

## Summary of changes incorporated into RRS 2021-2024, of particular interest to race management

*The focus of this presentation is changes to the Racing Rules which will be of particular interest to race management. Changes which are of more interest to competitors are dealt with separately.*

Before getting on the water the changes to the RRS for 2021-2024 will have an impact on writing NOR & SI – what are the main things to be aware of with this?

Appendix J which specifies what shall and may be included in NOR & SI has been extensively re-written  
Emphasis in the preamble about

- a rule in the NOR not needing to be repeated in the SI
- ensure no conflict b/n NOR & SI but also other governing docs

First part of J covers the NOR & now 3 sections

- NOR shall include .....
- NOR shall include if they apply....
- NOR shall include any that apply that will help sailor to decide to enter and prepare for event
  
- info sailors need to know before the regatta
- must be available before the boat enters (RRS 25)
- now only NOR can change Class rules (RRS 87)

Second part of J covers SI - still in 2 sections but a lot has been moved to NOR

- does not repeat stuff in NOR
  
- SI shall include ....
- SI shall include any that will apply.....
  
- info sailors they need to know to go sailing
- must be available before a race begins (RRS 25)

Take home message:

Check updated version of Appendix J

Appendix K & L (guides) for NOR & SI - now only available on WS & link from AS

USE THEM

there has been a lot of renumbering of RRS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 1 Fundamental rules - switch of RRS3 (acceptance of rules) &amp; RRS4 (decision to race)</li> <li>• Part 4 Other requirements when racing             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trash was RRS 55 now RRS 47                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ now includes support persons</li> <li>▪ can't be changes by national prescriptions, NOR, SI or class rules</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>There have also been some changes to the rules that mean there are some things that don't have to be included in the NOR/SI anymore – what are some of these?</p>	<p><b>Changes to Race Signals</b></p> <p>Preamble includes reference to a visual signal displayed over a fleet, event or race area flag not just 'class' flag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This means we just have to describe the fleet/event/ race area flag in the SI</li> <li>• don't need to include a separate blurb about it applying to visual signals</li> </ul> <p>Orange flag now included in Race signals (no sounds)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'The staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line'</li> <li>• no need to describe this end of the line in the SI</li> </ul> <p>Blue flag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new wording – 'the staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line'</li> <li>• no sounds</li> <li>• no need to describe this end of the line in the SI</li> </ul> <p>New flag - V &amp; new rule 37</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hoisted with one long sound - no sound when lowered</li> <li>• standardises the 'safety' flag we use to include all boats &amp; support vessels in any safety support required for racing.</li> <li>• RRS 37 – when V displayed <b>all</b> boats shall, if possible, monitor RC coms channel for search &amp; rescue instructions</li> <li>• no longer need to include this in SI</li> <li>• specifically includes support boats             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ support people now also included in <b>Fundamental Rule 1Safety</b> &amp; obliged to provide assistance to those in danger</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Time limit for request for redress based on PC decision on last day now covered in RRS 62.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limit is 30 min after decision posted</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• don't need to include in SI unless changing that time limit</li> </ul>
<p>In the new rule book a limit can be put on how long after an event an RC can correct scores – until now this could theoretically be done years later.</p>	<p>Changes to Rule 90.3 that relates to scoring and gives us the ability to put a time limit after which changes to scores can't be made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• previously if RC realised an error – could change – years later!</li> <li>• now if stated in NOR – ‘there shall be no changes to scores resulting from action initiated more than 24 hours after:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ protest time limit</li> <li>○ being informed of a PC decision after last race OR</li> <li>○ results are published</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NOR can also change that 24 hours to a greater or lesser time</li> <li>• exceptions to this are changes under RRS 6 (WS regulations), 69 (Misconduct) &amp; 70 (Appeals)</li> </ul>
<p>A change has been made to RRS 40 that gives us more flexibility with using the Y flag – the flag that requires sailors to wear PFDs</p>	<p>Essentially the same wording but rewritten to allow us to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• include Y flag in NOR /SI – applies for the whole event</li> <li>• hoist ashore – applies at all times while afloat that day</li> <li>• hoist before or with warning – applies to that race</li> </ul>
<p>One of the big changes for race officers in the new rule book is the change to the definitions of start &amp; finish.</p>	<p>Definition of Start &amp; Finish changed to just refer to ‘hull’ and no longer ‘hull, crew &amp; equipment’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• match racing - for a while now appendix C used this definition of ‘finish’             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of hull in ERS excludes rudders, bowsprits/sprits fixed or retractable, wings</li> <li>• There is a good demonstration of how this applies in the video of a skiff finish that Steve Hatch has made and is worth watching – there is a link to it on the page where you found this</li> <li>• Flow on changes to individual recall RRS 29.1                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ X flag displayed if any part of <i>hull</i> on course side</li> <li>○ just refers to the <i>hull</i> having to return to the prestart side of the line/extensions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• similar changes to rules for penalty flags – other preparatory signals                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 30.1 (I), 30.2 (Z), 30.3 (U) &amp; 30.4 (black)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This means that it is just the hull that counts when making an OCS, UFD or BFD call</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Another big change also that relates to the new definition for ‘Sail the Course’?</p>	<p>Most people know this as the ‘string rule’ and it has essentially been removed from RRS 28 and placed with the definitions at the front of the rule book.</p> <p>This has brought with it some flow on changes to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RRS 28 rewritten &amp; now just refers to sailing the race</li> <li>• Changes also to Appendix A – there has been some re-numbering here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A5 Scores Determined by the Race Committee has been expanded and includes reference to ‘sailing the course’</li> <li>○ New scoring abbreviation in A10 <b>NSC</b> Did not sail the course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reverses the onus on the boat to seek redress rather than protesting them</li> <li>▪ Ideally still have a conversation with the competitor if possible</li> <li>▪ Would only use this if very confident – report from course boat</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>In the old rule book there was occasionally some discussion about whether a boat that was OCS at the start but then first across the finish line triggered the time limit for that race.</p>	<p>Quite a few changes to 90.3 which deals with scoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• particularly 90.3(a) now says that a boat has to start, sail the course &amp; finish within the race time limit to be scored appropriately.</li> </ul>
<p>A few changes have been made to Part 5, the section that deals with Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct &amp; Appeals that impact race officers &amp; RC hasn’t there?</p>	<p>Preamble to this part of the rule book – protest form in 2 parts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hearing request form</li> <li>• hearing decision form</li> <li>• no longer in rule book – available on WS site, links from AS</li> </ul> <p>Changes that clarify that notice posted on ONB within protest time limit satisfies requirements of informing a boat of intention to protest by RC, TC or PC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• another thing that does not need to be included in the SI’s.</li> </ul>