

**REPORTING COMMITTEE - RACE OFFICIALS**

**OTHER COMMITTEE - EXECUTIVE**

**Deferred Submission: 091A-02 P**

Propulsion

Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 42.2

A submission from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

**RECOMMENDATIONS, NOVEMBER 2002:**

Recommendation of the Race Officials Committee

Submissions 090A-02 P, 090B-02 P, 091A-02 P, 138-02, 139-02, 140-02, 170-02

The Race Officials Committee wish to strongly recommend that Council defer the above submissions relating to RRS 42, and appoint a Working Party to review RRS 42 and its application and interpretation in light of these submissions.

Submission 091A-02 P

The Race Officials committee recommends to Council rejecting part (1) of the submission 'To make "pumping" legal for the Olympic classes'.

The Race Officials Committee supports the policy and philosophy of part (2) of the submission, and requests that the Race Management Sub-Committee be asked to work in conjunction with the Olympic classes to actively develop this procedure in order to implement it as a rule for all Olympic classes.

Therefore Race Officials Committee recommends to Council that part (2) of the submission be deferred.

Opinion of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee does not support the intent of this proposal since classes may not interpret class rules without approval from the Federation (ISAF).

**CURRENT ISAF COUNCIL POSITION ON SUBMISSION 091A-02P:**

Council Minute 5, November 2002

Council Decision

- (i) On a proposal by Fiona Barron, seconded by Ken Ellis, on a unanimous vote, Council approved that the decision made under Decision 1 of Submission 090A-02P apply to Submission 091A-02P.

**ORIGINAL PROPOSAL:**

1. To make "pumping" legal for the Olympic classes.
2. Alternatively to make "pumping" legal with a wind speed above 10 Knots.

**CURRENT POSITION AS AT NOVEMBER 2002:**

**42.2 Prohibited Actions**

Without limiting the application of rule 42.1, these actions are prohibited:

- (a) pumping: repeated fanning of any sail either by trimming and releasing the sail or by vertical or athwartships body movement;

- (b) rocking: repeated rolling of the boat, induced either by body movement or adjustment of the sails or centreboard, that does not facilitate steering;
- (c) ooching: sudden forward body movement, stopped abruptly;
- (d) sculling: repeated movement of the helm not necessary for steering;
- (e) repeated tacks or gybes unrelated to changes in the wind or to tactical considerations.

**REASON:**

The practical impossibility of controlling Rule 42 makes its enforcement in the water a true and random injustice.

The actions of competitors in the same leg and sailing under the same conditions depend on the proximity of a judge.

The lack of a united criteria in the enforcement of the rule increases the existing chaos.

Modern sports put a premium on speed and the existing rules go against this trend.

Modern sports are conceived as an athletic activity and present rules are against this conception.

Races should be won or lost on the water and not by a decision of judges.

The Race Committee always has the capability to cancel a race when the wind has substantially dropped down. Rule 32.1 (c) & (e).