Racing Rules of Sailing

Use of “ISAF” in Various Rules

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Purpose or Objective

To adopt a consistent style for the use of the acronym ‘ISAF’ in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

Proposal

In The Racing Rules of Sailing, in each of the following places, change ‘the ISAF’ to ‘ISAF’:

- Introduction, Cases and Calls, first sentence
- Rule 69.2(c), last sentence
- Rule 69.2(d), last sentence – two changes
- Rule 69.2(f), last sentence – two changes
- Rule 69.3, title
- Rule 69.3(a), first sentence
- Rule 69.3(a), last sentence
- Rule 69.3(c)
- Rule 69.4, title
- Rule 69.4, first sentence
- Rule 70.5(c)
- Rule 76.3
- Rule 86.2, first sentence
- Rule 88.2, second sentence
- Rule 89.1(a)
- Rule 89.1(b)
- Rule 89.1(h)
- Rule 89.2(b), last sentence
- Rule 91(b), last sentence
- Appendix B, Rule B6
- Appendix G, Rule G5
- Appendix N, Rule N1.1, last sentence

Note: In each of the places listed above, ‘the ISAF’ is used as a noun in the current rulebook. No change is proposed in the many instances of the use of ‘the ISAF’ as an adjective, as in ‘the ISAF website’ or ‘the ISAF Regulations’.

Current Position

As above.
Reason

Current use is inconsistent, overly formal, and the word ‘the’ slows the reader down unnecessarily. There are places in the current rules in which ‘ISAF’ is used as a noun without the word ‘the’: the preamble to Online Rules Documents, rule J1.2(a) and rule J1.2(3).