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WRS SCORING DEFINITION AND WEB APP ACCESS

PROPOSAL

Define WRS as a scoring tool or mechanism not a rating and make available a web app for general access to the WRS method.

RATIONALE

In response to a WRS use protest, the US National Appeals panel opined that the TCF's produced by WRS is a rating as pertinent to the RRS and World Sailing case precedent. Having clarity on this issue in the ORC Rating Systems rules and the Race Management Guidebook will be useful to avoid confusion in any future Scoring Request or Redress action.

Also, the current system of central management of WRS requests is unsustainable: it is a burden to the ORC tech team, it can produce unintended errors in context of application to some races and would be best made available to competent race managers who are trained for its use.

We urge the ORC tech team to continue to pursue development of a web app and an associated policy for its use so that more races can take advantage of this game-changing offshore scoring method.