

Submission 093-04 - Propulsion

COUNCIL MINUTE – MAY 2005

Decision

1. Council approved the proposal of the Racing Rules Committee for the wording for an “Off and Restored” procedure for interim adoption as extracted from Appendix LE – Expanded Sailing Instructions Guide.

2. Council approved to defer the remaining part of Submission 093-04 regarding mandatory inclusion of the adopted procedure in the RRS 2009-2012 to the Racing Rules Committee to consider and make a recommendation to Council in November 2005.

COUNCIL MINUTE – NOVEMBER 2004

Decision

Council deferred Submission 093-04 to the Racing Rules Committee to make a recommendation to the 2005 Mid-Year Meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – NOVEMBER 2004

Reporting Committee:

Accept the principle that standard text be provided for use by a class association for the implementation of a switch on / switch off procedure. In consultation with representatives of the Classes Committee and the Race Officials committee, RRCWP to develop wording and determine best location. (Appendix LE has wording that has been tested and will form the basis of future work.)

Race Officials Committee:

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council reject the submission. They do not support the proposal for a standard text for RRS 42 ‘switch on/switch off’ to be included in either the rule book or class rules. The Committee do support a standard text for ‘switch on/switch off’, but believe that this has already been achieved by inclusion in the extended Sailing Instructions Appendix KE (LE 2005 RRS).

Executive:

The Executive Committee supports submission 093-04 from the Executive Committee about Rule 42 in the ISAF Rulebook.

Sailing:

The Sailing Committee opinion is to support the standardisation of RRS 42.2 race signals but to continue to accept class-specific variations in the crewing techniques and wind speed thresholds.

ISAF Classes Committee

The Classes Committee opinion was not to support the submission.

ORIGINAL SUBMISSION

From the Executive Committee

Proposal:

Rule 42 in the ISAF Rulebook should include a standard text with the ‘switch on/off’ option. In addition, the classes should no longer need to put the ‘switch on/off’ in their class rule but only indicate the wind-speed threshold.

Before the new (2009) Rulebook comes into force, ISAF shall prescribe mandatory text for the 'switch on/off' procedure, for inclusion in the relevant class rules, along the lines of the system used at the Athens Olympic Games

Current Position:

Classes are allowed to modify rule 42 by class rules.

Reason:

1. To standardize the 'switch on/off rules' and to make sure proper wording is used for describing the procedure. At present different procedures and signals, apply for classes that sail in multi-class events, which make it almost impossible to apply the rules by the regatta organizers.
2. To encourage the use of the 'switch on/off' rules by the classes.