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Race Officials Committee

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 78.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To correct a technical flaw in rule 78.2.

Proposal

When a *rule* requires a valid certificate to be produced or its existence verified before a boat *races*, and this cannot be done, the boat may *race* provided that the race committee receives a statement signed by the person in charge that the boat has a valid certificate exists. The boat shall produce the certificate or arrange for its existence to be verified by the race committee. The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification without a hearing from all races of the event.

Current Position

The current position shown above is rule 78.2 as approved in November 2014 for the 2017-2020 edition of the RRS.

Reason

In the RRS, the word 'boat' means 'a sailboat and her crew on board'. The certificate referred to in rule 78.2 is a certificate issued for the boat excluding her crew. The proposal makes it clear that the certificate referred to in rule 78.2 is not a certificate that is related in any way to the crew.