Racing Rules of Sailing

Part 4

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To concentrate the equipment related rules in a designated section of the Racing Rules of Sailing within part 4.

Proposal:

Insert the following new header before rule 40:

SECTION A
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

4643 PERSON IN CHARGE
A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member or organization that entered the boat. See rule 75.

Insert the following new header after rule 45:

SECTION B
EQUIPMENT RELATED REQUIREMENTS

43 46 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

4346.1 (a) Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight.

(b) Furthermore, a competitor’s clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 8 kilograms, excluding a hiking or trapeze harness and clothing (including footwear) worn only below the knee. Class rules or sailing instructions may specify a lower weight or a higher weight up to 10 kilograms. Class rules may include footwear and other clothing worn below the knee within that weight. A hiking or trapeze harness shall have positive buoyancy and shall not weigh more than 2 kilograms, except that class rules may specify a higher weight up to 4 kilograms. Weights shall be determined as required by Appendix H.

4346.2 Rule 43.1(b) does not apply to boats required to be equipped with lifelines.
Current Position

See above.

Reasons

1. In November 2018, when rejecting submission 179-18, RRC approved the principle of consolidating the equipment related rules in the RRS. Thus the principle of splitting part 4 into two sections was approved. This submission is reflecting the decision of the RRC in 2018.

2. This submission seeks to achieve the above mentioned with the less possible changes to the numbering of the rules.