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1	31 JUL 2011	ESP	Elliott 6m WMR	Could you add "pulsometer" in rule 2.14 of Addendum E - handling of provided boats?	Pulsometers are not permitted by Addendum E. ISAF do not contemplate changing this.	31 JUL 2011
2	31 JUL 2011	GER		Does a wind measurement system consisting of Nexus instruments including HPC compass, GPS antenna, wind speed sensor, speed log, connecting to a PC to display data, comply with CBR 17.1 (the PC also shows GPS position on an electronic chart)? Also asked by SUI.	Laptops, Netbooks, PDAs, PCs, iPads and other computers may not be carried on board a coach boat. Coach boats may carry on board a commercially available stand alone GPS plotter which may be interfaced only to a GPS receiver.	31 JUL 2011
3	31 JUL 2011	GER		Does a current measurement system that works with a buoy sending GPS data to a Panasonic Toughbook, that displays strength and direction of current when measurement is finished, comply with CBR 7.2? Also asked by SUI.	The system described violates Coach Boat Regulation 7.2. Placing buoys in the water also violates Coach Boat Regulation 4.2	31 JUL 2011
4	31 JUL 2011	NZL		Can coach boats with weather reading equipment log their weather data on board?	Yes so long as the coach boat does not carry on board any equipment capable of viewing or analysing the logged data.	31 JUL 2011
5	31 JUL 2011	NZL		Some of the weather systems being used can also send log weather data over the GSM network, is this allowed? If this is allowed, can these coach boats receive packets of text data containing weather report updates etc over the GSM network?	Neither of these is allowed, as they violate Coach Boat Regulations 7.1 and 7.2	31 JUL 2011
6	31 JUL 2011	ESP		Could you add a rule into coach boat regulations like: 5.4 coach boats shall keep clear of any sailing boat at all times?	Operation of power boats while boats are not racing is governed by relevant UK law. No change is necessary.	31 JUL 2011
7	31 JUL 2011	BRA		Is a VHF radio mandatory for each coach boat registered?	Yes. See coach boat regulation 3.1	31 JUL 2011

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8	31 JUL 2011	BRA		If VHF radios are mandatory, for safety reasons, can this equipment be replaced by mobile phones?	No. VHF radios are required for communications with official vessels in an emergency. A mobile phone would not comply with coach boat regulation 7.4	31 JUL 2011
9	31 JUL 2011	BRA		If a VHF radio is required, and a team does not have one, can they be allowed more time to rent / buy those VHF radios whilst still going on the water for training?	This requirement was posted 5 weeks ago. Coach boats may not go afloat without a VHF radio.	31 JUL 2011
10	31 JUL 2011	BRA	Finn Men	We have two Finn hulls in our boat park as working to mend one hull. Can we present two hulls for inspection, in order to have one as a spare boat ready to go in case the other hull becomes severely damaged?	1. Equipment Inspection Regulation 2.6 refers: only one hull may be presented for equipment inspection. 2. Only competition boats may be in the boat park. 3. Boats not designated for the event should be removed to the trailer park as soon as possible.	31 JUL 2011
11	31 JUL 2011	AUT	Star Men	The Austrian Star crew is ill, requiring surgery. We really wish to do the Regatta, but the only person who could replace him is of Swedish citizen. Please could this be allowed?	Unfortunately it is not possible to have a crew from another MNA - see Notice of Race 3.3	31 JUL 2011
12	1 AUG 2011		Elliott 6m WMR	Are match race competitors required to present themselves for weighing on a day in which they are not scheduled to race?	No	1 AUG 2011
13	1 AUG 2011		Elliott 6m WMR	May coach boats be in the match race course area if the team associated with that coach boat is not racing?	One coach boat associated with a team entered in the match race event may be in the match race course area even if the team is not competing. See Coach Boat Regulation 1.8.	1 AUG 2011
14	1 AUG 2011	RUS		Can you provide teams with the tide schedule for the period of the Regatta?	High and low water will be posted in the Team Leaders section of the Official Notice Board.	1 AUG 2011
15	1 AUG 2011	RUS	Elliott 6m WMR	May we have a schedule of the flights for WMR in a more suitable form, like we had at all World Cup series?	This has been done.	1 AUG 2011

