

## World Sailing Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



**L 007**

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### Situation

The picture from Q&A2015.003 L006 shows a sailing dinghy with national letters and sail numbers applied in accordance with the spacing, dimensional and positioning requirements of the RRS.

### Question 1

Do the sail numbers comply with the requirements of rule G1.2 (a)'s last sentence?



### Answer 1

Rule G1.2(a)'s last sentence does not state any requirement at all. Rule G1.2(a) requires the numbers to be clearly legible and of the same colour, but it does not require a commercially available type face to be used. The last sentence just advises what kind of commercially available typefaces are acceptable.

### Question 2

Given that Helvetica clearly identifies a difference between the digits 2 and 5, and does not cause confusion in reversing the sail number (show through from one side of the sail to the other); does the typeface used in the picture from Q&A 2015.003 L006 provide equal or better legibility than Helvetica and therefore is this an acceptable typeface for use as per rule G1.2 (a)?

### Answer 2

**When considered one by one, the digital numbers are clearly legible. However, when applied to both sides of a sail, they may create confusion. If they do so, as in this picture, they are not clearly legible and therefore they do not comply with the rules.**

**Note** that the rules of a World Sailing class may change rule G1.2 (see rule G5).