

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### **Rules 89.2(b) and 90.1**

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To make the racing rules regarding the appointment of the race committee and its decisions consistent with current practice.

#### Proposal

#### **89.2 Notice of Race; Appointment of Race Officials**

- (b) The organizing authority shall appoint a race committee, **including a race officer**, and, when appropriate, appoint a protest committee and umpires. However, the race committee, an international jury and umpires may be appointed by the ISAF as provided in the ISAF regulations.

#### **90 RACE COMMITTEE; SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; SCORING**

#### **90.1 Race Committee; Race Committee Decisions**

The race committee shall conduct races as directed by the organizing authority and as required by the *rules*. **A decision of the race committee shall be made on behalf of the race committee by the race officer or by a race committee member or other person delegated by the race officer to make it.**

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

It is standard practice for the organizing authority to name a race officer when it appoints the race committee and for the race officer to make the decisions that a race committee must make, unless that officer delegates responsibility for specified decisions to another race committee member or some other person\*. The current rules do not cover either of these practices. The proposed changes in rules 89.2(b) and 90.1 would require that these standard practices be followed.

\*For example, the responsibility for deciding exactly where to locate the windward mark and how much scope to use on its anchor line may be delegated to a person driving a mark-set boat who is not a member of the race committee.

---