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A submission from the Oceanic and Offshore Committee Chair

Purpose or Objective

To introduce a process for the issuing of Offshore Special Regulations interpretations.

Proposal

30.3 Interpretations to the Special Regulations

~~Interpretations to the Special Regulations by World Sailing shall be made only by the Chairman of the Special Regulations Sub-committee after consultation with Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and such other members of the Sub-committee as they believe appropriate. At the next meeting following such interpretation, the same shall be reviewed by the Sub-committee and the Sub-committee shall consider whether any amendment to the Special Regulations is necessary or desirable to add clarity. The Sub-committee may also recommend revocation of any such interpretation.~~

Interpretations to the Special Regulations shall be made in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) requests for an interpretation may be made to World Sailing from the following sources only: Member National Authorities, World Sailing class/owners association, rating systems, International Measurers and representatives of Major Oceanic and Offshore Event Organisers (recognised as such by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee Chair and Vice-Chair);**
- (b) an interpretation shall only clarify an existing regulation and shall not change the regulation;**
- (c) requests for interpretations may include sketches, design drawings and other visual aids to clarify the question, however the interpretation shall only clarify the existing regulation and not determine compliance of a specific boat;**
- (d) a request received by World Sailing from one of the sources in 30.3 (a) shall be acknowledged and sent to the Chair(s) of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and Special Regulations Sub-Committee;**
- (e) the validity of the interpretation or any alternative interpretation shall be decided by a panel formed by the Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and the Special Regulations Sub-committee and nominated member/s of the World Sailing technical staff;**
- (f) interpretations shall have the status of Special Regulations for a maximum period of 2 years or until revoked;**
- (g) at the next Special Regulations Sub-Committee meeting following an interpretation, it shall be reviewed by the Sub-committee and the Sub-committee shall consider whether any amendment to the Special Regulations is necessary or desirable to add clarity. The Sub-Committee may also recommend revocation of any such interpretation.**

Current Position

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Reasons

1. To introduce a process for issuing interpretations to the Offshore Special Regulations.
2. To specify who can request an interpretation and to clarify what an interpretation is.