

Submission: **ITA 4**

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REVISION OF CRUISER/RACER REGULATIONS

PROPOSAL

This submission proposes a clearer separation between cruising and racing boats.

RATIONALE

In the introduction of Appendix 1 in the IMS rules it is underlined that the purpose of these is to guarantee cost control, promote the safety and comfort of the crew. But in the body of the rules the requirements remain too generic to guarantee that the boat has cruising as its main purpose as reported in the first paragraph: "The purpose of the yacht shall be in the first instance cruising".

This translates into the fact that truly cruising boats cannot compete with boats "disguised as cruising" and opt to not race, resulting in a loss for both the ORC and the national authorities.

In Italy for a long time there has been an attempt to counteract this negative trend by creating local rules through the Normativa della Vela d'Altura Italiana, but this provision has always created problems for boats that participate in both national and international events.

Therefore it is suggested that the Cruiser/Racer Regulations be more detailed in terms of the presence on board of all the furnishings envisaged by the standard construction (doors, cushions, lockers, galley with oven, table, etc.) and that these are more detailed in their characteristics.

Moreover, any modifications that can be made to the hull, appendages and the presence of internal ballast should be limited.