

Racing Rules of Sailing

New rule 85, rule 89.2 and related changes

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Purpose or Objective

To locate the rules governing rule changes, that are currently in widely separated sections of the rulebook, together in Part 7, to more logically organize those rules, and to eliminate duplication.

Proposal

Change the number of current rule 85 to 84 and add the following new rule 85:

85 CHANGES TO RULES

85.1 A change to a rule shall refer specifically to the rule and state the change. A change to a rule includes an addition to it or deletion of all or part of it.

85.2 A change to one of the following types of rules may be made only as shown below.

Type of rule

Racing rule

Rule in an ISAF code

Prescription of the national authority

Class rule

Rule in the notice of race

Rule in the sailing instructions

Rule in any other document governing the event

Change only if permitted by

Rule 86

A rule in the code

Rule 88.2

Rule 87

Rule 89.2(b)

Rule 90.2(c)

A rule in the document itself

Change rule 89.2 as follows:

89.2 Notice of Race; Appointment of Race Officials

- (a) The organizing authority shall publish a notice of race that conforms to rule J1.
~~The notice of race may be changed provided adequate notice is given.~~
- (b) The notice of race may be changed provided adequate notice is given.**
- ~~(c)~~ (b) The organizing authority shall appoint a race committee and, when appropriate, appoint a protest committee and umpires. However, the race committee, an international jury and umpires may be appointed by the ISAF as provided in the ISAF regulations.

Make the following related changes:

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) *[no changes]*
- (b) Sailing instructions may change a racing rule ~~by referring specifically to it and stating the change~~, but not rules 76.1 or 76.2, Appendix R, or a rule listed in rule 86.1(a).
- (c) Class rules may change only racing rules 42, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54. ~~Such changes shall refer specifically to the rule and state the change.~~

88 NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS

88.1 Prescriptions that Apply

[no change]

88.2 Changes to Prescriptions

[no change]

90.2 Sailing Instructions

- (a) *[no change]*
- (b) *[no change]*
- (c) **The sailing instructions may be changed provided the change is** ~~Changes to the sailing instructions shall be~~ in writing and posted on the official notice board before the time stated in the sailing instructions or, on the water, communicated to each boat before her warning signal. Oral changes may be given only on the water, and only if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions.

INTRODUCTION

Terminology A term used in the sense stated in the Definitions is printed in italics or, in preambles, in bold italics (for example, *racing* and ***racing***). ‘Racing rule’ means a rule in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. ‘Boat’ means a sailboat and the crew on board; ‘vessel’ means any boat or ship. ‘Race committee’ includes any person or committee performing a race committee function. ~~A ‘change’ to a rule includes an addition to it or deletion of all or part of it.~~ ‘National authority’ means an ISAF member national authority. Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

~~**Changes to the Rules** The prescriptions of a national authority, class rules or the sailing instructions may change a racing rule only as permitted in rule 86.~~

~~**Changes to National Authority Prescriptions** A national authority may restrict changes to its prescriptions as provided in rule 88.2.~~

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

This proposal broadens the good practice of only changing a rule by 'referring specifically to it and stating the change.' Currently, this is only required when a racing rule is changed. The proposal makes that practice required when a change is made to a prescription, a class rule, a rule in the notice of race or a rule in the sailing instructions, as well as to a racing rule. To avoid repeating the requirement several times in Part 7, the proposal moves the clause to a new rule 85.1, which is worded so that it covers all rule changes.

New rule 85.2 provides a table designed to make life simpler for a race official who wishes to change a rule. There is a row in the table for or each of the seven types of rule listed in the definition *Rule*, and the second column of the table shows where to find the rule that applies to a change to each type of rule.

The change in rule 89.2 makes it easier to find the rule about changes in the notice of race.

If the proposal is accepted, all the rules involving rule changes will be close together in the rules of Part 7, and all references in the Introduction to rule changes will be removed. As a result, the rules related to rule changes will be easier to find and better organized, and duplication of some statements will be eliminated.
