

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS TERMINOLOGY

A submission from the 420 Class

Purpose or Objective

To use the Equipment Rules of Sailing definitions where applicable in the racing rules.

Proposal 1

Add to Introduction - Terminology as follows

Terminology

A term used in the sense stated in the Definitions is printed in italics or, in preambles, in bold italics (for example, *racing* and ***racing***).

A term used as defined in the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing is printed in bold (for example, **certificate**)

Each of the terms in the table below is used in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* with the meaning given.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Boat	A sailboat and the crew on board.
Competitor	A person who races or intends to race in the event.
National authority	A World Sailing member national authority.
Race committee	The race committee appointed under rule 89.2(c) and any other person or committee performing a race committee function.
Racing rule	A rule in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .
Technical committee	The technical committee appointed under rule 89.2(c) and any other person or committee performing a technical committee function.
Vessel	Any boat or ship.

Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use. **When describing parts of a boat, these racing rules are guided by Part 2 of the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing when those definitions do not contradict the definitions or terminology of the racing rules.**

Proposal 2

If the terminology of the Equipment Rules of Sailing is adopted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, then the universally applicable terms “class rule”, “certificate”, “certification authority”, “class authority”, “class rules authority”, “event class rules authority”, “crew harness”, shall be used in bold.

Proposal 3

In addition to proposal 2, certain boat part related ERS terms may be used in bold in the RRS when there is no conflict with the intended use of those terms by the RRS. The exact list of all such terms and the respective racing rules where they shall apply can be finalized by the joint RRS-ERS working party.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. There are certain universal ERS terms which can be used in the RRS to simplify and clarify the meaning of the respective racing rules. There are also ERS terms defining parts of the boat equipment which may be used in specific racing rules when there is no conflict with the intended use of those terms by the RRS. The easy and practical way to differentiate between using a term by the ERS definitions or the RRS / nautical definitions is by printing it in bold.
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