or near the finishing line, she shall be given last place and all scores shall be adjusted accordingly.
 - (d) When a protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, the following applies:
 - (1) if the boat has not taken a penalty, it shall add 6 points to her score;
 - (2) if the boat or her team has gained an advantage despite any penalty taken or imposed, it shall increase that boat's score;
 - (3) when the boat has broken rule 1 or 2, rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury, or a *rule* when not *racing*, it may penalize the boat's team by half or more race wins, but the opposing team shall not be awarded those race wins, or it may impose no penalty.
 - (e) The team with the lower total points wins the race. If the totals are equal, the team that does not have first place wins.

- D3.2** When all boats on one team have *finished*, retired or failed to *start*, the other team's boats *racing* at that time shall be scored the points they would have received had they *finished*.

D4 SCORING A SERIES

D4.1 Terminology

In a round-robin series teams are assigned to one or more groups and scheduled to sail against all other teams in their group one or more times. In a knock-out series teams are scheduled to sail in matches; a match is one or more races between two teams.

D4.2 Terminating a Series

The race committee may terminate a series at any reasonable time taking into account the entries, weather, time constraints and other relevant factors. When a round-robin series is terminated, any round-robin in the series in which 80% or more of the full schedule of races has been completed shall be scored as complete.

When less than 80% of the full schedule of races has been completed, the round-robin shall be excluded from the results, but may be used to break ties.

D4.3 Scoring a Round-Robin Series

The teams shall be ranked in order of number of race wins, highest number first. If the teams in a round-robin group have not completed an equal number of races, they shall be ranked in order of the percentage of races won, highest number first.

D4.4 Ties in a Completed Round-Robin Series

Ties in a completed series shall be broken using only the results in the series, in order,

- (a) the highest number of race wins in all races between the tied teams;
- (b) the lowest total points scored in all races between the tied teams;
- (c) if two teams remain tied, the winner of the last race between them;
- (d) the lowest average points scored in all races against common opponents;
- (e) a sail-off if possible, otherwise a game of chance.

If a tie is partially broken by one of these, the remaining tie shall be broken by starting again at rule D4.4(a).

D4.5 Ties in an Incomplete Round-Robin Series

If a round-robin series is not completed, teams shall be ranked according to the results from all completed round-robins in the series. Ties shall be broken whenever possible using the results from races between the tied teams in the incomplete round-robin. Other ties shall be broken in accordance with rule D4.4.

D4.6 Scoring a Knock-Out Series

The winner of a match is the first team to score the number of race wins stated in the sailing instructions.

D4.7 Incomplete Knock-Out Series

If a match in a knock-out series is not completed (including 0-0), the result of the match shall be determined using, in order,

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- (a) the higher number of race wins in the incomplete match;
- (b) the higher number of race wins in all races between the teams in the event;
- (c) the higher place in the most recent round-robin series, applying D4.4(a) if necessary;
- (d) the winner of the most recent race between the teams.

If this rule fails to determine a result, the series shall be tied unless the sailing instructions provide for some other result.

D5 BREAKDOWNS WHEN BOATS ARE SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

D5.1 Rule D5 applies when boats are supplied by the organizing authority.

D5.2 When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request a score change by displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire. If possible, she shall continue *racing*.

D5.3 The race committee shall decide requests for a score change in accordance with rules D5.4 and D5.5. It may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

D5.4 When the race committee decides that the team's finishing position was made significantly worse, that the breakdown was through no fault of the crew, and that in the same circumstances a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid the breakdown, it shall make as equitable a decision as possible. This may be to *abandon* and resail the race or, when the boat's finishing position was predictable, award her points for that position. Any doubt about a boat's position when she broke down shall be resolved against her.

D5.5 A breakdown caused by defective supplied equipment or a breach of a *rule* by an opponent shall not normally be determined to be the fault of the crew, but one caused by careless handling, capsizing or a breach by a boat on the same team shall be. If there is doubt, it shall be presumed that the crew are not at fault.

APPENDIX E

RADIO SAILING RACING RULES

Radio sailing races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix.

E1 DEFINITIONS, TERMINOLOGY, RULES OF PARTS 1, 2 AND 7

E1.1 Definitions

- (a) Add to the definition *Interested Party*: 'but not a competitor when acting as an observer'.
- (b) In the definition *Zone* the distance is changed to four hull lengths.
- (c) Add new definition
Disabled A boat is *disabled* while she is unable to race.

E1.2 Terminology

The Terminology paragraph of the Introduction is changed so that

- (a) 'Boat' means a sailboat controlled by radio signals and having no crew;
- (b) 'Competitor' means the person that controls a boat using radio signals;
- (c) In the rules of Part 1 and Part 5, rule E6 and the definitions *Party* and *Protest*, 'boat' shall include the competitor controlling her.
- (d) 'IRSA' means the International Radio Sailing Association;
- (e) In the racing rules, but not in its appendices, replace the noun 'race' with 'heat'. In appendix E a race comprises one or more heats and is completed when the last heat in the race is completed.

