

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule E8

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To shorten rule E8 by removing rules that are not used in any radio-controlled events.

Proposal

Change rule E8 as shown:

E8 **CHANGES TO APPENDIX G, ~~IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS~~**

E8.1 Rule G1 is changed to:

G1 ~~WORLD SAILING AND~~ **IRSA CLASS BOATS**

For IRSA Class boats, rule G1, except the table of National Sail Letters, is deleted.

E8.2 **Rule G2 is changed to:**

G2 **OTHER BOATS**

Other boats shall comply with the rules of their national authority or class association in regard to the allotment, carrying and size of insignia, letters and numbers. Such rules shall, when practicable, conform to **the IRSA Supplementary Class Rules** above requirements.

Note: The ‘IRSA Supplementary Class Rules’ are on the International Radio Sailing Association website: radiosailing.org.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. There are, at this time, no World Sailing radio-controlled classes. There are four IRSA Classes, and each of them replaces rule G1 with the *IRSA Supplementary Class Rules*. So the IRSA Classes do not use the extensive adaptation of rule G1 for radio-sailing boats that is the entire content of current rule E8. There is no need to devote three pages in the RRS to a rule that is not used.
2. Proposed rule E8.2 is similar to rule 49. In both proposed rule E8.2 and in rule 49, the details of technical rules are delegated to the experts on the topic of the rule. The experts on the specifications for lifelines are the Offshore Special Regulations Sub-Committee, and the experts on sail numbers and national letter for radio-controlled boats are the International Radio Sailing Association. It will be just as easy for a radio-controlled boat to find the specifications for her sail

numbers, national letters and class insignia on the IRSA website as it is for boat with lifelines to find the specifications for those lifelines in the *Offshore Special Regulations*.