

Rating Systems

Regulation 25.5 – Rating Systems World Championships

A submission from the IRC

Purpose or Objective

To amend the restrictions on an International Rating System to better reflect the restrictions on ISAF Classes and to acknowledge that sailors competing under all International Rating Systems should have the same rights to compete in a world championship.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 25:

25.5 Rating Systems

25.5.1 A designation as an international rating system shall ~~not~~ automatically entitle the rating system to hold a world championship.

~~25.5.2 Rating systems not covered in Regulation 25.5 shall apply to ISAF for approval to hold a world championship.~~

~~25.5.3 Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders.~~

Current Position

As above

Reason

1. ISAF currently recognises two International Rating Systems, ORC and IRC. These two systems encourage and promote amateur and professional racing in yachts in all parts of the world. In some countries one system is stronger, in other countries the other system is stronger. The Universal Measurement System will allow boats to be measured once and then compete in racing under both systems. The healthy competition between the two systems encourages each to continue to improve the quality of racing and other services it offers.
 2. World Championships help classes and rating systems to grow participation and are popular with sailors. The effect of this submission is that it will enable IRC to provide a World Championships to those sailors who wish to race under IRC. ORC is already entitled to do this under Regulation 13.1(j). ISAF should not favour one ISAF-recognised International Rating System over another.
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