

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 62.1(a), 85, 89.2(b), new Rule 92, New Rule 60.4, Change of Definition Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b), 61.3, H2, J2.2(9), K Header, K7.2, L20 and RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Hellenic Sailing Federation, the International 29er Class Association, the International 420 Class Association, the International 470 Class Association, the International Cadet Class Association and the International Lightning Class Association.

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this multi-part submission is to officially define a measurement committee and to use the term “measurement committee” to replace all other terms in use in the RRS for persons in charge of any form of equipment inspection or event measurement.

To define the independent power of a measurement committee to protest a boat and to remove the obligation to report a breach of measurement rules in writing to the race committee.

To align relevant rules in the appendices to a new proposed definition “measurement committee” in the RRS 92.

Proposal 1

Add new rule in Part 7, Organization:

92 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION / MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE

An equipment inspection / measurement committee shall be a committee of at least one member, appointed by the organizing authority or race committee, except when appointed by the ISAF under rule 89.2(b), to carry out equipment inspection / event measurement as required by the notice of race and the sailing instructions.

Current Position

There is no rule defining a committee in charge of equipment control at events. In practice, in most high level international events and in many national events there is such a committee in place.

Proposal 2

If Proposal 1 is approved:

1. Amend rule 85 as follows:

The organizing authority, race committee, **equipment inspection / measurement committee** and protest committee shall be governed by the *rules* in the conduct and judging of races.

2. Amend rule 89.2(b) as follows:

The organizing authority shall appoint a race committee and, when appropriate, appoint **an equipment inspection / measurement committee**, a protest committee and umpires. However, the race committee, **an equipment inspection / measurement committee**, an international jury and umpires may be appointed by the ISAF as provided in the ISAF regulations.

3. Amend rule H2 as follows:

When the weight recorded exceeds the amount permitted, the competitor may rearrange the items on the rack and the equipment inspector or **event** measurer **in charge** shall again soak and weigh them. This procedure may be repeated a second time if the weight still exceeds the amount permitted.

4. Amend rule J2.2(9) as follows:

(9) procedures for equipment inspection or **event** measurement;

5. Amend the instructions for the head of the NOR in Appendix K as follows:

*On separate lines, insert the full name of the regatta, the inclusive dates from **event** measurement or the practice race until the final race or closing ceremony, the name of the organizing authority, and the city and country.*

6. Amend rule K7.2 as follows:

7.2 **Event** Measurement and inspection

7. Amend the instructions for the header of the SI in Appendix L as follows:

*On separate lines, insert the full name of the regatta, the inclusive dates from **event** measurement or the practice race until the final race or closing ceremony, the name of the organizing authority, and the city and country.*

8. Amend rule L20 as follows:

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by **an** race committee equipment inspector **inspection** or measurer **measurement committee member** to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

Current Position

As above.

Proposal 3

If Proposal 1 is approved:

1. Add the following new rule in Part 5, Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals:

60.4 An equipment inspection / measurement committee may

- (a) **protest a boat, but not as a result of information arising from a request for redress or an invalid protest, or from a report from an interested party other than the representative of the boat herself. However, it shall protest a boat**
 - (1) **if it decides that a boat has broken a rule of Part 4 but not rules 41, 42, 44 and 46, or**
 - (2) **if it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules;**
- (b) **request redress for a boat; or**
- (c) **report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 69.2(a)**

2. Amend the definition of Party as follows:

- (b) for a request for redress: a boat requesting redress or for which redress is requested, a race committee acting under rule 60.2(b) **or an equipment inspection / measurement committee acting under rule 60.4(b);**

3. Amend the definition of Protest as follows:

An allegation made under rule 61.2 by a boat, a race committee, **an equipment inspection / measurement committee** or a protest committee that a boat has broken a *rule*.

4. Delete rule 43.1(c).

5. Amend rule 60.2 as follows:

60.2 A race committee may

- (a) protest a boat, but not as a result of information arising from a request for redress or an invalid protest, or from a report from an interested party other than the representative of the boat herself;
- (b) request redress for a boat; or
- (c) report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 69.2(a).

~~However, when the race committee receives a report required by rule 43.1(c) or 78.3, it shall protest the boat.~~

6. Amend rule 61.1(b) as follows:

If the race committee, **equipment inspection / measurement 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 intention to protest as soon as reasonably possible.

7. Amend rule 61.3 as follows:

A protest by a boat, or by the race committee, **equipment inspection / measurement committee** or protest committee about an incident the committee observed in the racing area, shall be delivered to the race office within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions. If none is stated, the time limit is two hours after the last boat in the race finishes. Other race committee, **equipment inspection / measurement committee** or protest committee protests shall be delivered to the race office no later than two hours after the committee receives the relevant information. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

8. Delete rule 78.3.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. To define appointment and tasks of a committee consisting of race officials in charge of equipment controls at an event in the RRS, as is the case for all other race officials in race committee, protest committee and umpire team. Like the other committees such a committee should be appointed by the organizing authority, the race committee or by the ISAF as provided in the ISAF Regulations. This definition will bring the RRS in line with current practice, where such a committee is usually in place at least in major events.
 2. To define a committee instead of a person in charge of event measurement as this task is hardly ever performed by an individual. This is equivalent to the allocation of the task of conducting races to a race committee or the task of dealing with protests and redress to a protest committee.
 3. If the task of equipment inspection or event measurement is uniquely allocated to a measurement committee the power to protest a boat that is not in compliance with the class rules or has broken a rule of part 4 can be transferred from the race committee to this measurement committee. In most real life cases until now, the race committee appoints the event measurer as the RC representative in the protest hearing.
 4. As the obligation to protest a boat that is not in compliance with the class rules or that has broken rule 43.1(a) or (b), is defined in proposed rule 60.4, both rule 43.1(c) and rule 78.3 can be deleted
 5. The change in rule 60.2 is a housekeeping change made necessary by the addition of proposed rule 60.4.
 6. The changes in rule 85 and rule 89.2(b) are necessary changes to add the measurement committee to the list of committees with race officials as mentioned in these rules.
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7. The changes in the definitions “Party” and “Protest” and rule 61.1(b) and rule 61.3 are necessary changes to add the measurement committee to the list of committees with the power to protest a boat and request redress.
 8. Note: In a related submission it is proposed that the current ERS definitions “equipment inspection” and “equipment inspector” shall be changed to “event measurement” and “event measurer” respectively. If this is approved, then all references in the current submission to “equipment inspection” and “equipment inspector” must be deleted as part of housekeeping.
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