Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 81

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

81 RESCHEDULED EVENT RACES

When an event is a race has been rescheduled to dates different from the dates stated in the notice of race, all boats entered in the original race shall be notified. The race committee may, at its discretion, accept new entries that meet all the entry requirements other than the original deadline for entries of the original race may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Rule 81’s current wording suggests that it applies both (a) to a race rescheduled to a date different from the dates for races stated in the notice of race and (b) to a race rescheduled to a later time on one of the dates for races listed in the schedule in notice of race.

The rules governing postponements, abandonments and changes to the sailing instructions are adequate to handle circumstance (b) (see rules 27.3, 32.1, 35 and 90.2(b) and Postponement Signals and Abandonment Signals in Race Signals). Moreover, in circumstance (b) it would be illogical to accept new entries and, in most cases, contrary to the entry requirements in the notice of race. Therefore, it is logical to change the first sentence of rule 81 so that it only applies when an event is rescheduled to dates different from the dates stated in the notice of race.

The change proposed in the second sentence of rule 81 was made because any new entry permitted for a rescheduled event would almost always be made after the original deadline for entries.