

Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix G.1.2 (a) Regular typeface

A submission from the 420 Class

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the specification of national letter and sail number typeface.

Proposal

G.1.2 Specifications

(a) National letters and sail numbers shall be:

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(4) of a sans-serif **regular (non-condensed/narrow)** typeface.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Appendix G.1.2 specifications include a minimum character height but not the width or the aspect ratio between height and width. Regular typefaces have a set proportion and proper legibility is based on that. There are many cases where narrow (or “condensed”) typefaces have been used in sail letters and numbers and these are not legible enough, especially when looking at them at an angle. To simplify the work of Technical Committees, the specification can be improved as above to make it clear that narrow typefaces are not to be used. Many class rules already include additional specifications to those of App. G.1.2, to achieve the same effect; Our Rules must be clear enough from the outset.
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