

Submission: **USA 5**

Reporting committee: **OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE
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FLEXIBILITY FOR ORC CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

PROPOSAL

Allow more flexibility to current guidelines and policies for ORC Continental Championship events.

RATIONALE

The current Green Book rules and standards have been developed, refined and proven successful over the past few decades for the sailing cultures in Europe. However, the details of these standards cannot easily be met nor are appropriate for other sailing cultures outside this region. The distribution of boat sizes and types, racing format preferences, and geographies can be quite different, yet the levels of competency in competition and race and event management can still be achieved at championship levels.

For example, the current standard CDL splits may not produce the most fair racing in events outside of EUR, and the NOR 4.3 a) and b) in its current wording can never be achieved for any event outside of EUR.

We therefore ask for a thorough review of these standards so that there is greater flexibility available for non-EUR organizers to receive ORC approval for Continental championships in all categories: General, Double Handed and Sportboat events.