

Racing Rules of Sailing

Size and Composition of International Juries – Appendix N1.2

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Purpose or Objective

A discussion paper to reduce costs of events by reducing the size of International Juries at events with the exception of Sailing World Cups and Regional Games. Note: The Olympic Games Jury is prescribed in Regulation 23.3.

Proposal

Amend RRS Appendix N1.2 as follows: (effective in RRS 2017-2020)

N1.2 The jury shall consist of a chairman, a vice chairman if desired, and other members for a total of at least ~~three~~^{five}. A majority shall be International Judges. The jury may appoint a secretary, who shall not be a member of the jury.

Furthermore, it is proposed that the International Judges sub-committee review Appendix N, including composition of International Juries (e.g. nationalities) and training of new International Jurors, and make a Submission for November 2014.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Entry fees have increased considerably over the last decade, and one of the cost factors are the higher costs of travel, accommodations and food for 5 or more jurors.
 2. Many regattas report that jury costs can be approximately 40-50% of the entry fees.
 3. Many International Judges suggest that larger juries (5 plus) take longer to arrive at a decision and write up the decision.
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