Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix K and Appendix L

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective
To bring Appendices K and L in line with current practices for writing the notice or race and sailing instructions.

Proposal
1. Replace rule references in Appendices K and L with the commonly used acronyms that denote which rule is being referred to. A reference to a rule in the Racing Rules of Sailing is prefaced with 'RRS'. A reference to a rule in the notice of race is prefaced with 'NOR'. A reference to a rule in the sailing instructions is prefaced with 'SI'.

2. Insert the following paragraph in the preamble to Appendix L, after item 7 and before the paragraph that begins 'To use this guide . . .':

Rule references within the document use RRS, SI and NOR to denote the source of the rule. 'RRS n' is a rule in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 'SI n' is a rule in the sailing instructions and 'NOR n' is a rule in the notice of race.

Current Position
Rule references to rules in the Racing Rules of Sailing are prefaced with 'rule'. Rule references to rules in the sailing instructions are prefaced with 'instruction'. Rule references to rules in the notice of race are prefaced with 'paragraph'. There is no instruction in either appendix that tells the reader how to reference rules, either in the guide document or in other documents referring to rules.

Reasons
1. Many, if not most, race officials have adopted the convention of prefacing rules in documents with RRS, SI and NOR to clarify the difference between, for example, RRS 1.2, SI 1.2 and NOR 1.2. The RRS, NOR and SI conventions have been used by race committees around the world for many years and is a standard for major ISAF events. In November 2013, the RRC confirmed the use of these acronyms as a standard for Appendix LE. This proposal extends that standard to Appendices K and L and brings them into line with modern usage.

2. This concept would not apply to any rule references within the rule book except those within Appendices K and L because these are the guides to documents that would be created by the organizing authority and race committee. The ISAF notice of race and sailing instruction guides in the Racing Rules of Sailing should use the same rule references commonly used by race officials worldwide.