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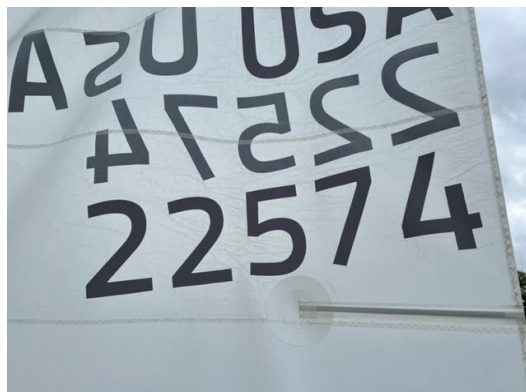
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Typeface used on sail numbers

Question 1

Does a sans-serif typeface that uses an open 4 as a sail number as shown on the picture comply with the rules?



Answer 1

Yes.

The sail numbers shown in this picture satisfy all the requirements of rule G1.2(a):

- they are written using Arabic numerals,
- all the numbers are of the same colour,
- the colour used has a strong contrast to the body of the sail,
- the typeface is sans-serif, and
- the numbers are clearly legible when the sail is set.

It should be noted that not all variations of an open 4 will satisfy the last requirement and that legibility shall be assessed case-by-case. For example, numbers or letters created using a typeface resembling a digital 8 display or obtained as a cut-out of a squared number 8 will not comply with it: although they are clearly legible when considered one by one, when they are applied to both sides of a sail they may create confusion, therefore they do not comply with rule G1.2(a).