

RESOLUTION

Resolutions for consideration at the
2021 Annual Meeting must be
received at the Central Office by
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PURPOSE:



Amend



Replace

RULE --- new Rule 35.6 "Change to RRS 42.3" --- as follows:
(number and title)

OR

SPECIFICATION _____ insert Specification here _____ as follows:
(number and title)

PROPOSED TEXT:

--- new Rule to be inserted as follows ---

35.6. Change to RRS 42.3.

In accordance with RRS 87, the Star class rules are amended to include the following

35.6.1. RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: The Race Committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal, except when the boat's proper course is close-hauled or above. This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).

35.6.2. The Race Committee may apply STCR 35.6 in winds of 8 knots and above, sustained, as measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark(s).

REASON:

The future of the star class is with younger and athletic sailors, testing their skills not only upwind in a tactical competition but also downwind where fitness and athletics of the whole crew gets rewarded.

The suggested change in the class rules will create a level playing field for athletes using all means of propulsion a star could offer – in accordance with our rules and in plain sight. With this resolution we aim to increase the interest in star sailing not only for the sailing enthusiast, but also for the non sailing affine occasional sailing spectator. Star boats moving downwind without switching rule 42 off make for some rather boring sights on the water or on screen, whereas when the boat is actively worked downwind, the spectator can see the boat being propelled. We are under the firm believe that the appeal of the star for younger, athletic and fit sailors of bigger body physique is increasing even more, if we allow those athletes to use all their strength and endurance to race the star as fast as possible downwind.

The resolution on the other hand gives the race officer the authority to actually switch the rule on or off based on criteria the race officer considers relevant, not limited to the wind strength.

To keep the Star relevant and appealing to all sailors the class benefits from the rule change in the following ways:

- On the water infringements of RRS 42 will be significantly reduced, as all forms of propulsion may be allowed at the discretion of the Race Committee (35.6.2.)

- Offering the Race Committee the opportunity to have the final decision based on observations on the water, the qualification of participants or any other criteria it deems applicable
- Switching RRS 42 completely on or off takes the ambiguity of jury decisions away (e.g. differentiation between rocking and ooching) and thus reducing the cost for qualified on the water Jury policing RRS 42.

The proposed new rule is the continuation of already learned and existing techniques from other classes and thus does build on experience without limiting the fittest sailors in their ability to propel the boat.

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