The Equipment Rules of Sailing

Introduction – Changes

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify to which extent ERS rules can be changed.

Proposal

Changes

The ERS may only be changed as follows:

(a) Prescriptions of an MNA may change an a rule in ERS rule, Part 1 for racing races under its jurisdiction.

(b) Notice of race and sailing instructions may change an a rule in ERS rule Part 1, by referring specifically to it and stating the change, but may not change any portion of the ERS adopted in class rules.

(c) A rating authority may change an ERS for racing within its jurisdiction.

(c) Class rules may change ERS rules as permitted by rule A.1, B.7, and B.9, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5 and H.6.

These restrictions do not apply if Part 1 rules are changed to develop or test proposed rules in local races. The MNA may prescribe that its approval is required for such changes.


Current Position

As above.

Reason

To clarify how other rules may change the ERS. Part 2 contains definitions that other rules may invoke. These definitions shall not be changed, but other rules may provide alternative definitions when there is a reason to do so. Part 3 contains measurement rules for taking measurements defined in Part 2 and shall not be changed unless permitted in the rule in question. Current (c) to be deleted as “rating rules” are covered by the defined term class rules. See also Submission 057-11.

To include the correct dates for the 2013-2016 edition to which this submission relates.

This submission is intended to replace Submission 071-10 that was deferred by Council in 2010.