

# Submission: USA 1

Reporting committee: **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**RATING OFFICERS COMMITTEE**

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## NON-SPINNAKER CERTIFICATES

### PROPOSAL

Change name of Non-Spinnaker certificates to Non-Flying Sails.

### RATIONALE

ORC Rating rule 301.4 specifies that boats without a Spinnaker nor Headsail set Flying (HSF) may have issued a Non-Spinnaker certificate. However, the label “Non-Spinnaker” suggests this limitation applies only to this sail type. This often creates confusion for owners and organizing authorities who wish to promote races using this certificate type because they are unaware of the additional restriction on HSF’s, that also includes staysails. Typically this confusion arises because both the owners and organizers are both new and casual users of ORC Club-level certificates and simple scoring systems. We ask for two changes to the current rules:

- (1) Change 301.4 to allow use of Inner flying headsails, and
- (2) We suggest that if the HSF restriction continues to be an intended product for ORC that its designation be changed to “Non-Flying Sails.” This will reduce confusion and help to grow ORC acceptance and use among casual fleets.

Furthermore, for Rating Officers issuing Non-Flying Sail certificates we suggest the Manager software automatically disables all Flying Sails (non-Inner HSF’s and Spinnakers) on the certificate.