Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 86.1(a)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To prevent a change in either of the two Basic Principles by a national authority prescription or a sailing instruction.

Proposal

Amend rule 86.1 as follows:

86  CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES
86.1  A racing rule shall not be changed unless permitted in the rule itself or as follows:

(a)  Prescriptions of a national authority may change a racing rule, but not the Definitions; the Basic Principles; a rule in the Introduction; Sportsmanship and the Rules; Part 1, 2 or 7; rule 42, 43, 69, 70, 71, 75, 76.3, 79 or 80; a rule of an appendix that changes one of these rules; Appendix H or N; or ISAF Regulation 19, 20, 21 or 22.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

For many years, The Racing Rules of Sailing included just one Basic Principle, Sportsmanship and the Rules, and rule 86.1 prohibited any change in that principle by either a national authority prescription or a sailing instruction. In 2013 a second Basic Principle was added, Environmental Responsibility. This ‘housekeeping’ change in rule 86.1(a) will mean that neither of the two Basic Principles may be changed by a prescription or a sailing instruction.