

High Speed Rules Working Party Report to Racing Rules Committee November 2018

2018 has been about using the High Speed Rules and the working party receiving feedback.

Feedback

The working party has only received positive feedback from organising authorities and classes that use the test rules.

We have more classes asking to use the test rules, including initial requests from classes that may not be considered "high speed".

The test rules are actually separated into 3 types of rule changes: High Speed test rules; Alternative RRS rules; and changes to the RRS under rule 86.1. What the working party has learned is that these 3 sets of rule changes are used as a block by nearly all groups who want to use the High Speed Test Rules.

There has been no feedback that has caused the working party to change the test rules in 2018.

Successes

The aim was to try and maintain a standard set of test rules for a 6 month period. This has been achieved and the current test rules remain those approved in December 2017.

The whole package of rule changes has been universally accepted by those high speed classes.

Challenges

The standard book currently covers fleet racing and match Racing as well as umpired and non-umpired racing. Experience and feedback suggests that the standard set of rules may be trying to cover too broad a field with this one version of a book. This was a challenge identified in 2017 and remains a challenge that the working party is reviewing.

Future

These test rules have matured into a recognised set of rules for high speed boats. The plan for the working party is to prepare a submission for these rules to become an Appendix of the RRS for consideration in 2019.

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