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16	2 AUG 2011	GER		Is it possible to leave the permanently installed receiver in the mast if we make the current measurement system inoperable? There will be no power supplied to the system and required parts will not be on board so it will be impossible to use the system.	The manufacturer for the equipment has satisfied the Race Committee that (1) kit is permanently installed and (2) it has been rendered inoperable for the duration of the regatta. It is therefore acceptable to leave the receiver in the mast. Please note that the response to Request for Information number 2 has been updated.	2 AUG 2011
17	2 AUG 2011	RUS	Elliott 6m WMR	May you specify who will be yellow or blue in each flight of WMR?	The Olympic results system is not set up to present tables or publish in colour at present. We are looking at possible improvements for 2012.	2 AUG 2011
18	3 AUG 2011	HKG	RS:X Men	Request for interpretation of rule 1.2 for the RS:X class only. Unlike rule 40, rule 1.2 does not clearly specify what constitutes "adequate life saving equipment" or what "adequate for the conditions" means. Given that wearing class legal PFDs, required under rule 40, may be considered a health threat in warm and light wind conditions, what is the interpretation of the rules?	Men's Windsurfing and Women's Windsurfing Interpretation of RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices. Fundamental rule 1.2 requires a boat, which includes a board, to carry adequate life-saving equipment on board, unless her class rules make some other provisions. There is no such provision in the RS:X class rules. Class rule C3.2 is a "closed class rule" as defined in ERS C2.2. As there is no provision in class rule C3.2(a) to carry any other safety equipment than a PFD, a PFD must be on board at all times. Fundamental rule 1.2 further refers to personal flotation device adequate for the conditions. At this event athletes are advised to wear this flotation device (SI 2.1) but it is not required unless flag Y is displayed.	3 AUG 2011

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19	4 AUG 2011	CAN		Emergency process currently has Team Leader as point of contact. Request medical staff can be such a point of contact. Reason - Team Leader may also be a coach thus unable to be contacted while on water.	A team leader may nominate an alternate contact person in the team to be contacted if team leader is not available.	4 AUG 2011
20	5 AUG 2011	ESP		The Discretionary Penalties Guidance document recommends a penalty in Band 1 for failing to check in at the Race Committee boat afloat. But we cannot find an obligation to check in at the Race Committee boat. Can you confirm if there is any obligation?	There is no such obligation. The list in the Discretionary Penalty Guidance - W&PIR is a generic document and not everything on the list will be applicable for all events in the regatta. The document must be read in conjunction with the rules for the particular event	5 AUG 2011
21	6 AUG 2011	HUN	RS:X Women	Is it correct that all RS:X sailors must have a PFD on board at all times? The majority of competitors did not carry a PFD in race 1 or race 2. Since no action has been taken by the Jury, the Race Committee or a Measurer, does this mean that RS:X competitors do not have to carry a PFD in future?	See Q & A in Request for Information item 18.	6 AUG 2011
22	6 AUG 2011		Star Men	What colour marks will be used for the Men's Keelboat?	When the Finns and Stars are racing simultaneously on the same course area, Mark 1 for the Stars will be GREEN. Change Mark 1 will be GREEN with a BLACK band. All other marks will be ORANGE (other change marks will be ORANGE with BLACK bands). When the Stars are alone on a course area (such as the Medal Race), Mark 1 will be ORANGE, and Change Mark 1 will be ORANGE with a BLACK band. Please refer to Sailing Instruction 6.2.	6 AUG 2011

