Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 87

A submission from the International Laser Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To remove the requirement for written permission from the class association when the class association is the organizing authority or part thereof.

To remove the superfluous reference to the “sailing instructions”.

Proposal

Amend rule 87 as follows:

87 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES

The sailing instructions may change a class rule only when the class rules permit the change, or when written permission of the class association is displayed on the official notice board.

A class rule may only be changed when the class rules permit the change, or when the class association is either part of the organizing authority or has given written permission for the change. The written permission will be displayed on the official notice board.

Current Position

When a class association wishes to change a class rule for an event and is the organizing authority, or part of the organizing authority, rule 87 requires it to write a letter of permission to itself in order to change a class rule.

Reasons

1. A class association should not have to write a letter to itself giving itself permission to change its own class rules.

2. Rules 89.2(a), J1.2(9), 90.2, J2.2(7) require any changes in the class rules to comply with rule 87 and to be stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions. Rule 87 does not need to restate this requirement, and should not restate only part of the requirement (ie sailing instructions only)