

World Sailing Race Officials

Umpired Fleet Racing - Regulation 6.10 and 6.11

A submission from the Chairmen of Race Officials Committee and Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To establish the principles for further development of calls and best practices to support race officials when umpiring fleet racing.

Proposal 1

The Racing Rules Committee (RRC) shall produce a call book and establish a rapid response call system for umpired fleet racing.

If this submission is accepted, a submission will be made for November 2018 with the relevant changes to the terms of reference for RRC.

Proposal 2

Please note that this proposal has two different options of which only one should be approved.

Proposal 2 (option 1)

The International Umpires Sub-committee (IUSC) shall in consultation with the Race Officials Committee (ROC) develop a manual for umpiring fleet racing.

If this submission is accepted, the development of a manual can be started, and a submission will be made for November 2018 with the relevant changes to the terms of reference for IUSC/ROC.

Proposal 2 (option 2)

The International Umpires Sub-committee (IUSC) shall in consultation with the Race Officials Committee (ROC) and International Judges Sub-committee (IJSC) develop a manual for umpiring fleet racing.

If this submission is accepted, the development of a manual can be started, and a submission will be made for November 2018 with the relevant changes to the terms of reference for IUSC/ROC.

Current Position

There is no current position.

Reasons

1. Umpired fleet racing has developed significantly in the last couple of years. Thus there is now a significant group of fleet racing events that use umpiring of their races and umpired fleet racing is maturing as a race official discipline.
 2. The Race Officials Committee decided in November 2016 to initiate training and development of umpires for umpired fleet racing. The first World Sailing International Umpire seminar for umpired fleet racing was conducted in May this year.
 3. The support to race officials who umpire fleet racing is currently provided only in guidance documents for competitors and umpires and a power point presentation. This is not satisfactory for a maturing discipline. Furthermore, that guidance is not binding for the race officials involved, so there is a risk of inconsistency between umpires and events.
 4. This submission establishes the responsibilities for developing the relevant means to support the race officials involved in umpired fleet racing.
 5. Proposal 2 has two alternative options. Option 1 has a clear definition of responsibility for the development of the manual. Option 2 requires IUSC to also include IJSC in the development of the manual.
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