

Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix E, F and G

A submission from the Chairman of Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To improve legibility of identification on sails.

Proposal 1

Amend RRS Appendix G, rule G.1.2 (a) as follows:

G1.2 Specifications

- (a) National letters and sail numbers shall be in capital letters and Arabic numerals, clearly legible **while sailing** and of the same colour. **The colour shall contrast with the colour of the body of the sail.** Commercially available typefaces giving the same or better legibility than Helvetica are acceptable. **Digital font sail numbers are not acceptable.**

Current Position

As above.

Proposal 2

Amend RRS Appendix G, rule G5 as follows:

G5 CHANGES BY CLASS RULES

World Sailing Classes may change the rules of this appendix, **except rule G.1.2 (a)**, provided the changes have first been approved by World Sailing.

Current Position

As above.

Proposal 3

Amend RRS Appendix E, rule E8 as follows:

E8 CHANGES TO APPENDIX G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

G1.4 Specifications

- (a) National letters and sail numbers shall be in capital letters and Arabic numerals, clearly legible **while sailing** and of the same colour. **The colour shall contrast with the colour of the body of the sail.** Commercially available typefaces giving the same or better legibility than Helvetica are acceptable. **Digital font sail numbers are not acceptable.**

G1.6 Exceptions

- (a) Where the size of the sail prevents compliance with rule G1.2, National Letters, then exceptions to rules G1.2, G1.4**(b)** and G1.5 shall be made in the following order of precedence. National letters shall ...
- (b) Where the size of the sail prevents compliance with rule G1.3, Sail Numbers, then exception to rules G1.4**(b)** and G1.5 shall be made in the following order of precedence. Sail numbers shall...

Current Position

As above.

Proposal 4

Amend RRS Appendix F, rule F9 as follows:

F9 CHANGES TO APPENDIX G

G1 Every kiteboard shall be identified as follows:

... no changes to item (a) and (b)

- (c) The numbers shall be Arabic numerals, all of the same solid colour, clearly legible **while sailing** and in a commercially available typeface giving the same or better legibility as Helvetica. The colour of the numbers shall contrast to the colour of the shirt.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Despite being legible when viewed up close, some (sail) numbers are hardly legible while afloat due to:
 - a lack of contrast with the body of the sail
 - a reflective character of identification and/or body of the sail
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2. Digital font sail numbers add to the illegibility and as such, their rejection has been subject of Q&As in the past. Instead of re-issuing the Q&A every 4 years-term, rewording the related racing rule(s) provides an authoritative interpretation of the rules and clarifies the situation for both competitors and race officials.
3. World Sailing Classes should retain the possibility to request a change with regard to:
 - the omission of national letters;
 - the height of characters and space between adjoining characters on the same and opposite sails of the sail;
 - the display of identification on the front side or both sides of a spinnaker.

They shall not have the possibility to change G1.2 (a) of RRS Appendix G.
