

### World Sailing Race Officials

#### Regulations 25.8.10 & 27.2.3(d)

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To update the Regulations to encourage the growth of Women's, Youth, and Open Match Racing by removing the requirement for World Sailing to appoint the International Umpires for those events.

#### Proposal

1. Amend Regulation 25.8.10 as follows:

25.8.10 World Sailing shall exercise the right to appoint the race officials for the following events:

America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match but excluding measurers;

~~Grade One Match Racing events~~

All World Sailing Events;

World Championships of the Olympic Classes;

Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying events;

The Olympic Sailing Competition (See Regulations 23.3 and 23.3.1);

The Paralympic Sailing Competition;

The Youth Olympic Games;

Regional Games.

2. Amend Regulation 27.2.3(d) as follows:

- (d) Grade 1 and Grade 2 - Open and Women

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 3 event and complies with the World Sailing Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Sub-committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee. In addition, the event shall meet the following requirements (O = Open, W = Women):

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~~# For Grade 1 Open and Women's events Umpires shall be appointed by World Sailing. For details please see World Sailing Regulation 25.8.10. Please e-mail competitions@sailing.org for information~~

#### Current Position

As above.

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Reasons

1. When this regulation was written, there were more than 8 Grade 1 Match Racing events annually worldwide. Today, in some years, there are none, other years, one. The current regulation places a significant financial and logistical burden on any event considering Grade 1 ranking. Deleting these requirements, would help facilitate re-growth of these events.
  2. There is no financial impact on World Sailing.
  3. The requirement to have one International Umpire (IU) per match would remain in Regulation 27.2.3(d) to insure consistency.
  4. Delays in approval of umpire lists by the World Sailing Events Appointment Working Party cause undue hardship for Grade 1 event organizers due to increased travel costs.
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