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23	7 AUG 2011	NZL	Laser Men	Can competitors remove tracking devices for the purposes of towing to prevent damage to the tracking devices?	Yes, but competitors must replace the tracking devices immediately upon arriving at their designated race course area. It is important that the correct tracking device is replaced on the correct boat.	7 AUG 2011
24	7 AUG 2011	SIN	RS:X Men	A tracking device placed inside the SIN RS:X sail interfered with batton #6 and caused some damage. Since this was equipment supplied and fitted by the event organisers there should be some compensation.	As per Notice of Race 24.1 neither LOCOG nor ISAF will accept any liability for material damage. The Equipment Inspection Committee has reviewed the positioning of all RS:X tracking devices.	7 AUG 2011
25	7 AUG 2011	NZL	Finn Men	Due to the 'JC Strap' on the Finn hitting and possibly damaging the tracking unit, is it possible to move the tracking unit to the back of the boat?	Yes, as this is a test event the NZL Finn can move the tracking unit to the back of the boat. Swiss Timing and the Equipment Inspection Committee will evaluate the positioning of all Finn tracking units.	7 AUG 2011
26	9 AUG 2011	DEN		Which accredited persons can be/ are allowed in a media boat or a public boat inside restricted areas? a) Team Leaders in order to conduct media work b) An athlete out of competition c) A team accredited coach	Provided a public boat remains simply a public boat, they and the persons onboard do not come within the remit of the Coach Boat Regulations. For media boats the following applies: a) Team Leaders with media accreditation are allowed in media boats b) Athletes do not have media accreditation so are not allowed in media boats c) Coaches that have media accreditation are allowed in media boats	9 AUG 2011
27	10 AUG 2011	CYP	Laser Men	I am currently third and required to place a red dot on my sail, however I have a sponsor sticker in the dot's allocated place. Where else may I place it?	Providing the dot is visible over the advertising, the dot may be applied over any advertising.	10 AUG 2011

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28	10 AUG 2011			<p>A boat throws a 'jacket' aboard the signal boat after the preparatory signal. The boat's coach retrieved the jacket later while the boat was still racing:</p> <p>Q1: Did any of the above action break RRS 41?</p> <p>Q2: May a boat discard equipment at any time while racing (RRS 47.1)?</p> <p>Q3: Would any answer to the above be different if the items deposited were 'trash'?</p>	<p>A1: - A boat that places a jacket onboard the RC boat after her preparatory signal breaks RRS 41. A coach boat that subsequently picks up the jacket does not break a rule.</p> <p>A2:- RRS 47.1 limits the use of equipment to that onboard the boat at her preparatory signal. That rule does not prohibit discarding equipment.</p> <p>A3:- SI 40 prohibits sailors from intentionally putting trash in the water but permits trash being placed aboard race officials boats, including the committee boat. An athlete that discards a jacket in the water, expecting that the coach will pick it up, breaks RRS 41. If the coach does not pick it up, the jacket becomes trash and the athlete breaks SI 40.</p>	10 AUG 2011

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29	11 AUG 2011			Please clarify the Coach Boat Regulations in relation to medal races scheduled for the Nothe or Portland Harbour course:	<p>Coach Boat Regulation 1.8 applies on any course area when medal races are scheduled. With the exception of a coach boat with a competitor in the medal race, all coach boats and spectator boats shall remain outside of the course area at all times until the last boat in the last scheduled medal race has finished or the race committee has signaled AP over A or N over A for the last scheduled medal race.</p> <p>Coach Boat Regulation 6 applies from the first warning signal for an event. If the race is postponed or abandoned, a coach boat with a competitor in the medal rae may enter the course area. In the event of a general recal, coach boats with competitors in the medal race shall remain in the coach boat area. Once the last boat has finished, coach boats with competitors in the medal race may enter the course area.</p> <p>When the warning signal for the second medal race is made, the restrictions of Coach Boat Regulation 6 begin to apply as described above.</p> <p>Please note that the race committee may issue additional instructions on the water, See Coach Boat Regulation 4.3.</p>	11 AUG 2011