

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules G1.2, G1.3 and G5

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To specify the sail number and their positioning for better identification

Proposal:

G1.2 Specifications

- ~~(a) National letters and sail numbers shall be in capital letters and Arabic numerals, clearly legible and of the same colour. Commercially available typefaces giving the same or better legibility than Helvetica are acceptable.~~
- (a) National letters and sail numbers shall be;**
 - (i) in capital letters and Arabic numerals,**
 - (ii) of the same colour,**
 - (iii) of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail, and**
 - (iv) of a typeface such that each letter and number shall be clearly discernible when viewed from either side of the sail when the sail is set.**

G1.3 Positioning

Class insignia, national letters and sail numbers shall be positioned as follows:

- ~~(a) Except as provided in rules G1.3(d) and G1.3(e), class insignia, national letters and sail numbers shall, if possible, be wholly above an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is 60% of the leech length. They shall be placed at different heights on the two sides of the sail, those on the starboard side being uppermost.~~
 - ~~(b) The class insignia shall be placed above the national letters. If the class insignia is of such a design that two of them coincide when placed back to back on both sides of the sail, they may be so placed.~~
 - ~~(c) National letters shall be placed above the sail number.~~
 - ~~(d) The national letters and sail number shall be displayed on the front side of a spinnaker but may be placed on both sides. They shall be displayed wholly below an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is 40% of the foot median and, if possible, wholly above an arc whose radius is 60% of the foot median.~~
 - ~~(e) The national letters and sail number shall be displayed on both sides of a headsail whose clew can extend behind the mast 30% or more of the mainsail foot length. They shall be displayed wholly below an arc whose centre is the head point and~~
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~~whose radius is half the luff length and, if possible, wholly above an arc whose radius is 75% of the luff length.~~

- (a) **General**
 - (i) **Class insignia, national letters and sail numbers, where applicable, shall be placed on both sides and such that those on the starboard side are uppermost.**
 - (ii) **National letters shall be placed above the sail numbers on each side of the sail.**
- (b) **Mainsails**
 - (i) **The class insignia, national letters and sail numbers shall, if possible, be wholly above an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is 60% of the leech length.**
 - (ii) **The class insignia shall be placed about the national letters. If the class insignia is of a design that it may be placed back to back, then it may be so placed.**
- (c) **Headsails and Spinnakers**
 - (i) **National letters and sail numbers are only required on a headsail whose foot length is greater than 1.3 x foretriangle base.**
 - (ii) **The national letters and sail numbers shall be displayed wholly below an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is 40% of the foot median and, if possible, wholly above an arc whose radius is 70% of the foot median**

G5 CHANGES BY CLASS RULES

World Sailing Classes may change the rules of this appendix provided the changes have first been approved by World Sailing. **Other boats may change the rules of this appendix provided the changes have been approved by their Class Rules Authority or national authority as appropriate.**

Current Position

See above.

Reasons

In order to provide identification for race committees, the press and public spectators, the submission seeks to provide better guidance on the specification of the sail numbers and also on the positioning on the relevant sails.