

Submission: **SWE 4**

Reporting committee: **OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

RATING CHANGES REQUIRING CLASS CHANGE

PROPOSAL

Rating changes should not to be allowed if boats end up outside of their class band. This applies to changes during pre-race check-in, late changes and TC protest such as ORC rule 305.2. Violations of compliance should carry a significant penalty like DSQ, or possibly let the boat sail in the correct class for the remaining races.

RATIONALE

If ORC rule 305.2 allows boats to stay in the same class despite having received a new CDL exceeding the class band due to a change in rating handled under 305.2, we will have boats being larger and/or faster than the competition and what is intended in the NoR. When boats are caught with a measurement protest or are re-rated for other reasons they shall never be allowed to sail or continue to sail in the wrong class.