

## **INTERPRETATION 002-16**

### **REQUEST FROM THE BULGARIAN SAILING FEDERATION**

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#### Question 1

Is it legal under the Regulations to start an investigation on Regulation 32 without any written report alleging inadequate conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official?

#### Answer 1

As stated in Regulation 32, a report shall be in writing and unless and until such a report is received the procedures and sanctions set out in Regulation 32 cannot be applied.

#### Question 2

Who can make a report?

#### Answer 2

Regulation 32.2 lists the persons who can submit reports. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer may, in his discretion, accept a report from any other source.

#### Question 3

Is it possible for the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and/or the Chairman of the Judges Sub-Committee to initiate a review and assessment of the conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official based on a verbal complaint?

#### Answer 3

The scenario given is not within a Regulation 32 procedure.

#### Question 4

Is it in line with the Regulations if a post-event assessment of the conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official is considered as a written report under Regulation 32?

#### Answer 4

Yes. A post event assessment can be submitted and considered, as a written report, under Regulation 32.

#### Question 5

If an investigation under Regulation 32 has been initiated without any written report alleging inadequate conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official who has

the power to review and terminate such investigation and sanction the inappropriate and illegal action taken by the ones initiating such inappropriate and illegal procedures?

Answer 5

An 'investigation' can only be initiated under Regulations 32.5, 32.7 or 32.8, if the procedures in Regulation 32 have been followed (including the making of a written report). An appointed panel should consider whether the required procedures have been complied with.

**Constitution Committee  
World Sailing**

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