

# RACE OFFICIALS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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**APPENDIX E – RULES FOR SAILORS WHO DO NOT  
GO AFLOAT!**

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# Rules for radio sailing

- Stay as close to RRS as possible
- Adapt the race management rules to cater for the particularities of radio sailing:



## Radio sailing innovations

Self policing – allowing competitors to resolve incidents without outside assistance:

- Observers – temporary race officials who announce and record contact.
- SYRPH



# History of radio sailing

1950s – early experiments

1974 first RM Nationals

1988 joint Naviga/IMYRU Worlds Berlin

1990 IMYRU joins IYRU as Radio Sailing  
Division



## Rules history: the origins

1863 : Hunt's Magazine publishes a "Draft General Code of Sailing Regulations" by Royal Alfred YC member James Lyle

1872 : RAYC publishes "The Laws of Yachting"

1877 : these rules are adopted by the Yacht Racing Association

1960 : IYRU and NAYRU are united



## History of radio sailing rules

1974 Radio Marblehead Nationals

Race judges make decisions during the race.

1980 Race judges replaced by observers.

Early radio sailing rules largely followed IYRU rules.



# History of radio sailing rules

1988 : IYRU incorporates radio sailing rules as Appendix 15 of the 1989-2002 Racing Rules of Sailing.





## The rules writing process

For the present rule book (2013-2016):

- A ISAF Racing Rules Committee working group drew up proposals that were submitted by Chairman RRC.
- Committee: 2 members ISAF, 2 IRSA



# The rules writing process

For 2017-2020:

A similar process is being discussed



# Proposed rule changes

Several rule changes are under discussion at present.

IRSA Racing Committee consulting :

- Sailors;
- Member organisations
- Race Officials



# Rule E6.6 redress

Remove 'and as a result retiring'



# Rule E 3.6 General recall

In last sentence replace 'preparatory' by  
'warning'



# Rule 4.2 Outside Help

In E4.2(a) include 'disabled' and make it clear that outside help does not include controlling the boat.

Allow outside help in the launching area



# Rule 4.2 Outside Help

Add 'Unsolicited information from a disinterested source, which may be a competitor in the same race.'

NB The disinterested source may break rule E2.2 Giving Advice



# Rule 4.2 Outside Help

Debate as to whether a disabled boat may continue in the race after being 'rescued' by a safety boat





# Rule 4.3

Debate:

What is a significant advantage

Does the disadvantaged boat have an obligation to manoeuvre in a seamanlike manner



# Rule E3.8 (32.1b)

Suggestion to delete 'foul weather'