

Proposal for an Addition to the Class Rules.

Proposed Addition.

Rule A.5.2 The conduct and organisation of all World and Continental Championships shall be governed by the provisions of the current version of the IJCA Regatta Regulations.

Reason for the proposed addition.

At present the management of both World and Continental Championships is governed by the latest version of our excellent Regatta Regulations. These regulations are not referred to anywhere in either our Class Rules, or the IJCA Constitution.

In the introduction to the Regulations it is stated that:

“ This document has the status of By-laws of the IJCA and will be updated by the IJCA as circumstances require.”

A document cannot claim the authority of a By-law, unless the Constitution contains a specific By-law which, de facto, confers this authority, and is renewed annually by a vote of the World Council.

It is clear, therefore, that at present our Regatta Regulation have no valid standing within our Class Rules.

It has been accepted for some time that a reference to the Regatta Regulations within the Sailing Instructions for specific events was sufficient to make the requirements of the Regulations valid and enforceable , however Appendix L , Sailing Instructions Guide , of the Racing Rules of Sailing makes it clear that Sailing Instructions ” should be concerned only with racing “. This precludes almost the entire content of the Regatta Regulations , which are concerned, in the main, with various aspects of event management.

There is an argument for reference to the Regulations in the relevant Notice of Race as described at Appendix J1.1 (3) of the RRS. However the reality is that the Regatta Regulations come into force, and have to be honoured, up to four years before a Notice of Race will be issued. The Regulations do include some specific items which are relevant to racing, but these should be covered in the Sailing Instructions.

Advice on this subject has been obtained from a senior, and very experienced, International Juror. His opinion was :

“The Regatta Regulations, apart from the “specific aspects” that govern the actual racing have no place in Sailing Instructions. These “specific aspects should be written into the Sis separately anyway.”

The inclusion of the proposed Rule A.5.2 in the Class Rules will simplify, and remove any possible confusion from both the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, and will provide an established method for updates and amendments by the IJCA and through the World Council.

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