

Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix E – Rule E8

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

The proposal seeks to resolve issues arising in the current rule, in particular concerning the carrying of national letters on certain sails. The proposal also makes clear that classes other than designated international classes should comply with these rules unless changed by the national authority or class association.

Proposal

Change rule E8 as follows:

E8 CHANGES TO APPENDIX G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

Rule G1, except the table of National Sail Letters, and G2 are changed to:

G1 WORLD SAILING AND IRSA CLASS BOATS

This rule applies to every boat of a class administered or recognised by World Sailing or by the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA).

G1.1 Identification

- (a) A boat of a World Sailing or IRSA Class shall display ~~her class insignia, national letters and sail number as specified in rule G1, unless her class rules state otherwise.~~

(1) on her mainsail: her class insignia and national letters (if required)

(2) on all sails: her sail number

as specified in rule G1, unless her class rules state otherwise.

- (b) At world and continental championships, sails shall comply with these rules. At other events they shall comply with these rules or the rules applicable at the time of their initial certification.
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G1.2 National Letters

~~At all international events, a boat shall display n~~ National letters ~~in accordance with~~ **from** the table **in RRS Appendix G1.1** ~~of National Sail Letters~~ denoting:

- ~~(a) when entered under rule 75(a), the national authority, or of the nationality,~~
- (b) **the country** ~~place~~ of residence, or
- (c) **the MNA of** affiliation of the owner or the ~~member~~ **competitor**.
- ~~(b) when entered under rule 75(b), the national authority of the organisation which entered her.~~

~~For the purposes of this rule, international events are~~ **shall be carried at IRSA** world and continental championships and events described as international events in their notices of race and sailing instructions.

Note: An up-to-date version of the National Sail Letters table is available on the World Sailing website.

G1.3 Sail Numbers

~~(a) The sail number shall be the last two digits of the boat's registration number or the competitor's or owner's personal number, allotted by the relevant issuing authority.~~

- (a) The sail number shall be the last two digits of:
 - (1) the **hull** registration number, or
 - (2) the competitor's personal number, **or**
 - (3) the owner's personal number

allotted by the relevant issuing authority.

(b) A single digit hull number or personal number shall be preceded by a zero.

- ~~(c)~~ (c) When there is conflict between sail numbers, or when a sail number may be misread, the race committee shall require that the sail numbers of one or more boats be changed to numeric alternatives.

G1.4 Specifications

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

- (b) The height and spacing of letters and numbers shall be as follows:

| <i>Dimension</i> | <i>Minimum</i> | <i>Maximum</i> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Height of sail numbers | 100 mm | 110 mm |
| Spacing of adjacent sail numbers | 20 mm | 30 mm |
| Height of national letters | 60 mm | 70 mm |
| Spacing of adjacent national letters | 13 mm | 23 mm |

G1.5 Positioning

- (a) **Identification** ~~Class insignia, on sails numbers and national letters~~ shall be positioned
- (1) on both sides of the sail;
 - (2) ~~with~~ those on the starboard side uppermost;
 - (3) approximately horizontally;
 - (4) with space in front of sail numbers for a prefix '1' and**
 - ~~(4)~~ **with no less than 40 mm vertical spacing between numbers and letters marks** on opposite sides of the sail;
 - ~~(5) with no less than 20 mm vertical spacing between class insignia on opposite sides of the sail.~~
- (b) **Symmetrical or reversed class insignia shall be on the mainsail, above a line perpendicular to the luff through the three-quarter leech point, and may be positioned back-to-back. Otherwise, the vertical spacing shall be no less than 20 mm.**
- ~~(b)~~ **(c) On a mainsail, sail numbers on a mainsail** shall be positioned
- (1) below class insignia;
 - (2) above the line perpendicular to the luff through the quarter leech point;
 - (3) above national letters;
 - ~~(4) with sufficient space in front of the sail number for a prefix '1'.~~

G1.6 Exceptions

- ~~(a)~~ **Where the size of the sail prevents compliance with rule G1.2 the above rules, they shall be amended as follows and National Letters, then exceptions to rules G1.2, G1.4, and G1.5 shall be made in the following order of precedence:**
- (a) sail numbers may extend below the specified line;**
 - (b) vertical spacing may be reduced to no less than 20 mm;**
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- (1) **first between sail numbers and national letters**
 - (2) **then between national letters;**
 - (c) **height of national letters may be reduced to no less than 40 mm or shall be omitted;**
 - (d) **vertical spacing of sail numbers may be reduced to no less than 20 mm;**
 - (e) **height of sail numbers shall be reduced to less than 90 mm, but no less than 80 mm, or shall be omitted except on the largest sail.**
- ~~(1) be spaced vertically below sail numbers by less than 30 mm, but no less than 20 mm;~~
- ~~(2) be spaced on opposite sides of the sail by less than 30 mm, but no less than 20 mm;~~
- ~~(3) be reduced in height to less than 45 mm, but no less than 40 mm;~~
- ~~(4) be omitted.~~
- ~~(b) Where the size of the sail prevents compliance with rule G1.3, Sail Numbers, then exceptions to rules G1.4 and G1.5 shall be made in the following order of precedence. Sail numbers shall~~
- ~~(1) extend below the specified line;~~
 - ~~(2) be spaced on opposite sides of the sail by less than 30 mm, but no less than 20 mm apart;~~
 - ~~(3) be reduced in height to less than 90 mm, but no less than 80 mm;~~
 - ~~(4) be omitted on all except the largest sail;~~
 - ~~(5) be reduced in height until they do fit on the largest sail.~~

G2 Other boats

Other boats shall comply with rule E8 unless the rules regarding the allotment, carrying and size of insignia, letters and numbers are changed by their national authority or class association. Such changed rules shall, when practicable, conform to the above requirements.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

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