## Racing Rules of Sailing

**Submission: 241-15** 

New Rule E3.9

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

## Purpose or Objective

To require the race committee to make reasonable arrangements for disabled competitors to complete on equal terms.

#### **Proposal**

Add new rule E3.9:

## **E3.9** Disabled Competitors

<u>In order that a disabled competitor may be able to compete on equal terms, the race committee shall make as fair an arrangement as possible.</u>

#### **Current Position**

None.

# Reason

In radio sailing it is normal for disabled sailors to compete alongside all others. To enable fair and equal competition, and to affirm the inclusive nature of the discipline, it is appropriate for disabled competitors to receive help to reduce the impact of their disability. Examples might be to provide a reserved place in the Control Area with a seat or other physical support or to provide a visual count-down of the starting sequence for a deaf competitor.

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