E1.3 Changes to the Rules of Parts 1, 2 and 7

- (a) Rule 1.2 is deleted.
- (b) In rule 20, hails and replies shall be made by the competitor controlling the boat.
- (c) Rule 22 is changed to 'If possible, a boat shall avoid a boat that is *disabled*.'
- (d) Rule 90.2(c) is changed to:
Changes to the sailing instructions may be communicated orally to all affected competitors before the warning signal of the relevant race or heat. When appropriate, changes shall be confirmed in writing.

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E2 ADDITIONAL RULES WHEN RACING

Rule E2 applies only while boats are racing.

E2.1 Hailing Requirements

- (a) Hails by a competitor or race official shall be made so that the competitors to whom the hail is directed might reasonably be expected to hear it.
- (b) When a competitor or race official hails the sail number of a boat, the individual digits of the number shall be hailed; for example 'one five', not 'fifteen'.

E2.2 Giving Advice

A competitor shall not give tactical or strategic advice to a competitor controlling a boat that is *racing*.

E2.3 Boat Out of Radio Control

A competitor who loses radio control of his boat shall promptly hail and repeat '(The boat's sail number) out of control' and the boat shall retire.

E2.4 Transmitter Aerials

If a transmitter aerial is longer than 200mm when extended, the extremity shall be adequately protected.

E2.5 Radio Interference

Transmission of radio signals that cause interference with the control of other boats is prohibited. A competitor found to have broken this rule shall not race until he has proven compliance to the satisfaction of the race committee.

E3 CONDUCT OF A RACE

E3.1 Control Area

The sailing instructions may specify a control area; if not specified, it shall be unrestricted. Competitors shall be in this area when controlling boats that are *racing*, except briefly to handle and then release or relaunch the boat.

E3.2 Launching Area

The sailing instructions may specify a launching area and its use; if not specified it shall be unrestricted.

E3.3 Course Board

The sailing instructions may require the course to be displayed on a board and, if so, the board shall be located in or adjacent to the control area.

E3.4 Changes to the Rules

- (a) Rules 30.2 and 33 are deleted.
- (b) All race committee signals shall be made orally or by other sounds. No visual signals are required unless specified in the sailing instructions.
- (c) Courses shall not be shortened.

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- (d) Rule 32.1(b) is changed to 'because of foul weather or thunderstorms,'

E3.5 Starting Races

- (a) Rule 26 is changed to:

Races shall be started using warning, preparatory and starting signals at one minute intervals. During the minute before the starting signal, additional sound or oral signals shall be made at ten second intervals, and during the final ten seconds at one second intervals. Each signal shall be timed from the beginning of its sound.

- (b) The starting and finishing lines shall be tangential to, and on the course side of, the starting and finishing marks.

E3.6 Individual Recall

Rule 29.1 is changed to:

When at a boat's starting signal any part of the boat is on the course side of the starting line, or when she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly hail 'Recall (sail numbers)' and repeat the hail as appropriate.

E3.7 General Recall

Rule 29.2 is changed to:

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may hail and repeat as appropriate 'General recall' and make two loud sounds. The preparatory signal for a new start will normally be made shortly thereafter.

E3.8 Black Flag Rule

When the race committee informs a boat that she has broken rule 30.3, she shall immediately leave the course area.

E4 RULES OF PART 4

E4.1 Deleted Rules in Part 4

Rules 40, 43, 44.3, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52 and 54 are deleted.

E4.2 Outside Help

Rule 41 is changed to:

A boat or the competitor controlling her shall not receive help from any outside source, except

- (a) when the competitor is ill, injured or in danger;
- (b) when her hull, rig or appendages are entangled with another boat, help from the other boat or competitor or from a safety boat crew;
- (c) help in the form of information freely available to all competitors.

E4.3 Taking a Penalty

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Rule 44.1 is changed to

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31, in an incident while *racing*. However,

- (a) when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
- (b) if the boat gained a significant advantage in the heat or race by her breach despite taking a penalty, her penalty shall be an additional One-Turn Penalty;
- (c) if the boat caused serious damage, or as a result of breaking a rule of Part 2 she caused another boat to become *disabled* and retire, her penalty shall be to retire.

E4.4 Person in Charge

Rule 46 is changed to 'The member or organisation that entered the boat shall designate the competitor. See rule 75.'

E5 RACING WITH OBSERVERS AND UMPIRES

E5.1 Observers

- (a) The race committee may appoint observers, who may be competitors.
- (b) Observers shall hail the sail numbers of boats that make contact with a *mark* or another boat and shall repeat the hail as appropriate.
- (c) At the end of the heat, observers shall report to the race committee all unresolved incidents, and any failure to sail the course as required by rule 28.1.

E5.2 Umpired Races

IRSA Addendum Q shall apply to umpired races. Races to be umpired may be identified in the sailing instructions or orally before the warning signal.

E5.3 Rules for Observers and Umpires

Observers and umpires shall be located in the control area. They shall not use any aid that gives them a visual advantage over competitors.

E6 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

E6.1 Right to Protest

Rule 60.1 is changed to:

A boat may

- (a) protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4 unless she was scheduled to sail in that heat; or
- (b) request redress.

