

**Racing Rules of Sailing**

Use of “ISAF” in Various Rules

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Purpose or Objective

To adopt a consistent style for the use of the acronym ‘ISAF’ in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Proposal

In *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, in each of the following places, change ‘the ISAF’ to ‘ISAF’:

Introduction, Cases and Calls, first sentence  
Rule 69.2(c), last sentence  
Rule 69.2(d), last sentence – two changes  
Rule 69.2(f), last sentence – two changes  
Rule 69.3, title  
Rule 69.3(a), first sentence  
Rule 69.3(a), last sentence  
Rule 69.3(c)  
Rule 69.4, title  
Rule 69.4, first sentence  
Rule 70.5(c)  
Rule 76.3  
Rule 86.2, first sentence  
Rule 88.2, second sentence  
Rule 89.1(a)  
Rule 89.1(b)  
Rule 89.1(h)  
Rule 89.2(b), last sentence  
Rule 91(b), last sentence  
Appendix B, Rule B6  
Appendix G, Rule G5  
Appendix N, Rule N1.1, last sentence

Note: In each of the places listed above, ‘the ISAF’ is used as a noun in the current rulebook. No change is proposed in the many instances of the use of ‘the ISAF’ as an adjective, as in ‘the ISAF website’ or ‘the ISAF Regulations’.

Current Position

As above.

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Reason

Current use is inconsistent, overly formal, and the word 'the' slows the reader down unnecessarily. There are places in the current rules in which 'ISAF' is used as a noun without the word 'the': the preamble to Online Rules Documents, rule J1.2(a) and rule J1.2(3).

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