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A word used as defined by ERS is printed in **bold**.

A word used as defined by IRC Definitions is printed underlined.

Proposed additions are printed in **blue**.

Proposed deletions are printed in ~~struckthrough-red~~.

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Changes: New document.



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1. Rule 4.3

Reason for change: The IRC Technical Committee has noted a number of occasions during 2014 when a race committee has used modified IRC TCCs to score races. While Rule 4.3 is implicit that TCCs may not be amended, it is not explicitly stated.

Amend: 4.3 IRC TCCs are the copyright of RORC Rating Office and UNCL jointly and shall not be modified by any third party. Action may be taken against any third party using IRC derived handicaps, whether precise or amended for the purpose of race handicapping any boat without a current IRC certificate. Adjustment of elapsed time to effectively amend an IRC TCC is considered to be modification of the IRC TCC by a third party unless:

- (a) agreed in writing by the IRC Rating Authority for a specific purpose, or
- (b) applied due to an infringement of a rule while racing defined in the sailing instructions which would otherwise be a matter for a protest committee, or
- (c) application of a penalty by a protest committee.

Stability and Safety Screening numerals are RORC Rating Office copyright.

Effect of change: Prevention of misuse of IRC TCCs which could bring IRC into disrepute.



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2. Rule 21.3.4 (c)

Reason for change: There is no reason to require that a boat rated with no spinnaker pole should declare a whisker pole. Rule 21.3.4 (d) already limits the length of a whisker pole to rated STL. Rule 21.3.4 (c) is therefore redundant and should be deleted.

Delete: c) ~~that for a boat rated with no spinnaker pole that a whisker pole is declared.~~

Amend: dc) that the pole length measured as spinnaker tack length (STL) does not exceed the rated STL.

Effect of change: None. Deletion of unnecessary text.



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3. Definition of Series Date

Reason for change: During 2014, it has become apparent the definition of Series Date is defective in that firstly it does not explicitly address one-off boats. Secondly, the inclusion of 'class' could be interpreted to mean that classes such as the International 6 metre class, or even in the extreme such as the 1/4 ton class, should all have the same Series Date. Thirdly, it is not explicitly stated that Series Date for a boat never changes.

Amend: Series Date The year in which **the boat** or the first **boat** of the ~~class or~~ design or production series was first launched, **whichever is earlier**. Series Date does not change if the **boat** is modified.

Effect of change: In practical terms, none. Clarification and completeness.



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4. Definitions of Age Date and Hull Shell

Reason for change: Age Date currently uses the word hull, deliberately not printed in bold, ie not invoking the ERS definition of hull. For completeness, the IRC Technical Committee has concluded that there should be an IRC definition of Hull Shell (to clearly differentiate it from hull) and that Age Date should refer to this definition.

Add: **Hull Shell** The hull shell excluding all of the following: any transom, the deck, any superstructure, the internal structure including any cockpit, fittings associated with these parts and any **corrector weights**.

Amend: Age Date The year in which the **boat** was first launched, or the year in which the **boat** was re-launched following ~~hull~~ hull shell modification, whichever is the later.

Effect of change: Clarity and completeness.



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5. Correction

For information, the following correction will be made.

8.1 In Rule 15.1, delete ~~and ERS B.5~~. ERS B.5 no longer exists.