

## **Offshore Special Regulations**

### OSR Appendix M

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#### **Purpose or Objective**

To add a new Appendix M to the OSRs intended to provide helpful options to Organizing Authorities.

#### **Proposal**

Add Appendix M “Optional Wording for Organizing Authorities to consider for their NORs or SIs”.

To include the following items:

1. It is recommended that Organizing Authorities include the following in their Notice of Race:  
Sustainability: Boats built after 2026 shall produce at least 20% of the energy that is used while racing, other than propulsive power from the wind, from renewable energy sources.
2. If an Organizing Authority chooses to permit the use of autopilots or to allow competitors to pay for weather data, here are suggested wordings for OAs to consider including in their Notice of Race:
  - a. Manual Power  
RRS 52 is changed to:  
A boat’s standing rigging, running rigging, and spars shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew. However, autopilots may be used to adjust and operate moveable hull appendages. The autopilots shall only use measurements of weather, wind, or sea surface within 100 millimeters of sensors that are mounted on the boat, and therefore the use of cameras, lidar, sonar, or radar to measure the sea surface surrounding the boat is prohibited.
  - b. Outside Help  
Add to RRS 41:  
However, in exception to rule 41(c), weather information that is available to all boats for a fee may be received, but it shall not include specific weather or routing advice customized for the boat or a group of boats.

#### **Current Position**

none

#### **Reasons**

1. The first Statement is offered in response to World Sailing’s Sustainability Agenda 2030.
  2. The second statement addresses the use of emerging technology. It provides optional wording that the offshore community wants to make available to Organizing Authorities if they choose to modify existing restrictions on manual power (RRS 52), specifically related to autopilots, and outside help (RRS 41), specifically related to weather information.
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