



Memorandum

TO: Jerome Pels
FROM: Philip Tolhurst
DATE: 22 July 2010

I refer to your request for an interpretation as follows:

“Question: Are Event Organisers allowed to charge an additional or higher entry fee for boats carrying advertising chosen by the Competitor as per what was meant to be achieved by submission 10-05 approved by Council?”

The Constitution Committee have considered this question and reaffirm the view that was expressed and minuted last November, namely that organising authorities are not permitted to require a supplemental entry fee since”this would be in conflict with Regulation 20.8.2, where it states that *Any Competitor displaying advertising may be required to pay a fee to their National Authority only*”.

Use of the word “only” makes it clear that it is only circumstance in which a fee relating to advertising can be charged. Please also note that it is only the National Authority of that Competitor that can charge a fee.

Further Notes:

Your e-mail referred to previous regulations, all of which were repealed and replaced in 2008 when Council approved the current version of Regulation 20.

Historically, when we had categories A & C event organisers could permit competitors to carry advertising and the additional fees paid in the past were to reflect this permission.

That situation no longer exists since all competitors have the right to carry advertising as provided for under our regulations and no separate permission is required from an organising authority.

Regards

Philip