

## 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~~.
- (e) ~~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, H.4, H.5 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.

Marginal markings indicate substantial changes ~~and additions~~ to the ~~2005-2008~~ 2009-2012 edition.

#### 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.

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