However, a boat or competitor may not protest for an alleged breach of rules E2 or E3.8.

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E6.2 Protest for a Rule Broken by a Competitor

When a race committee or protest committee learns that a competitor may have broken a rule, it may protest the boat controlled by that competitor.

E6.3 Informing the Protestee

Rule 61.1(a) is changed to:

A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail twice '(Her own sail number) protest (the sail number of the other boat)'.

E6.4 Informing the Race Committee

A boat intending to protest or request redress about an incident in the racing area or control area shall inform the race officer as soon as possible after *finishing* or retiring.

E6.5 Time Limits

A protest, request for redress or request for reopening shall be delivered to the race officer no later than ten minutes after the last boat in the heat *finishes* or after the relevant incident, whichever is the later.

E6.6 Redress

Add to rule 62.1:

- (e) external radio interference acknowledged by the race committee, or
- (f) becoming *disabled* and as a result retiring because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not *racing* that was required to keep clear.

E6.7 Right to Be Present

In rule 63.3(a) 'the representatives of boats shall have been on board' is changed to 'the representative of each boat shall be the competitor controlling her'.

E6.8 Taking Evidence and Finding Facts

Add to rule 63.6:

When the protest concerns an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4, any witness shall have been in the control area at the time of the incident. If the witness is a competitor who was not acting as an observer, he shall also have been scheduled to race in the relevant heat.

E6.9 Decisions on Redress

Add to rule 64.2:

If a boat is given redress because she was damaged, her redress shall include reasonable time, but not more than 30 minutes, to effect repairs before her next heat.

E7 PENALTIES AND EXONERATION

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E7.1 When a protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a *rule* other than a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4, it shall either

- (a) disqualify her or add any number of points (including zero and fractions of points) to her score. The penalty shall be applied, if possible, to the heat or race in which the *rule* was broken; otherwise it shall be applied to the next heat or race for that boat. When points are added, the scores of other boats shall not be changed; or
- (b) require her to take one or more One-Turn Penalties that shall be taken as soon as possible after the starting signal of her next heat that is started and not subsequently recalled or *abandoned*.

However, if the boat has broken a rule in Appendix G or rule E8, the protest committee shall act in accordance with rule G4.

E7.2 Exoneration after Contact with a Mark

When a boat has been compelled to break rule 31 by a boat required to give her *mark-room*, she shall be exonerated if the other boat hails to acknowledge breaking rule 18 and takes the appropriate penalty.

E8 IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS (RRS APPENDIX G)

- (a) The first paragraph of rule G1.1 is changed to

Every boat of a class administered or recognised by the IRSA shall display a sail number on both sides of each sail. Class insignia and national letters shall be displayed on mainsails as stated in rules G1.1(a), G1.1(b), E8(d) and E8(e).

- (b) Rule G1.1(c) is changed to

- (1) A sail number, which shall be the last two digits of the boat registration number or the competitor's or owner's personal number, allotted by the relevant issuing authority.
- (2) When possible, there shall be space in front of a sail number for a numeric prefix.
- (3) When the sail number is in the range '00' to '09', the initial '0' shall be omitted and the remaining digit positioned to allow space for both a prefix and a suffix.
- (4) '0' shall not be used as a prefix.
- (5) When there is a conflict between sail numbers or a sail number might be misread, the race committee may require that the sail numbers on one or more boats be changed to a numeric alternative.
- (6) Any changed sail number shall become the sail number for the event.

- (c) The sentence after rule G1.1(c) is deleted.

- (d) Rule G1.2(b) is changed to

The height of characters and distance between them on the same and opposite sides of the sail shall be as follows:

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	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Class insignia: Except where positioned back to back, shortest distance between insignia on opposite sides of sail	20 mm	
Sail numbers: Height of characters	100 mm	110 mm
Shortest distance between adjoining characters on same side of sail	20 mm	30 mm
Shortest distance between sail numbers on opposite sides of sail and between sail numbers and other identification	60 mm	
National letters: Height of characters	60 mm	70 mm
Shortest distance between adjoining characters on same side of sail	13 mm	23 mm
Shortest distance between national letters on opposite sides of sail	40 mm	

(e) Rule G1.3 is changed to

- (1) Class insignia may be positioned back to back on opposite sides of the sail where the design coincides. Otherwise class insignia, sail numbers and national letters shall be positioned at different heights, with those on the starboard side being uppermost.
 - (2) On a mainsail, sail numbers shall be positioned above the national letters and below the class insignia.
 - (3) Sail numbers shall be positioned on a mainsail above the line perpendicular to the luff through the quarter leech point.
- (f) Where the size of a sail makes it impossible to comply with rule E8(b), the minimum dimensions in rule E8(d) or the positioning requirements in rule E8(e)(3), exceptions are permitted in the following order of priority:
- (1) omission of national letters;
 - (2) position of the mainsail sail numbers lower than the line perpendicular to the luff through the quarter leech point;
 - (3) reduction of the shortest distance between sail numbers on opposite sides of the sail provided the shortest distance is not less than 20 mm;
 - (4) reduction of the height of sail numbers.