

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 78.2 COMPLIANCE WITH A CERTIFICATE

A submission from the Chair of the Classes Committee and 420 Class

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the responsibility of an event Technical committee with regards to the certificates.

Proposal 1

- 78.2** When a *rule* requires a valid certificate to be produced or its existence verified before a boat *races*, and this cannot be done, the boat may *race* provided that **the technical committee or in its absence** the race committee receives a statement signed by the person in charge that a valid certificate exists. The boat shall produce the certificate or arrange for its existence to be verified by **the technical committee or in its absence** the race committee before the start of the last day of the event, or of the first series, whichever is earlier. The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification without a hearing from all races of the event.

Proposal 2

To clarify that a notice of race may prescribe a different time for certificate verification.

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Proposal 3

If the terminology of the Equipment Rules of Sailing is adopted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, then the term “certificate” shall be used in bold in RRS 78.2. This ERS term includes both boat certificates and rating certificates.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. The appropriate committee for checking and verifying certificates is the event technical committee. This should be reflected in RRS 78.2 as the default option and the race committee will be the responsible body at those events where there is no appointed technical committee.
2. The default deadline for producing a certificate does not work well when time allowances have to be calculated, boats assigned to categories or characteristics of the boat have to be verified. In all such cases the only way for a deadline which works properly is by modifying the default deadline given by

RRS 78.2. The Notice of Race can provide the optimum deadline for each event, and in the absence of such a provision, then the default provided by RRS 78.2 should apply.

3. The ERS term “certificate” includes all kinds of certificates referred to by RRS 78 and should be used for clarity.