

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule E1.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify a definition that is not interpreted consistently.

Proposal

E1.2 Terminology

The Terminology paragraph of the Introduction is changed so that:

- (a) *[no change]*
- (b) ‘Competitor’ means the person ~~that controls~~ **designated to control** a boat using radio signals.
- (c) *[no change]*

If the above proposal is approved, rule E6.7 should be changed for consistency as follows:

E6.7 Right to Be Present

In rule 63.3(a) ‘the representatives of boats shall have been on board’ is changed to ‘the representative of each boat shall be the competitor ~~controlling~~ **designated to control** her’

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

The current rule can be variously interpreted. A simple change in the terminology used in the rules is required because the term ‘boat’ as used in Appendix E excludes the crew. If there is no crew it was essential to identify who exactly is the ‘competitor’ referred to in many rules.

- (a) If there is a change in the person controlling the boat is this new person now ‘the competitor’? For instance, if a person hands his transmitter to another person while he wades in to the water to free entangled boats, is this other person temporarily ‘the competitor’?
- (b) Does this rule imply that only one person may control a boat during a heat or race?
- (c) Does the term ‘competitor’ apply when a boat is not sailing, so that no-one is controlling her?

The proposal seeks to clearly define the competitor by linking the term to rule E4.4 which states that the member or organisation that entered the boat shall designate the competitor. The identity of the competitor is established when a boat is entered into a race or series, and that person remains the competitor in charge of that boat throughout the event.

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