

To IRCRATING.ORG

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Regarding Submissions for upcoming AGM

Dear all,

On behalf of the Netherlands we would like to bring forward the following submissions for the upcoming AGM in Dubai.

Rule 21.1.5d

During a regatta run on consecutive days, including any lay days, the sails on board shall remain the same and be on board for all races. This Rule may be amended by Notice of Race.

Change to

During a regatta run on consecutive days, including any lay days, the sails **selected to be** on board shall remain the same **during the entire event and be on board for all races.** **Each day you may decide which sails from the selected set you bring on board or leave at the dock. Once you leave the dock no changes can be made.** This Rule may be amended by Notice of Race.

Rationale:

In many classes this is now the standard as owners would like to avoid unnecessary wear on sails. It also clarifies what was written in the Fair Play guidance.

6. Sail Inventory (Rule 21.1.5)

Paragraph (d) of this Rule covers racing in a regatta: the sails you carry for the first race are those you must carry for the whole regatta. No leaving heavy sails ashore on light days, swapping spinnakers or changing to an offshore mainsail.

The exception is in the case of *significant damage*. There is no requirement to seek approval for a change of inventory after damage unless stated in a Notice of Race, but it is recommended that you do so.



Rule 21.1.5e

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Rationale:

Sailing is an expensive sport with declining attendees in many parts of the world. Forcing owners to use an expensive race mainsail in weather conditions where it is only going suffer from unnecessary wear does not make them happy. All boats have old/spare or delivery mains that can be used as replacement main. If there is concern that owners will then have reefable and unreefable mains, this article can also be reworded so that all mains need to be able to meet a certain reefing requirement.

We are looking forward to the meeting.

Best Regards
Noordzee Club

Willem Ellemeet
Chairman Technical Committee



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