

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule G1.3(e)

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Purpose or Objective

Rule G1.3(e) in its present form is not in line with definitions and wording of ERS and causes misinterpretations, questions and proves problematic as it opens the door for unnecessary protests

Proposal

Amend rule G1.3(e) as follows:

The national letters and sail number shall be displayed on both sides of a headsail **whose luff perpendicular is longer than 130% of the foretriangle base**. They shall be displayed wholly below an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is half the luff length and, if possible wholly above an arc whose radius is 75% of the luff length.

Current Position

As above.

The national letters and sail number shall be displayed on both sides of a headsail whose clew can extend behind the mast 30% or more of the mainsail foot length. They shall be displayed wholly below an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is half the luff length and, if possible, wholly above an arc whose radius is 75% of the luff length.

Reasons

1. The “mainsail foot length” is not a measurement usually taken or defined. It relies on measurement “E”, which is the boom outer mark distance and defines the maximum possible setting of a mainsail clew point.
 2. “mainsail foot length” is not defined in the ERS.
 3. The overlapping of the headsail clew by 30% or more of “J” (foretriangle base) is a generally agreed term and would be consistent with the definitions of the ERS. It also delivers almost the same requirements as before, thus no sail should need changing of identification (sail numbers/national letters).
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