Equipment Rules of Sailing

Regulation 29

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

To have the Administration of the ERS be as similar as possible to the Administration of the RRS

Proposal

Change Regulation 29 as follows:

29.1 In addition to Regulations 29.1.1 and 29.1.2, the Equipment Committee, the Equipment Rules Sub-committee, after consultation with the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Council regarding The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the various related subjects with which the ERS are concerned, which include but are not limited to certification control, certification and equipment inspection including sailing instructions concerning equipment inspection, and rules observance. Any such advice or recommendation shall be made through the chairman of the equipment committee.

29.1.1 The ERS – Equipment Rules shall be adopted or changed only by the Equipment Committee or by Council acting in accordance with Regulation 29.2 after considering recommendations from the Equipment Rules Sub-committee. Changes to the ERS shall be put into effect only every four years, effective as of 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulation 29.1.2 contains exceptions to this policy.

29.1.2 In exception to Regulation 29.1.1, any change to the ERS of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by a 75% vote cast in favour of the change by the Equipment Rules Sub-committee and by Council, and with the approval of the Board. The Executive Office shall promptly report any action taken under this regulation to all Member National Authorities.

Procedure for changing Changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing

29.2 Subject to Regulation 29.1, a revised edition of The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be published every four years, to take effect on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.1 Submissions and proposals for changes to the ERS shall be made in accordance with Regulation 15. Under Regulations 6.5 and 29.1.1, the Equipment Committee is authorised to approve and change The Equipment Rules of Sailing on behalf of the Council unless:

(a) Regulation 29.1.2 applies; or

(b) a decision of the Committee to change the ERS is referred to Council by the Board, a committee chairperson, a chairperson of a commission or a member
of Council. Any such referral shall be notified to the President in writing no later than the start of the Council meeting at the Annual Conference, or within 7 days of the decision being published (whichever is the earlier). All decisions of the Committee shall be reported promptly to Council. Submissions and proposals for changes to be included in the next edition shall be accepted until the closing date for submissions to the Annual World Sailing Conference in November of the year preceding the Olympic Sailing Competition. After that date, no further new submissions or proposals will be accepted for that edition. However, previously accepted submissions or proposals may be changed and appendices may be revised until 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.2 Proposals for changes to the ERS shall be made by submission in accordance with Regulation 15. In addition to submissions, the Equipment Control Sub-committee shall also consider proposals and recommendations from:
(a) the ERS Working Party;
(b) the Racing Rules Committee;
(c) the Equipment Committee;
(d) the Equipment Rules Sub-committee;
(e) the Oceanic and Offshore Committee, and
(f) the Race Officials Committee.

29.2.3 Only submissions and proposals considered by the Equipment Committee no later than its meeting in the year prior to the Olympic Sailing Competition may be accepted for the next edition of the ERS (unless Regulation 29.1.2 applies). However, previously accepted submissions or proposals may be changed edited, and appendices may be revised for consistency until 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.4 The Equipment Committee ERS Working Party shall approve the final ERS finalize any rule changes by 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.5 A final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of The Equipment Rules of Sailing, with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, shall be made available by the Executive Office to all Member National Authorities and World Sailing Class Associations by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.6 The new edition of The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race and sailing instructions.

Current Position
As above.
Reasons

1. To have World Sailing’s two rule books conform to the same processes of adoption and change.