The Equipment Rules of Sailing

Introduction - Changes

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Proposal

Amend the ‘Changes’ section as shown below:

The ERS may only be changed as follows:

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

(b) Notice of race and sailing instructions may change 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 B.7, 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.
Marginal markings indicate substantial changes and additions to the 2009-2012 edition.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To clarify that rules in ERS Part 1 only may be changed. Part 2 contains definitions that shall not be changed. Part 3 contains measurement instruction for taking measurements defined in Part 2 and shall not be changed. ERS definitions only apply when referred to and other documents may provide alternative definitions when there is a reason to do so.

Current (b) to be deleted as “rating rules” are covered by the defined term class rules. See also Submission 009-10.

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